

What a difference two weeks makes. So many things that we took for granted a short while ago - celebrating with faith communities, gathering for birthday parties and other celebrations, going to work for many of us, even going to school! - have been taken away by the threat of this pandemic. Now we are sheltering inside, physically distancing from one another and uncertain of the future for our family, friends and communities.

This type of situation is exactly when our faith is needed the most. We have seen amazing efforts for two decades from the California faith community on protecing our communities from pollution and severe weather events. And now, within the heart of this global health crisis, our faith community is stepping up even more to assert a basic truth: *we are not alone*.

Houses of worship are going on-line; interfaith organizations are continuing their presentations via webinars; and social connections are being deepened all the from the saftey of our homes. <u>Check out CIPL's webpage on COVID-19 resources, which includes where to find some of these events, and other resources to assist you with financial help, anxiety-related issues, and on-going climate policy actions.</u>

If you have questions about the latest on state and federal climate policy, need help finding an online prayer service, or if you just want to talk to another faithful person, <u>please feel free to</u> <u>reach out to us</u>. We will be in touch with you on an expedited basis.

Thank you for all you are doing for your families, neighbors, congregations and communities at this time. All our actions are lifted up in a spirit of love and inter-connection.

May you all stay safe and healthy.

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