



April 12 Guest Speaker: Rev. Susan Hendershot, Interfaith Power & Light

On the issue of climate change, the faith community speaks with a moral authority. One of the leading voices in that community is Interfaith Power & Light, whose mission is “to be faithful stewards of Creation by responding to global warming through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.” IPL President Rev. Susan Hendershot joins our call this month to share the work they’re doing to spread the gospel of stewardship and sustainability. Rev. Hendershot is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with a

Master of Divinity degree from Emory University in Atlanta.

CCL Canada April 2019 Actions at a glance:

1. For Earth Day, engage in outreach or write letters to the editor.
2. Cultivate the habit of [filling in field reports](#) this month.
3. Prepare for Make Tomorrow Canada - Our National Conference, Reception and Lobbying Day:
 - As soon as possible end an email and call your MP’s office to inform them of a reception on May 13.
 - [Register for the conference](#)
4. Youth Action - Fridays For Future National Strike May 3

CCL Calls in April	Date and Time	Call Options
Canada: All CCLers welcome. We check in with each other, share field reports, and go over monthly actions.	Option 1: Thurs, Apr 11, 2019 , 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET Option 2: Fri, Apr 12, 2019 , 8 am PT / 11 am ET Option 3: Mon, Apr 15, 2019 , 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET Just pick 1 to attend. Sign this doodler to RSVP.	Uberconference Line (1-888-570-6238) or log in online for free .
CCL International: Rev. Susan Hendershot	Sat, Apr 13, 2019 , 10 am PT/ 1 pm ET	Zoom Room 2017201717 or call +1 877.369.0926, code: 2017 2017 17
CCL Canada Education Call: TBA	TBA , 4 pm PT / 7 pm ET SHARP	Zoom Room 3920795005 or call +1 877.369.0926, meeting code: 3920 7950 05

ACTION 1: For Earth Day, engage in outreach or write letters to the editor.

Check out our volunteer resources under “[Outreach and Tabling](#)” for resources for speaking, tabling, or attending events: <https://canada.citizensclimatelobby.org/volunteer-resources/>

Check out our [March 2019 Action sheets](#) for resources on writing letters to the editor.

ACTION 2: Cultivate the habit of filling in field reports this month.

Why are field reports important? Social capital can trump financial capital. As Cathy said previously, "I know many of you are wondering how you can help CCL Canada continue to thrive and save the planet. Politicians take note of highly organized grassroots groups. Please document your actions without us having to track you down to do it. This simple action, which for most takes under an hour a month, helps us immensely. Your social capital can trump the financial capital of those who would oppose the actions necessary for a liveable world."

Don't know how to fill in field report? There is lots of support.

[Watch a tutorial video](#) (13 min) or look at [step-by-step notes](#).

Do you or your field reports designate person still need help and want someone to walk you through it?

Contact Judy O'Leary at judy.e.oleary@gmail.com, she is our CCL Canada point person as she is our field reports point-person.

Correcting Mistakes and Oversights

If you discover you overlooked an activity that needed reporting, you can do it at any time. No report is too late to file! If you discover that you accidentally did a report twice or made a mistake on a report, please send an email explaining the error to fieldreports@citizensclimate.org. Include the email confirmation for the report in your email to make it easier to find the right field report to fix.

How to fill in a CCL field report:

1. Assign someone in your group to do it.
2. Ask that person to cultivate the habit of doing it. Some people find it helpful to enter field reports as they arrive. Others like to set aside a certain time every month to do it - during CCL Busy Week.
3. Go here: <https://community.citizensclimatelobby.org/field-reports/>
4. You must have a CCL Community Account. If you do not have one or lost your password, use the communications box on the bottom of the page to get one.
5. Note all field reports are confidential and stored in a highly secured database.

Fill in the report.

Field reports let you and the national office track our activity, for our own development and to share with supporters, parliamentarians, and funders. More directions are on the field report form.

Types of actions to report:

- a. Meetings with legislators or their staff, editorial boards, and asking a question at a Town Hall event.
- b. Published media, letters to editor, editorials, op-eds, articles, online media, TV, Radio.
- c. Outreach including tabling or presentations at events, and educational presentations and getting organizations and cities to sign our Open Letter.
- d. Personal Letters to members of Parliament Report the total number of letters, constituent comments or emails to members of Parliament and Senators (not emails to staff) for the month. This includes the February 2018 actions:
- e. Social Media Interactions with Parliamentarians: You can count and report social media interactions with MPs, senators, ministers, premiers, MLAs, MHAs, MPPs and city representatives. Please prioritize your communications with your local MPs because "all politics is local". The next priorities would be your Premier and

the Environment Ministers (provincial and federal). All political leadership matters. Thus leveraging support from other politicians will be counted too.

What do we do with them?

We report the numbers to empower our MPs, our volunteers, and our supporters. Next time you meet with your MP, be sure to tell her/him that CCL Canada appeared on the editorial pages of Canadian newspapers 589 times in 2018 and had 14% of all print media hits globally within Citizens' Climate Lobby. In 2017, CCL Canada had 701 media hits. In 2016, we focused on lobbying. Again, check out what happens when you inform a member of another environment group or an MP unfamiliar with CCL that we recorded 199 lobbying sessions in 2016.

For lobbying notes - it is really critical to record your notes for our future reference.

Why send lobby reports to us?

- i. We only report lobbying sessions numbers that have been officially recorded. Your teamwork empowers everyone across Canada and the world.
- ii. If you lose your lobbying notes, we can quickly retrieve it and send them to you when you need them.
- iii. The national office reads the lobby notes as well as receives many oral reports. We trust our volunteers will follow through on any actions they promised to MPs.
- iv. We treat these notes as highly confidential and take security and privacy matters seriously.

P.S. The Lobbying Minutes Form in our Lobbying Toolkit on our website includes tips on how to take good notes and we will walk you all through when it comes time to lobby. As well, for those of you who have joined CCL Community, there is this resource:

<https://community.citizensclimatelobby.org/learn/lobbying/how-to-take-great-notes-in-a-lobby-meeting/>

ACTION 3: Prepare for Make Tomorrow Canada - Our National Conference, Reception and Lobbying Day

- Send an email and call your MP's office to inform them of a reception on May 13.
- DETAILS COMING SOON TO THESE ACTION SHEETS
- [Register for the conference](#)

YOUTH ACTION: FRIDAYS FOR FUTURE - CANADIAN WIDE STRIKE MAY 3

Youth are now striking in over 85 Canadian cities. It is a full-blown, out of control and awesome movement now.

Follow the youth strikers on the map here: <https://fridaysforfuture.ca/event-map/>

Register youth strikers here: <https://fridaysforfuture.ca/register-event/>

Please consider how you can help the youth,

LASER TALK: THE MANY WAYS TO PRICE CARBON

Our governments have 6 basic options to confront climate change. They are listed from least transparent to most transparent:

1. The status quo – Our whole society finances fossil fuels – most expensive option by far.

2. Regulation – boots on the ground, eyes on emissions. This approach requires the government to hire regulators to keep tabs on everyone's emissions and is dependent on the budget for enforcement. This approach is only as effective as the number of sources it can monitor, but hiring regulators is expensive, so it will only catch the largest carbon emitting companies, not your car or your neighbour's lawnmower or your friend's boat.

3. Cap and Trade – creates an artificial market. It involves putting a cap on emissions, but lets companies trade the emissions they produce. It still requires hiring regulators to tell us who is emitting how much (and all the problems that come with regulations) and creates a market where a select few people make money and the rest of us are left with a fluctuating fuel market

4. Subsidies – government picks winners and losers. It can be really hard to predict the future and what will be the best option down the line. We know how this has failed us in the past when the government decided to subsidize fossil fuels.

5. Carbon Tax – a sin tax that puts pressure on consumers. The positive is that carbon taxes are highly effective at reducing carbon emissions because they hold companies monetarily accountable for the negative consequences of the emissions they use, and , if the tax is put at the source (such as the coal mine or the oil refinery) they don't require many regulators. The downside is that, with just a tax on carbon emissions, companies will push the extra cost off to consumers and make all products more expensive. When things get more expensive, people won't be able to afford as much so it will slow down our GDP growth and economy.

6. Carbon Fee and Dividend – This is CCL's preferred solution. It is simple and effective. Carbon fee and dividend includes a fee on carbon emissions at the source, then the revenues from that fee go back to households – It's this dividend that grows the economy and protects the most vulnerable.

FURTHER READING:

<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/209041530236682559/Where-is-the-carbon-tax-after-thirty-years-of-research>

<https://canada.citizensclimatelobby.org/laser-talk-complementary-policies-to-carbon-pricing/>

[Quebec](#), [California](#) and the [European Union](#) are jurisdictions that have implemented cap and trade with offsets to mitigate their greenhouse gas emissions.

[British Columbia](#), Alberta, [Norway](#) and [Sweden](#) have carbon taxes.

On Tuesday, October 23, 2018, Prime Minister Trudeau [announced](#) Canada's carbon fee revenue returned to households will be called a [Climate Action Incentive](#). And thus, Canada became the first country in the world to enact a carbon fee and dividend policy.