

2ND DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

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2ND DISTRICT'S
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
RESPONSE TO
ENVIRONMENTAL
CHALLENGES

**MAN MADE
ACTIVITIES
IMPACTING CLIMATE
CHANGE OR GLOBAL
WARMING**



HISTORY OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE – STARTED WITH THE CHURCH!

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S' PLANNED 1968 BLACK SANITATION WORKERS MARCH

CLAYBORN TEMPLE AME CHURCH HOSTED AND HELPED ORGANIZE THE MARCH.

3 OUT OF 5 LATINO AND BLACK AMERICANS LIVED NEAR A TOXIC WASTE SITE.

DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RACE AND TOXIC SITES

IN 1991, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PLATFORM ADOPTED AT THE FIRST PEOPLE OF COLOR ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: PRINCIPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE



Clayborn Temple AME Church,
Memphis, TN

CLIMATE CHANGE ENCOMPASSES GLOBAL WARMING

GLOBAL WARMING” REFERS TO THE RISE IN GLOBAL TEMPERATURES DUE MAINLY TO THE INCREASING CONCENTRATIONS OF GREENHOUSE GASES IN THE ATMOSPHERE.

“CLIMATE CHANGE” REFERS TO THE INCREASING CHANGES IN THE MEASURES OF CLIMATE OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME – INCLUDING PRECIPITATION, TEMPERATURE, AND WIND PATTERNS.



BURNING FOSSIL FUEL IMPACTS GLOBAL WARMING

THE LARGEST SOURCES ELECTRICITY IN 2016

COAL (33%)

NATURAL GAS (29%),

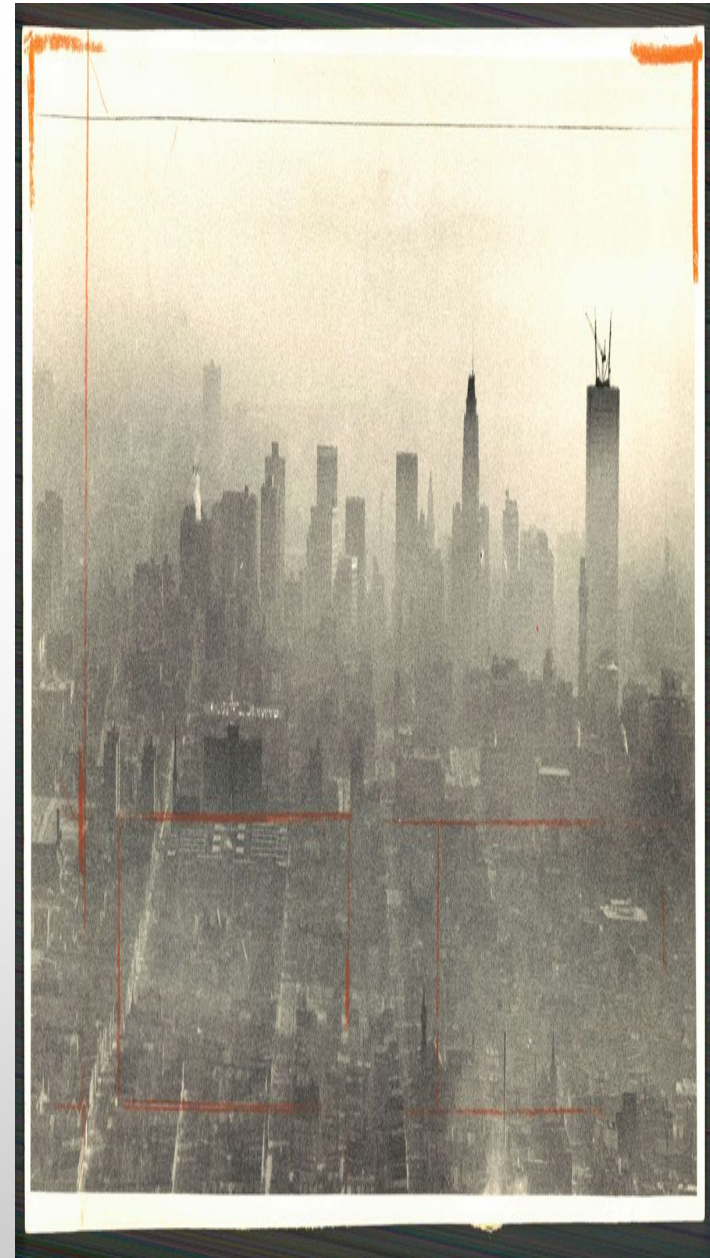
NUCLEAR (23%)

OTHER SOURCES

TRASH INCINERATION

RENEWABLES AND HYDRO

BIOMASS



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GLOBAL WARMING EFFECTS....

MORE FREQUENT AND SEVERE WEATHER.

**HIGHER TEMPERATURES ARE WORSENING MANY TYPES OF DISASTERS,
INCLUDING STORMS, HEAT WAVES, FLOODS, AND DROUGHTS. ...**

HIGHER DEATH RATES. ...

DIRTIER AIR. ...

HIGHER WILDLIFE EXTINCTION RATES. ...

MORE ACIDIC OCEANS. ...

HIGHER SEA LEVELS.



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EXAMPLES OF CLIMATE CHANGE FROM GLOBAL WARMING

RIISING SEA LEVELS

SHRINKING MOUNTAIN GLACIERS;

**ACCELERATING ICE MELT IN GREENLAND,
ANTARCTICA AND THE ARCTIC;**

SHIFTS IN FLOWER/PLANT BLOOMING TIMES.

WATER CRISIS IN JACKSON, MISS.



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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES ALL RESULT IN HEALTH DISPARITIES!!!

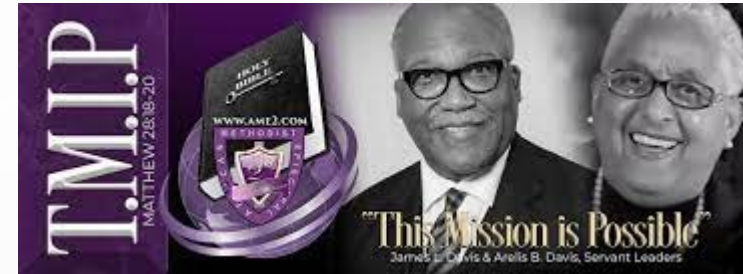
AIR POLLUTION
INDUSTRIAL SITES
ILLEGAL WASTE DUMPING
MERCURY EXPOSURE
WATER SAFETY
TRANSIT JUSTICE
FOOD DESERTS
URBAN GREEN SPACE
LEAD POISONING
AND IMPACTS FROM
CLIMATE CHANGE/GLOBAL WARMING



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2ND DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:

- SHOW THE “EJ” VIDEO AT EACH DISTRICT CONFERENCE
- CREATE “EJ” MINISTRIES THROUGHOUT THE 2ND DISTRICT.
- EDUCATE ABOUT CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
- PREACH ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FROM THE PULPIT
 - START A GREEN TEAM
 - PICK UP TRASH
 - RECYCLE
 - GO HYBRID
 - UNPLUG APPLIANCES
- CONNECT TO LOCAL/STATE OFFICIALS



2ND DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S FOUR PILLARS



- **PILLAR ONE:** SUSTAINING THE QUALITY OF GOD'S WATER – ACCESSIBILITY OF CLEANS WATER, QUALITY AND CONSERVATION OF CLEAN WATER SOURCES.
- **PILLAR TWO:** KEEPING GOD'S ENVIRONMENT SAFE AND CLEAN – HOW TO ADDRESS POLLUTION CONCERNS, ELECTRIC VEHICLES, AND ENGAGE IN RECYCLING.
- **PILLAR THREE:** PROTECTING GOD'S LAND AND AIR – EDUCATING EVERY GENERATION ON EJ AND INFORMING THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITIES ABOUT ISSUES SUCH AS DEFORESTATION, BROWNFIELDS, WATER CONSERVATION, AND CLIMATE CHANGE.
- **PILLAR FOUR:** INSPIRING INTERGENERATIONAL JUSTICE ACTION (AT ALL LEVELS OF THE 2ND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT AND THROUGHOUT THE AME DENOMINATION AND BEYOND AND WORKING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS IN LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL OFFICES.)

2ND DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE CALENDAR:



OCT. - MEET AND ORGANIZE AN EJ MINISTRY

- ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO RECYCLE, PURCHASE HYBRID/ELECTRIC CAR OWNERS, PICK UP THE TRASH, AND SHARE THE “EJ” VIDEO. ENGAGE ELECTED OFFICIALS.

NOV. - LIGHT BULB CAMPAIGN

- CHALLENGE THE CONGREGATION TO USE FLUORESCENT LIGHT (CFL) OR LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE (LED) BULBS.

DEC. - PREACH IT, PRINT IT, AND TEACH “EJ”.

JAN. – EJ COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

- JOIN GREEN THE CHURCH INC. – A NATIONAL “EJ” NON-PROFIT

2ND DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE CALENDAR:

FEB. - TRASH RECYCLING PROGRAM

- START A RECYCLING PROGRAM OR INCREASE AN EXISTING RECYCLING PROGRAM BY NUMBER, TRASH LOADS.

MAR. - SAFE WATER TESTING CAMPAIGN (WORLD WATER DAY MARCH 22)

- RESEARCH AREA AGENCIES, SCHOOL AND ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE FREE WATER TESTING KITS

APR. - CLUSTER EVENT FOR "EJ"

- PLAN A CLUSTER GROUP TO HOST AN EDUCATION FORUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND PROGRAMS.



2ND DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE CALENDAR:



MAY - ELECTRIC OR HYBRID VEHICLE CHALLENGE

- CHALLENGE THE CONGREGATION TO CONSIDER PURCHASING AN ELECTRIC OR HYBRID VEHICLE OR CONSIDER LOW FUEL GAS FAST

JUNE - EJ COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP

- DEVELOP A NON- CHURCH EJ PARTNERSHIP IN YOUR IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY

JULY - INVESTIGATE AN EJ GRANT TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH AND OR COMMUNITY

- RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION

AUG. - PHANTOM POWER UTILITY BILL CHALLENGE

- CHALLENGE CONGREGATION TO “UNPLUG” IT. UNPLUGGING APPLIANCES SAVE ENERGY AND REDUCES UTILITY BILLS.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



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