


Select Advocacy Actions & Resource Links from FCEN, 9/29/2024

Reduce Emissions

OSW Responsible Development
Divestment from fossil fuels
Town Climate Action Networks
Houses Of Worship Energy Café/CLC & Solar Options
Transportation



1. FCEN's focus on responsible **Offshore Wind development** is informed by the [Environmental League of MA](#) (ELM), [Cape Cod Sierra Club](#) and we also connect directly with the developers, [Vineyard Offshore](#) and [Avangrid](#).
2. Plan to attend [the Net Zero Conference](#) (free) on October 24, 2024 and also sign up for the newsletter from the [Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative](#) and/or join your Town [Climate Action Network](#)

The Collaborative is currently focused on 3 initiatives

- Housing and Climate Innovation Center
- Smart, Resilient, Modern Electric Grid
- Implementation of Cape Cod Commission's Climate Action Plan Implementation (with Cape Light Compact)

Relieve Poverty

Earth Day
Season of Creation
Household Energy Café and CLC



3. **Foster a “green team” within your Faith Community** and identify 1-2 members to attend monthly FCEN hybrid meetings (3rd Thursday, 1-3pm at St. Mary’s, Barnstable)
- Earth Day: April 22 every year; FCEN begins planning in January; each Faith Community plans a Worship Service and often an event (beach clean up, educational event, etc)
 - Season of Creation: typically, the month of September each year; primarily among Episcopal and some other Christian faith traditions
 - FCEN will bring an Energy Café to you with speakers from the Cape Light Compact on energy assessments, rebates and incentives. We ask you to do outreach to income eligible members.

4. **Get your electricity from Cape Light Compact** (which is always less expensive than Eversource and taps into Renewables) because they are our Advocates for Income Eligible households and helping us all move towards equitable and affordable energy prices. See the work that FCEN was able to do with their sponsorship: [Energy Cafe 2023/2024](#). FCEN will help any Faith Community to host an Energy Cafe, and non-profits and schools can work directly with [the Education component of Cape Light Compact](#).



4. **Contribute \$ and Join the Association to Preserve Cape Cod @ www.apcc.org** and/or ask to be on their Mailing List

Currently APCC focuses their advocacy on

[Proposed Machine Gun Range – Take Action](#)- over 1000 residents signed letters to Gov. Healey who stopped this project in September, 2024! We need to stay vigilant for future attempts.

[Protecting Cape Cod Bay](#)- we must ensure that Holtec safely disposes the nuclear waste, protecting Cape Cod Bay

[Cape Cod Natural Resource Assessment](#)- we need to take a serious look at how/if to grow Housing while protecting as many of the remaining lands that are not yet developed or protected.

Create Uplifts

Legislative Activism-
local, state and
national

Eco-Spirituality
Literacy Book Club

Youth Connection

Emergency Preparedness



5. Stay in touch with [MA-Interfaith Power & Light](#), which is a partner with [Mass Power Forward](#), a statewide coalition fighting for environmental justice, a thriving economy, and healthy, clean, affordable, reliable energy. View their [legislative priorities](#) and [opportunities for action](#).

6. NEW- Join Third Act MA

Third Act focuses on creating a sustainable future for all by:

- Uplifting voting and democracy through voter drives, postcarding, and many opportunities to support states outside of MA
- Advocating for a fairer Electric Grid across New England
- Counteracting disinformation about Offshore Wind projects on the Cape and Islands
- Pressuring the Big Four Banks to stop greenwashing and investing in fossil fuels
- Joining local partners in support of Environmental Justice that ensures the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income
- Collaborating with our new Governor and recently appointed Climate Chief, Melissa Hoffer, as they work to incorporate climate change into all decision-making across the state

For more information about any of our Teams, email thirdactma@gmail.com.

- Compiled by Susan Starkey for the Faith Communities Environmental Network, 9/28/24. Note that this list does not yet include all the desired actions in support of the Rights of Nature, Animal Rights, Biodiversity Protection nor many other key Eco-justice concerns.