

Motion: to be voted on by the Unitarian Church of Edmonton Social Justice Committee, and for referral to the Unitarian Church of Edmonton Board for authorization.

The Unitarian Church of Edmonton supports the right of all Canadians to a healthy environment, which encompasses rights to:

- (a) an environment that is conducive to health and well being, including:
 - (i) clean air
 - (ii) clean water
 - (iii) safe food
- (b) have the environment protected, for the benefit of present and future generations, through municipal and legislative measures that:
 - (i) prevent pollution and ecological degradation
 - (ii) promote conservation
- (c) access information pertaining to environmental quality and pressures on it
- (d) participate in informed decision-making that will affect the environment.

We ask the Edmonton City council to sign a declaration recognizing the right to a healthy environment as described above. Further, we ask the City of Edmonton to advocate for legislation at the provincial and federal levels that recognizes this right for all Canadians.

The Unitarian Church of Edmonton moves that we copy an approval of this motion to our City councilor and cc: the Mayor, asking for support.

Background information: Over 150 communities across Canada have passed declarations recognizing the right to a healthy environment. These declarations are the first steps in encouraging the Federal Government to enshrine the right to a healthy environment in the Canadian Constitution. Further information is on these websites:
<http://bluedot.ca/> (launched by the David Suzuki Foundation)
<https://www.ecojustice.ca/case/right-to-a-healthy-environment/>.