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# WELCOME TO THE NC CLIMATE JUSTICE SUMMIT

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We deserve a world in which we can all thrive! We demand a world where no people or places are treated as sacrifice zones to corporate greed and exploitation. That's why hundreds of community leaders of all ages and backgrounds are coming together at this fifth gathering of the NC Climate Justice Summit.

The NCCJS is rooted in the understanding that all people have a vital contribution to make in dealing with climate change. We also recognize that **some** people—particularly people of color and poor people—are hit first and worst by the carbon polluting industries causing climate change and by the intensifying floods, droughts, hurricanes and sea level rise that result from it.

On September 12, 2018, we—the NC Climate Justice Collective—issued this statement on Hurricane Florence:

*Two years ago, Hurricane Matthew caused massive damages and flooding in the eastern part of our state, displacing many families—our first self-described climate refugees--and further polluting the communities where toxic coal ash and hog waste overflowed their meager enclosures.*

*One year ago, Hurricanes Harvey and Maria devastated communities elsewhere, but we felt their pain and understood the injustice at the root of these vicious storms. **These are not natural disasters, they are the logical outcome of a society that believes some people and some places are expendable. They are the product of a broken political and economic system--and industrial growth society that has given rise to climate chaos and unspeakable suffering.***

*So now as we face yet another unprecedented storm--Hurricane Florence--and work feverishly to make sure that those who are always first and worst impacted are not forsaken, we make clear our demand: there must be an immediate Just Transition to a clean energy economy that can turn the tides of destruction and source thriving, equitable, earth-honoring, joyfully inclusive communities. Until we achieve that, the next unnatural storm will always be bearing down on us.*

More than ever, we must join work to grow everybody's movement, generating the broad base necessary to deal with the unnatural storms. The NCCJS is where we build relationships across differences of age, race, region and issue in order to find common cause. It's time to skill up, get creative and take strategic, collective action.

Achieving climate justice requires a fundamental transformation of our society based on the principles of social, environmental and economic justice. We are here to plant the seeds of a life-sustaining and equitable culture. We are here to build the Good Fire.

On behalf of the Leadership Team, we welcome you and are glad you have come. We invite you to lean in to this supportive community space and make our make our time together as memorable and generative as the past four Summits have been.

Jodi Lasseter,  
NCCJS Founder and Co-Convener

Connie Leeper,  
Co-Convener

# GOALS OF THE NCCJS

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1. Apply a climate justice framework for linking social, environmental and economic issues
2. Provide an interactive, inclusive space for learning that enhances connection and understanding between groups with unequal power (e.g., youth and adults)
3. Engage the head, hands and heart of each participant through experiential and popular education
4. Promote opportunities for civic engagement, organizing and mobilization
5. Provide skills development in resilient community strategies
6. Develop and showcase cultural work
7. Support the leadership development of youth and grassroots leaders
8. Lay new groundwork for effective local organizing while seeding a trans-local network

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & APPRECIATION

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# COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

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We hope to create an environment here at the NCCJS that honors and values each of our unique backgrounds, experiences and identities. We seek to create a safe, inclusive, creative, equitable and fun learning space for all.

**Show Respect:** Be mindful of varied perspectives and understandings that may be different from your own; treat yourself, others and the land with the utmost care and love in all interactions.

**No alcohol or drugs are allowed; tobacco use is limited to outdoor areas only, away from buildings.**

**W.A.I.T (Why Am I Talking?) and Move Up, Move Back:** Let's make sure everyone's voice is heard. If you tend to talk a lot, then watch your airtime and "step back" so others may participate. If you usually keep quiet, try to step up and engage!

**Please put cell phones on silent or vibrate mode when in public spaces.**

**All are Teachers, All are Learners:** We are all experts of our own lived experience, and we are all learners about others' experiences.

**Be mindful of quiet hours:** Some of us are night owls and some of us are early birds, so please observe quiet hours in the public spaces between midnight and 8:00am.

**Cabins are off limits:** Youths may only visit each other's cabins when an adult chaperone is present.

**Communicate your whereabouts:** Enjoy the grounds, but let someone know where you're going first.

**Be fragrance-free:** Out of respect for participants and facilitators with chemical sensitivities that impact their health, please refrain from using perfume, cologne or other strongly scented hair or body care products or detergents.

**Practice good dining room etiquette:** Eat according to what you said on your registration form so that everyone has enough of the foods they need (for example, if you registered as a vegetarian, this is not the time to experiment with meat or vice versa). Meal times are not flexible, so please arrive on time. The dining room is off limits between meal times. Everyone should bus their own tables and follow instructions for composting and handling the dishes.

**All genders restrooms:** Non gender-specific restrooms are located outside of the Fox Den.

**Demonstrate hospitality:** Lend a helping hand (assist with setting up, cleaning up and other volunteer tasks) and strive to create a welcoming atmosphere.

# DESCRIPTION OF THE 4 RS OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

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*This conceptual framework was developed by Jodi Lasseter, NCCJS Founder & Co-convenor*

Individuals and organizations often focus most on one of these Rs. Each R is critical to the success of our climate justice movement. This year, we will be diving deeply into the Rs so that we can be more effective in stoking the Good Fire!

## **REFORM — Working Within the Current System**

The current structures in society have real impact on our daily lives and our ability to self-determine. While we work on building new structures, we must simultaneously change the structures of society that are in place now. We understand the urgent needs of people who lack healthy food, quality housing, well-paid work, safety & opportunity. This strategy tackles immediate needs and requires current social & political institutions to put resources toward addressing social problems. Examples include: policy development, electoral work and human services

## **RESIST — Working Against the Current System .**

Throughout history, we have seen that “power concedes nothing without demand.” Resistance struggles have given rise to our greatest wins. To address root causes of injustice, we are often called upon to stand against the destruction of what we hold dear. This strategy analyzes & challenges our current political & social institutions by directly confronting how they perpetuate inequity. Examples include: non-violent civil disobedience, direct action, and community organizing.

## **RE-IMAGINE — Envisioning A Just New System**

We are in a critical period of social evolution that requires new ways of being. In order to generate a just world, we must be able to imagine and communicate what society based on partnership, inclusion & interdependence looks like. This strategy engages how we think about ourselves in relation to each other & the whole, & taps our individual & collective ability to engender new cultural norms. Examples include: the arts, creative processes, media, academia, cultural & spiritual traditions.

## **RE-CREATE — Creating Models for A Just New System**

The future we envision calls for the creation of new ways of doing things to take the place of the broken structures that have not been serving us. This strategy enables us to experiment with new ways of constituting our society by building just institutions, forms of governance & leadership models. Examples include: democratic schools, restorative justice processes, and local economies based on cooperatives.

# ACTIVITIES MAP

Friday	CLIMATE JUSTICE INTERSECTIONS AND CONNECTIONS
7:00 - 9:30	Welcome Ceremony and Opening Session (Heron's Roost)
10:00 - midnight	Fire Circle & Stargazing (big field), Music Jam & Drumming (Fox Den), Basketball (Gym)

Saturday	STOKING THE GOOD FIRE					
7:00-8:00	Early Morning Offerings (sign-up and meet at Heron's Roost)					
8:00-8:45	BREAKFAST					
9:30-12:30	Morning Session (Heron's Roost)					
	Opening					
	Indigenous Approaches to the Climate Crisis: Interactive Dialogue					
	Racial Equity Caucuses					
12:30-1:15	LUNCH					
1:15-2:15	Campaign Fair & Networking; Basketball (Gym)					
SKILLING UP IN THE 4 RS: DEEP DIVE WORKSHOPS						
2:30-5:30	Rhododendron	Longleaf	Heron's Roost	Fox Den	Haw River Lounge	Gym
	RE-IMAGINE: Spoken Word and Art Build	REFORM: Energy Justice NC; End the Duke Monopoly	RESIST: Direct Action Training	RE-CREATE: Launching Resilience Hubs	Healing and Reflection Space*	
	<i>*note, the Healing and Reflection Space is not a workshop; see detailed schedule for more info</i>					
6:00 - 6:45	DINNER					
7:00-8:30	Open Space (Heron's Roost); YES! Youth Advocacy Workshop (Long Leaf); Green New Deal Meet-up (Rhododendron)					
8:30 - 10:30	Open Mic with Dasan Ahanu (Heron's Roost)					
10:30 - midnight	Dance Party (Fox Den), Music Jam (Heron's Roost)					

Sunday	TENDING OUR COMMUNITIES, STRENGTHENING OUR MOVEMENT					
7:00-7:45	Early morning offerings (meet at Heron's Roost)					
8:00-8:45	BREAKFAST					
9:30-12:30	Morning Session (Heron's Roost)					
INNER RESILIENCE WORKSHOPS						
Rooms:	Rhododendron	Longleaf	Heron's Roost	Fox Den	Haw River Lounge	Gym
10:15-11:30	From Eco-Phobia to Biophilia: People of Color & the Natural World	Working Well Across Generations: Adult Allyship Workshop with YES!	Zumba for Liberation --- Nature Walk departs from here	Transformational Resilience Practices	Herbalism for Healing and Wellness	Art Build
11:30-12:30	Evaluations and Closing Ceremony					
12:30 - 1:30	LUNCH					
1:30	DEPARTURE & CLEAN UP					



# CAMPUS MAP

ATHLETIC FIELD

MAINTENANCE

POOL

GYM

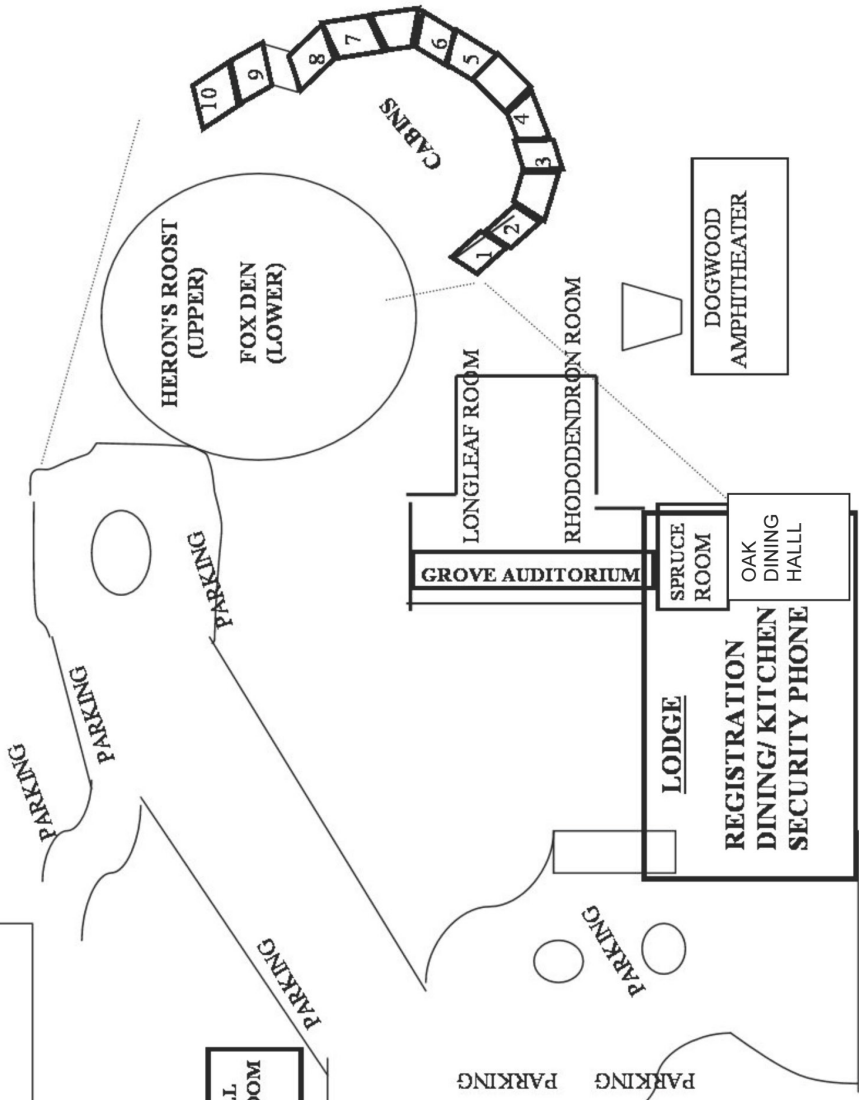
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MITCHELL CONF. ROOM	312	310	309	307	305	303	302
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FISHER BOARD ROOM	201	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	211	212
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HAW RIVER LOUNGE	111	109	107	108	110	106	104	103	101	102
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# NCCJS AGENDA

FRIDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>

4-5:45PM **Registration**

5:45-6:45PM **Dinner**

7-9:30PM **Opening Session in the Heron's Roost**

***Welcoming Ceremony by Vivette Jeffries Logan***

Vivette Jeffries-Logan is a citizen of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation (OBSN); the Indigenous people of Orange, Alamance and Caswell counties in North Carolina. She is Founder & Principal of Biwa Consulting; her independent Leadership, Organizational Development, Equity and Training consulting business. She served her People as an elected member of the Tribal Council and as Founding Director of the OBSN Tribal Health Circle. For 10 years, Vivette was a trainer with Dismantling Racism Works (dRworks). She lives in Hillsborough with her husband Douglas and their sons Uriah and Elijah.

***Introductions and Community Agreements***

***Special Performance by Charly Lowry***

Born and raised in Robeson County, North Carolina, singer and songwriter Charly Lowry has maintained close ties to her Native American roots and culture. It is important to her to express the struggle, sacrifice, and obstacles her people have overcome throughout history. She is a voice for her ancestors as well as the youth of today. Charly represents a mix of today's hip-hop and R&B in combination with a soulful sound unique within itself. As both a solo artist and lead vocalist of Dark Water Rising, she "makes passionate music that intersects with her activism" (Indy Weekly). Charly qualified as a semifinalist amongst the last 32 competitors from millions of potential contestants on Season 3 of American Idol. She is featured in the documentary *Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World*. Charly hopes all those who choose to listen can find an outlet from their own lives in her music. Her recordings can be found on Green Sky Records.

***The Good Fire with Paperhand Puppet Intervention***

Once again the NC Climate Justice Collective and Paperhand Puppet Intervention have teamed up in creating this cantastoria about how we can extinguish the bad fire caused by burning fossil fuels and ignite the good fire of community-centered renewable energy. It's time to get fired up! Art designed by Jan Berger; theme conceptualized by Jodi Lasseter. Performed by Charly Lowry, Jodi Lasseter and Jan Berger.

***Our Frontlines: Reflections on the Good and Bad Fire in NC  
Community Fire Circle***

10-11:45PM

### **Late Night Activities**

*Fire Circle continues (at the fire pit in the field by the gym)*

*Stargazing with astronomer Mike Gallagher (gather in front of the gym)*

*Music Jam/Drumming Circle (in the Fox Den)*

*Basketball (gym)*

MIDNIGHT

### **End of Activities/Lights Out for Youth Cabins**

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**

### **Ongoing Offering: Healing and Reflection Space**

Located in the Haw River Lounge, there is a Healing and Reflection Space offered throughout the time we are together. People can come there to rest, shift and uplift their energy and simply “be.” Ife Kilimanjaro will be offering her home remedies, teas and an energetic cleanse. There will also be volunteer support people on hand if you need a caring listener.

7-8AM

### **Early morning offerings (sign-ups in the Heron’s Roost)**

8-8:45AM

### **Breakfast**

### **9:30AM-12:30PM Morning Session in the Heron’s Roost**

#### **Opening**

#### ***Indigenous Approaches to the Climate Crisis: An Interactive Dialogue with Dr. Michelle Montgomery and Dr. Ryan Emanuel***

*Dr. Michelle Montgomery (Haliwa Saponi/Eastern Band Cherokee) is an Assistant Professor at the University of Washington Tacoma, School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences in American Indian and Ethnic, Gender and Labor Studies. Dr. Montgomery’s research focuses on adaptation to climate change, environmental ethics connected to land-based Indigenous identities, Indigenous cultural autonomy, critical race theory, tribal critical race theory and bioethics related to sociocultural and environmental health disparities within American Indian/Alaska Native/First Nations communities.*

*Dr. Ryan Emanuel (Lumbee) is Associate Professor and University Faculty Scholar in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources at NC State University. He leads a research program that focuses on hydrology, ecology, atmospheric science, geoscience, climate change, socio-ecological systems and indigenous knowledge. He serves as an ex officio member of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs’ Environmental Justice committee.*

#### **Overview: Our Frontlines and Hurricane Florence**

#### **Racial Equity Caucuses**

#### **Intersectional Fishbowl: Whole Group Debrief**

12:30-1:15PM **Lunch**

1:15-2:15PM **Campaign Fair & Networking; Basketball in the Gym**

2:30-5:30PM **Four Rs Deep Dive Workshop Tracks**

### **REFORM**

#### **Energy Justice NC: End the Duke Monopoly (meet in Long Leaf)**

*Presented by Connie Leeper, NC WARN; Rita Leadem, NC WARN; Bobby Jones, Downeast Coal Ash and Social Justice Coalition; Amy Adams, Appalachian Voices; Ayo Wilson, NC Environmental Justice Network*

Curious about what terms like *Energy Democracy* or *Energy Justice* mean? What about the wonky term *Just Transition*? Join us at this session to define those terms and connect them to your daily life. When we power up our gadgets, appliances and thermostats, most of us never wonder where that electricity comes from or who it harms...unless we're from a community living with deadly pollution from dirty energy. We need you to help protect all NC communities and stop climate chaos. Come learn what a just energy system in our state would look like and find out how you can stand up to the worst carbon polluter in the nation, Duke Energy. Join us in the new Energy Justice NC: End the Duke Monopoly campaign!

### **RESIST**

#### **Direct Action Training (meet in the Heron's Roost)**

*Presented by Loan Tran, Youth Organizing Institute; NC HEAT Fellows: Ann Njoroge, Mya Scott, Jasper Cobb, Eden Segbefia, Arianna Bautista, Jayla Hagans*

Ever wanted to talk with experienced activists about what makes an action effective? This how-to workshop draws on the example of bringing down the Confederate statue in Durham in 2017—an action that spurred progressive groups around the country to confront white supremacy. We will walk you through the steps of developing a creative, strategic nonviolent direct action. We will explore the political context, the benefits and risks of direct action as well as the importance of goals, roles and messaging that upholds the leadership of frontline people and takes into account different levels of vulnerability to state violence. Participants will have immediate practice designing actions for real scenarios.

### **REIMAGINE**

#### **Spoken Word and Puppetry Art Build (meet in Rhododendron)**

*Presented by Dasan Ahanu, Jambalaya Soul Slam; Jan Berger, Paperhand Puppet Intervention*

Art + Activism = Artivism. Focusing on the importance of cultural work to win hearts and minds for climate justice, this two-part track will enable participants to gain hands-on experience and develop new elements of the Good Fire performance. There will be a hip-hop and spoken word breakout group and a puppetry art build breakout group.

## **RECREATE**

### **Launching Your Community Resilience Hub (meet in Fox Den)**

*Presented by Ajamu Dillahunt, Black Workers for Justice; Jodi Lasseter, NC Climate Justice Collective*

We know we need to be ready for the next climate disaster and we know we need to strengthen our connections with each other so that we can not only survive, but truly thrive. This interactive workshop will provide concrete tools and examples of how groups can start their own Resilience Hubs, a community-based approach that builds political power, generates new green economic opportunities, and creates greater equity and climate resilience.

5:30-6PM

**Break**

6-7PM

**Dinner**

7-8:30PM

**Open Space Self-Organized Sessions (meet in Heron's Roost)**  
**Youth Empowered Solutions: Youth Advocacy Workshop (meet in Long Leaf)**  
**Green New Deal Meet-up (meet in Rhododendron)**

8:30-10:30PM

**Open Mic with Dasan Ahanu (Heron's Roost)**

Our emcee for the evening, Dasan is an award-winning artist who has performed across the country, recorded and released music, and been featured on TV and radio. He is the founder of the Jambalaya Soul Slam/Bull City Slam Team and is the resident artist at Hayti Heritage Center. Dasan sees the arts not just a means of entertainment and inspiration, but also as a vehicle for lifting marginalized voices and fostering radical change. Dasan invites you to bring YOUR voice to this open mic!

10:30PM

**Dance Party (Fox Den)**

MIDNIGHT

**End of Activities/Lights Out for Youth Cabins**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>**

- 7-8AM **Early morning offerings**
- 8AM **Breakfast and Checkout**
- 9:30AM **Tending Our Communities & Strengthening Our Movement (Heron's Roost)**
- 10:15AM **Inner Resilience Workshops (Heron's Roost)**
- 11:30AM **Evaluations and Closing Ceremony (Heron's Roost)**
- 12:30PM **Lunch**
- 1:30PM **Departure and Clean Up**

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# Bali Principles of Climate Justice

29 August 2002

## PREAMBLE

Whereas climate change is a scientific reality whose effects are already being felt around the world;

Whereas if consumption of fossil fuels, deforestation and other ecological devastation continues at current rates, it is certain that climate change will result in increased temperatures, sea level rise, changes in agricultural patterns, increased frequency and magnitude of "natural" disasters such as floods, droughts, loss of biodiversity, intense storms and epidemics;

Whereas deforestation contributes to climate change, while having a negative impact on a broad array of local communities;

Whereas communities and the environment feel the impacts of the fossil fuel economy at every stage of its life cycle, from exploration to production to refining to distribution to consumption to disposal of waste;

Whereas climate change and its associated impacts are a global manifestation of this local chain of impacts;

Whereas fossil fuel production and consumption helps drive corporate-led globalization;

Whereas climate change is being caused primarily by industrialized nations and transnational corporations;

Whereas the multilateral development banks, transnational corporations and Northern governments, particularly the United States, have compromised the democratic nature of the United Nations as it attempts to address the problem;

Whereas the perpetration of climate change violates the Universal Declaration On Human Rights, and the United Nations Convention on Genocide;

Whereas the impacts of climate change are disproportionately felt by small island states, women, youth, coastal peoples, local communities, indigenous peoples, fisherfolk, poor people and the elderly;

Whereas local communities, affected people and indigenous peoples have been kept out of the global processes to address climate change;

Whereas market-based mechanisms and technological "fixes" currently being promoted by transnational corporations are false solutions and are exacerbating the problem;

Whereas unsustainable production and consumption practices are at the root of this and other global environmental problems;

Whereas this unsustainable consumption exists primarily in the North, but also among elites within the South;

Whereas the impacts will be most devastating to the vast majority of the people in the South, as well as the "South" within the North;

Whereas the impacts of climate change threaten food sovereignty and the security of livelihoods of natural resource-based local economies;

Whereas the impacts of climate change threaten the health of communities around the world-especially those who are vulnerable and marginalized, in particular children and elderly people;

Whereas combating climate change must entail profound shifts from unsustainable production, consumption and lifestyles, with industrialized countries taking the lead;

**We**, representatives of people's movements together with activist organizations working for social and environmental justice resolve to begin to build an international movement of all peoples for Climate Justice based on the following core principles:

1. Affirming the sacredness of Mother Earth, ecological unity and the interdependence of all species, Climate Justice insists that communities have the right to be free from climate change, its related impacts and other forms of ecological destruction.
2. Climate Justice affirms the need to reduce with an aim to eliminate the production of greenhouse gases and associated local pollutants.
3. Climate Justice affirms the rights of indigenous peoples and affected communities to represent and speak for themselves.
4. Climate Justice affirms that governments are responsible for addressing climate change in a manner that is both democratically accountable to their people and in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.
5. Climate Justice demands that communities, particularly affected communities play a leading role in national and international processes to address climate change.
6. Climate Justice opposes the role of transnational corporations in shaping unsustainable production and consumption patterns and lifestyles, as well as their role in unduly influencing national and international decision-making.
7. Climate Justice calls for the recognition of a principle of ecological debt that industrialized governments and transnational corporations owe the rest of the world as a result of their appropriation of the planet's capacity to absorb greenhouse gases.
8. Affirming the principle of ecological debt, Climate Justice demands that fossil fuel and extractive industries be held strictly liable for all past and current life-cycle impacts relating to the production of greenhouse gases and associated local pollutants.

9. Affirming the principle of Ecological debt, Climate Justice protects the rights of victims of climate change and associated injustices to receive full compensation, restoration, and reparation for loss of land, livelihood and other damages.
10. Climate Justice calls for a moratorium on all new fossil fuel exploration and exploitation; a moratorium on the construction of new nuclear power plants; the phase out of the use of nuclear power world wide; and a moratorium on the construction of large hydro schemes.
11. Climate Justice calls for clean, renewable, locally controlled and low-impact energy resources in the interest of a sustainable planet for all living things.
12. Climate Justice affirms the right of all people, including the poor, women, rural and indigenous peoples, to have access to affordable and sustainable energy.
13. Climate Justice affirms that any market-based or technological solution to climate change, such as carbon-trading and carbon sequestration, should be subject to principles of democratic accountability, ecological sustainability and social justice.
14. Climate Justice affirms the right of all workers employed in extractive, fossil fuel and other greenhouse-gas producing industries to a safe and healthy work environment without being forced to choose between an unsafe livelihood based on unsustainable production and unemployment.
15. Climate Justice affirms the need for solutions to climate change that do not externalize costs to the environment and communities, and are in line with the principles of a just transition.
16. Climate Justice is committed to preventing the extinction of cultures and biodiversity due to climate change and its associated impacts.
17. Climate Justice affirms the need for socio-economic models that safeguard the fundamental rights to clean air, land, water, food and healthy ecosystems.
18. Climate Justice affirms the rights of communities dependent on natural resources for their livelihood and cultures to own and manage the same in a sustainable manner, and is opposed to the commodification of nature and its resources.
19. Climate Justice demands that public policy be based on mutual respect and justice for all peoples, free from any form of discrimination or bias.
20. Climate Justice recognizes the right to self-determination of Indigenous Peoples, and their right to control their lands, including sub-surface land, territories and resources and the right to the protection against any action or conduct that may result in the destruction or degradation of their territories and cultural way of life.
21. Climate Justice affirms the right of indigenous peoples and local communities to participate effectively at every level of decision-making, including needs assessment, planning, implementation, enforcement and evaluation, the strict enforcement of principles of prior informed consent, and the right to say "No."
22. Climate Justice affirms the need for solutions that address women's rights.
23. Climate Justice affirms the right of youth as equal partners in the movement to address climate change and its associated impacts.
24. Climate Justice opposes military action, occupation, repression and exploitation of lands, water, oceans, peoples and cultures, and other life forms, especially as it relates to the fossil fuel industry's role in this respect.
25. Climate Justice calls for the education of present and future generations, emphasizes climate, energy, social and environmental issues, while basing itself on real-life experiences and an appreciation of diverse cultural perspectives.
26. Climate Justice requires that we, as individuals and communities, make personal and consumer choices to consume as little of Mother Earth's resources, conserve our need for energy; and make the conscious decision to challenge and reprioritize our lifestyles, re-thinking our ethics with relation to the environment and the Mother Earth; while utilizing clean, renewable, low-impact energy; and ensuring the health of the natural world for present and future generations.
27. Climate Justice affirms the rights of unborn generations to natural resources, a stable climate and a healthy planet.

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*Adopted using the "Environmental Justice Principles" developed at the 1991 People of Color Environmental Justice Leadership Summit, Washington, DC, as a blueprint.*

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The coalition of local, state and national groups has launched a vigorous campaign to end Duke Energy's monopoly control of North Carolina's energy markets and public officials.

*Learn more at [energyjusticenc.org](http://energyjusticenc.org)*

## **TAKE ACTION**

Sign the Petition for Energy Choice here or at [ncwarn.org/ejnc](http://ncwarn.org/ejnc)



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