

# FCC'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## EARTH DAY 2021

This Sunday, April 18, FCC will be acknowledging the primacy of safeguarding and protecting our planet and God's beloved creation. during worship. The service will feature environmentalist & author, Rev. Jim Antal as guest preacher, awesome jazz music and representatives from our congregation attesting to the urgency of protecting planet earth.

## WHAT CAN I DO?

There are 5 hands-on ways to help the planet starting today:

- 1) **Ditch the glitter** - Sure it's fun, but glitter is plastic and all that glitter goes down the drain and into our waterways.
- 2) **Be food smart** - We throw away 30 to 40 percent of our food supply, 219 lbs per person in the U.S. every year. Eliminating even a little food waste saves money and saves landfill space.
- 3) **Embrace Earth Friendly Fashion** - 11.3 million tons of textiles went into landfills in 2018. Supporting FCC's Repair Cafe initiative will help shift our consumer oriented culture to a more sustainable one.
- 4) **Try a new way to compost** - Food scraps and yard waste make up more than 30 percent of what we throw away. Composting is one of the biggest ways to have an impact and reduce waste.
- 5) **Quit the plastic habit** - We eat, swallow or breath 2,000 particles of plastic a week. Switch to products that are made w/non-plastic or with containers that can be reused.

From Boston Globe's Parade.com

## SOLAR POWER

Did you know that the US Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy states that "the amount of sunlight that strikes the earth's surface in an hour and a half is enough to handle the entire world's energy for one full year?"

## Environmental and Racial Injustice



"Today, black people are four times more likely to die from exposure to pollution than white people. According to a recent study, African-Americans are exposed to 38% more polluted air than white Americans & they are 75% more likely to live in communities that border industry. "

From The Washington Post

