

**Statement of Conscience from the Unitarian Coastal Fellowship, 1300 Evans St.,
Morehead City, NC, 28557**

The Congregation of the Unitarian Coastal Fellowship at 1300 Evans Street in Morehead City, NC, 28557, has voted on and approved the following statement of conscience which **Condemns the Withdrawal of the USA from the Paris Climate Agreement.**

As people of faith and conscience who affirm both the inherent worth and dignity of all and the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part, we find President Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement on climate change to be an affront to that depth of connection. Our interconnectedness does not end at a border or at the ocean's edge.

In these times, it matters what company we keep. With this decision, the United States joins only two other countries in opposing this historic accord: the war-torn nations of Syria and Nicaragua, whose governments are run by virtual dictatorships. We are deeply troubled by the message this sends to our global allies and trade partners. Such a choice eliminates the United States' seat at the table in negotiating policy action on global warming and creates greater space for authoritarian nations like China, Russia, and Iran to influence the direction of global climate action.

Unitarian Universalists have been dedicated to action on climate change for years now and clearly, our work at the Unitarian Coastal Fellowship, as a Green Sanctuary must continue. We recognize that climate change tends to increase pre-existing inequality in our nation and in our world and the dangers to our planet cannot be ignored. We are in agreement with the Unitarian Universalist Association on this matter.

Unitarian Universalists remain committed to resisting the politics of hate, fear, and isolationism. For our own faith and values, and for the generations who will come after us, we know that we cannot remain silent.

Signed for the congregation by the President of the Unitarian Coastal Fellowship Board of Trustees on this date.

President, Board of Trustees:

Date:
