

Do the Climate Ribbon in your town...

...or faith community, climate group, union, or family. Folks have brought the Ribbon ritual to five-person meetings, trainings of 20 people, churches with 600 people, and marches of tens of thousands. It can be done around a simple table, a tree sculpture, or a living tree.

Why do it?

The Climate Ribbon facilitates a deeper personal heart connection to the often abstract issue of climate change. In sharing our stories on ribbons and out loud, the ritual gives us a space to grieve what each of us stands to lose to Climate Chaos, and discover our solidarity with others as we unite to fight against the crisis. We move through denial and fear and commit to take action.

The ritual creates a gateway into the climate justice movement for those not-yet-engaged or those who have held back because they think it is hopeless or too difficult to take action. It also offers a striking set of personal stories and visuals enticing the press to cover the issue.



Where does it come from?

The tying of names, blessings, or prayers to a living tree is an ancient ritual that has been practiced across diverse human cultures for thousands of years. From Turkey to Japan to Brazil, communities use similar ribbon rituals to express grief, loss, hope and commitment.

WHERE HAS THE CLIMATE RIBBON BEEN?

After our spectacular launch at the People’s Climate March in New York in 2014, the Climate Ribbon has appeared in communities around the world, including at UN climate negotiations — COP21 in Paris, and COP22 in Marrakech — college campuses, social justice retreat centers, churches, synagogues, environmental conferences, the 2015 Parliament of World Religions, and a host of other places.



CONTACT US:

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A participatory art ritual for climate healing and hope



The Climate Ribbon is a storytelling project that moves us from climate grief to climate action that’s very simple to do in your own community.

The power of the project is rooted in a very simple yet profound question:

What do you love and hope to never lose to climate chaos?

People from all over the world are writing on ribbons the things they most love that are threatened by Climate Chaos — "Next year’s harvest" or "Miami, my city" — then sharing those ribbons and becoming the guardians of each other’s stories.

SUPPLIES LIST

RIBBONS

Consider recycling old ribbons from gift wrapping, or ripping an old sheet or piece of fabric into strips (ideally, the less imported new materials, the more eco-friendly, the better). 2 feet long (or 50 cm) ribbons work great. Pick a ribbon that is wide enough to write on.

PENS

Thin permanent markers and basic ballpoint pens are recommended. You can get crafty and add in glitter glue and colored markers.

TABLE OR CLIPBOARDS

Make sure that the Climate Ribbon Prompt (see bolded text in "WRITE" section at right) is prominently displayed.



A LOCATION

You can designate a living tree in your community or churchyard to hang ribbons on. You could also make an altar or simply display the ribbons on a table. Another option is to tie them to a fence, or rig up a clothesline between two posts. Many communities have chosen to build a beautiful tree-like sculpture using recycled wood or a garden trellis. You decide.

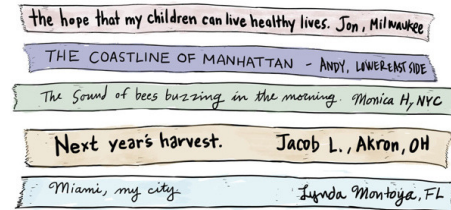
PARTICIPANTS

4-400,000 people; your community, colleagues, classmates, congregation...

A SIMPLE PROCESS

WRITE: Reflect deeply on the question — **What do you love and hope to never lose to Climate Chaos? Write your response on a ribbon.** Be specific and personal. "What's at stake for you?" **Add your name, hometown and age.**

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE...



SHARE: Share your ribbon by tying it onto a tree (or tree sculpture), making an altar, passing it around your meeting circle, or mailing it to the global project at the address below.

COMMIT: Choose someone else's ribbon that moves you deeply. Tie it to your wrist to signify your resolve to roll back Climate Chaos and protect what this other person most cherishes. Become the guardian of this person's story.

WITNESS: Read each other's ribbons aloud. After each ribbon is read, the audience or congregation can repeat "We are with you".



Together, our commitments weave a giant ribbon among all of us for a healthy, sustainable planet.

TIPS

FOR FAITH LEADERS:

- Create a wall of ribbons in your sanctuary, or designate a living tree on your parish grounds to serve as an ongoing Climate Ribbon ritual space.
- Give a sermon on climate change and invite congregants to create and exchange ribbons. Offer a prayer or benediction at the end of the ribbon ritual.
- Children love making and sharing Climate Ribbons. Add the Ribbon to your religious school curriculum.
- Invite congregants to make ribbons to send to the next big climate mobilization — so their voices can be there even if they can't be.



FOR CAMPUSES, FESTIVALS, EVENTS & MASS MOBILIZATIONS:

- Doing the Climate Ribbon at the beginning (when people are registering for an event or massing for a rally) can help set a "heart-centered" tone. Likewise, concluding an event or meeting with the Ribbon can help participants stay connected.
- Have speakers read a few ribbons during their speeches.
- You don't need to get fancy — the Ribbon can work at events as a simple clothesline against the wall or on a table in a booth.