

## **Climate Prayer Ribbon Project**

**On May 19** in Harrisburg, people of many faiths will join in fellowship, learning and service with a focus on what unites us – including care for our common home. We hope you will join us! [Learn more and register here.](#) Even if you can't be there in person, read on for a way to be part of the day.

A Climate Prayer Ribbon Tree will serve as visual testimony in our state capital to our unity in concern for our common home as well as our commitment to making a #CovenantWithTheFuture to address climate change.

Throughout the day, which will include an interfaith blessing of waters on the banks of the Susquehanna in front of the State Capitol, participants will be encouraged to reflect on the question: **What do you love and hope to never lose to climate change?** They will then be invited to write that response, their first name, age, and hometown on a ribbon to be tied to a large tree. At the conclusion of the day, participants will choose another's ribbon to take with the commitment to pray for and protect what the other cherishes.

[You can learn more and see pictures of the worldwide Climate Ribbon Project here.](#) We hope you can join us in Harrisburg, but if you cannot, your faith community can send ribbons and request that an equal number of others' ribbons be returned to you.

### **Instructions:**

**Reflect** -- What do you love and hope never to lose to climate change?

**Write** -- Your response on a ribbon (2-24 inches long and 1-2 inches wide works well). Consider using scraps of old material or cutting up an old sheet (tie-dyed is fun!). Try to avoid using new materials to be more eco-friendly. Using permanent markers or basic ballpoint pens is recommended. Include your name, age and hometown, state.

Examples:

Gentle rains that help all things grow. Sunita, 25, Monroeville, PA.

Our family farm. Richard, 50, Chambersburg, PA

Clean water to drink and play in. Ryan, 7, State College, PA

Hope for a peaceful world for my grandchildren. Linda, 72, Allentown, PA

**Mail** -- Send ribbons to the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, 900 S. Arlington Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17109 – Attn: The Rev. Sandy Strauss. Please include a note, number and return address if you would like the same number of ribbons in return. (A donation for mailing would be much appreciated.)

