

Candles for COP27: Vigils for Climate Justice

November 11 - 13th, 2022



Dear Volunteers and Faith Communities,

From November 6th-18th of this year, world leaders will gather at the COP27 conference in Egypt to discuss their plans to address global heating.

Despite increasingly clear evidence of the climate emergency, leaders across the world and particularly in Canada are failing to take the decisive action needed to protect our world, and particularly the most vulnerable members of the global community. Canada has yet to reduce our national emissions, our government continues to approve and subsidize new fossil fuel infrastructure, and we are falling behind in our commitments to fund energy transitions in less developed countries. This cannot continue.

In recognition of the need for change, members of ClimateFast and For the Love of Creation invite groups across Canada to host candlelight vigils in their own communities on the weekend of November 11-13. This will be a time to reflect and share our love for our planet, our concern for ourselves and our fellow human beings at risk from climate change, and our hopes for truly transformative action to happen at COP and through each other. This invitation coincides with and complements the call for a Global Day of Action on November 12. Candlelight vigils are already being planned in several places.

We encourage people to use their local events to highlight local climate-related issues that are important to them, as well as international issues such as the demand for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. Information on key pan-Canadian asks will be provided in advance of the date. We will amplify each other's voices by acting on the same weekend. Let's light up the whole Canadian map!

If you or your group is interested in hosting a vigil, please contact climatefast@climatefast.ca to add your event details to the national list. Check here for [the list](#).