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Who is responsible for this proposal (can be a collection of people, a person, a social justice team or a congregation.) ?	The Environmental Justice group at Wy'east UU Congregation, Portland.
What is the Issue?	Putting a price on carbon
Why do you want to work on this issue?	<p>Placing a fee on carbon places a needed negative feedback loop on the primary cause of Climate Change.</p> <p>Carbon pricing is ripe for action. Various mechanisms have been tested in British Columbia, New England, Alaska, California, and China. A recent success is placing carbon pricing in the Democratic National Platform. However, this is a policy that can attract bi-partisan support.</p>
How is this issue grounded in Unitarian Universalist values? (See Grounding)	At the highest level, Climate Change affects all of us. Thus it is relevant to both the first principle (Inherent worth and dignity) and the seventh principle (interdependent web). The most non-partisan way (read: politically viable) for distributing the money generated by a fee on carbon is likely to be a revenue-neutral rebate to every tax-payer. This approach would especially help lower income people.
Who are potential partners? (See Allies)	<p>Climate Oregon, a non-profit, is now partnering in a national effort to put a price on carbon.</p> <p>Recent conversations show that Neighborhood associations in Portland are friendly to the idea.</p>
Does this have an Oregon focus and Oregon UU interest and support? (See Fit)	<p>70 Oregon industrial plants emit more than 25,000 tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere annually. (25,000 is the proposed threshold for applying a price on carbon emitted.)</p> <p>Action in Oregon helps build momentum for national legislation.</p> <p>The Wy'east UU Congregation contributed a special collection to Climate Oregon as part of its focus on Environmental Justice.</p>
What Campaign is this a part?	Environmental Justice

What makes this an issue to work on NOW? (Opportunity)

Bills to put a price on carbon were introduced into the Oregon legislature in 2014 and 2015. Sponsors include Senator Chris Edwards (Eugene) and Lee Beyer (Springfield). Carbon pricing will probably be re-introduced, in one form or other, in the coming legislative session.