

Report to PMM Business Meeting on April 11, 2021-(10 mins)

Intro: Our Climate Crisis project is meeting under the care of Peace and Social Action to find ways to fulfill the expectation of PMM since the approval of the PMM Minute on the Climate Crisis from 2020. Because we hope to represent the whole of PMM, we've organized two approaches to help us understand the interests of PMM members and attendees. Our goal was to find the ideas with maximum impact on the climate problem and to clarify the [spiritual nature](#) of this work. We have a written document stating the spiritual basis for our work which many of you have read and is posted [here](#) and in another newsletter. To gather information from PMM we used two methods:

1. [The Courageous Conversation](#) on March 14, 2021 -Thanks to those 18 members who were able to attend. Notes will be posted with the detailed responses.
2. [Survey Results](#) -The [chart of responses](#) will also be posted.
 - a. Outside of the CCP group, there were 16 responses to the survey. Two-thirds of the respondents are "alarmed" about the climate crisis. All respondents valued listening to others in the Meeting share how they are currently led.
 - i. The 16 respondents were split evenly when it came to the "yes" or "no" questions about getting more information on climate science, existing climate impacts, and anticipated climate impacts
 - ii. The respondents were clearly more interested, again "yes" or "no" questions, in getting to know more about (about 75% answered yes in each of the following areas):- how others have reduced their carbon footprint- how PMM has responded in the past- the Chester Covanta incinerator - other local concerns - Pennsylvania climate related issues - Federal climate related issues

As a result of both the Courageous Conversation and the survey we identified two areas for immediate focus by our group.

- a. Local – We plan to focus on the issue of the Covanta Incinerator in Chester. We are also reaching out to Swarthmore, Chester and Lansdowne Meetings to learn what actions they may have undertaken in response to the incinerator issue and other projects reducing solid waste. We authorized some of our members to learn more about the ideas of Christine Reuther, a member of the Delaware County Council in regard to future changes in how the county manages solid waste and waste reduction.
 - b. National - We are hoping to support FCNL efforts re: carbon reduction. We are also exploring the current green legislation initiatives and methods of financial support for these initiatives.
2. Based on results of the Courageous Conversation we realized there were interests that seem to overlap with those of other Meeting committees. We hope to explore working with these other committees in the future.

Does anyone have questions or comments (remind folks of any time constraints...members should feel free to reach out to Pru or PTW with any questions).

Action Item:

Request for Action from PMM: We are asking PMM to consider supporting and signing the COVANTA Trash incinerator "Ban the Burn Petition":

Our neighbors in Chester are asking us to sign a petition (Ban the Burn), to close the Covanta trash incinerator. It is the largest trash incinerator in the nation, spewing toxic pollution which impacts the health of our county where it is one of the top air polluters. Further, it has created one of our country's worst cases of environmental racism as it has particularly burdened the residents of Chester- a low-income, historically marginalized, Black and Brown community. We are asking that the Meeting sign the petition as a body. We also encourage individuals to sign the petition.

[Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living \(CRCQL\)](#)

(Margery and Bob can you be ready to answer questions about this?)

Thank you for your time and attention today. We will post both a link to the notes from the Courageous Conversation and the results of the survey in the next newsletter.

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