

Climate Justice Revival: Nature Coast Program

September 28 & 29, 2024

Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists Fellowship

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Our life-supporting earth is a rare and fragile gem- a “blue boat home”- in a vast cosmic “sea”. Scientists have not yet found evidence of other planets capable of supporting the kind of life that we humans understand, but we do know what we must do to ensure that the unique “blue boat home”, on which we now live and “surf the cosmos”, endures to benefit future generations. Combating and adapting to climate change are paramount and must be addressed decisively and now.

In this two-day *Climate Justice Revival*, a nationwide event promoted by the Unitarian Universalists Association (UUA), members and of the **Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (NCUU)** will introduce interested Nature Coast residents to the latest understandings of climate change, its impacts, and what we must do to combat and adapt to the threats that are unfolding at an accelerating pace. Special attention will focus on the unique situation of Florida’s Nature Coast along with an overview of the global perils and mitigating strategies.

The proposed schedule of activities is as follows:

Day 1: Saturday, September 28

9:00 AM- 12:30 PM- Narrated field excursion visiting Nature Coast sites that are highly vulnerable to flooding and erosion. Included are the wetlands around the Withlacoochee Nature trail boardwalk, Yankeetown, Yankeetown beach where the coast is receding, and the mouth of the Withlacoochee River. We are tentatively planning to hire a bus for this field trip so we ask all who are interested to register in advance so that we have an idea how many will be joining us. There is no charge for the field trip.

Please register with Don Wright by e-mailing LDWright@bellsouth.net.

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM- Light lunch at NCUU followed by open discussion of climate change adaptation strategies and possibly viewing of climate justice video supplied by the Unitarian Universalists Association (UUA)

Day 2: Sunday, September 29 10:30 AM-12:00 PM: Sunday Service at NCUU on the theme “Navigating Our Blue Boat Home to a Safe Harbor”. The service will be followed by light refreshments and one on one discussion.