

Climate Justice Films at St. Anne's in-the-Fields, Lincoln, MA

Since February of 2015, our climate justice ministry has sponsored a film series highlighting challenges to our climate future, our environment, and vulnerable people who are already threatened by our changing planet. We serve a simple vegetarian soup supper before each film. We accept donations to pay for the screening rights to each film, and we have nice collection of DVDs in our library. For more information about how to get your own film series started, contact Alex Chatfield at adchat (at) aol.com.

In alphabetical order, here are the favorite films we have shown, including a synopsis to assist in making selections.

- **Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock.**

2017. 89 min.

[Awake the film](#)

[Awake, A Dream from Standing Rock \(vhx.tv\)](#) -- available for streaming

[Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock \(2017\) - IMDb](#)

The film tells the dramatic story of the historic #NODAPL native-led peaceful resistance at the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota, which captured the world's attention as one of the biggest stories of 2016. Tens of thousands of activists traveled to North Dakota from all over the world to take a stand alongside the "water protectors"-- activists opposing construction of the 3.7-billion-dollar Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). The pipeline is proposed to transport fracked oil from North Dakota's Bakken oil fields directly underneath the Missouri River on sovereign Lakota land, the only water source for the Standing Rock reservation and the drinking water source for 17 million Americans downstream.

- **Before the Flood** (National Geographic)

2016. 96 min. Available as DVD or streaming.

[Before the Flood \(2016\) - IMDb](#)

[Before the Flood](#)

If you could know the truth about the threat of climate change — would you want to know? 'Before the Flood,' presented by National Geographic, features Leonardo DiCaprio on a journey as a United Nations Messenger of Peace, traveling to five continents and the Arctic to witness climate change firsthand. He goes on expeditions with scientists uncovering the reality of climate change and meets with political leaders fighting against inaction. He also discovers a calculated disinformation campaign orchestrated by powerful special interests working to confuse the public about the urgency of the growing climate crisis.

- [IPL movie kit available for purchase here](#)
- [Download a Discussion Guide here](#)

- ***Bidder 70***

2012. 73 min.

[Bidder 70 Film](#)

[Host a screening \(bidder70film.com\)](#)

[Bidder 70 \(2012\) - IMDb](#)

The story of Tim DeChristopher, a young man who disrupted a controversial BLM Oil and Gas leasing auction in 2008. He posed as a bidder (#70) and bid \$1.7 million to win 22,000 acres of land he had no intention of paying for (or drilling on). Tim was federally indicted, convicted and sentenced to two years in prison for his courageous act of civil disobedience. 'Bidder 70' is a personal story surrounded by a wider context of citizen action, our history of peaceful civil disobedience, and grass roots movements demanding government and industry accountability.

- ***Burned: Are Trees the New Coal?***

2017. 30, 45, 74-minute versions available. Available in DVD and limited streaming

[BURNED: Are Trees the New Coal? \(30-minute version\) on Vimeo](#) (free)

[Home - Burned \(burnedthemovie.com\)](#) (for viewing options click on "watch" tab)

'Burned' tells the little-known story of the accelerating destruction of our forests for fuel, and probes the policy loopholes, huge subsidies, and blatant green washing of the burgeoning biomass electric power industry. 'Burned' is a feature-length documentary, which takes an unwavering look at the latest electric power industry solution to climate change. The film tells the story of how woody biomass has become the fossil-fuel industry's renewable, green savior, and of the people and parties who are both fighting against and promoting its adoption and use.

- ***Chasing Coral***

2017. 93 min.

[Chasing Coral – A Netflix Original documentary](#)

[Chasing Coral – Host A Screening](#) (free one-time license available)

[Chasing Coral \(2017\) - IMDb](#)

Coral reefs around the world are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. A team of divers, photographers and scientists set out on a thrilling ocean adventure to discover why and to reveal the underwater mystery to the world.

- ***Chasing Ice***

2012. 75 min. Available in DVD.

[Chasing Ice | The Award-Winning Documentary on Climate Change](#)

[Chasing Ice \(2012\) - IMDb](#)

'Chasing Ice' is the story of one man's mission to change the tide of history by gathering undeniable evidence of our changing planet. Within months of that first trip to Iceland, the photographer conceived the boldest expedition of his life: The Extreme Ice Survey. With a band of young adventurers in tow, Balog began deploying revolutionary time-lapse cameras across the brutal Arctic to capture a multi-year record of the world's changing glaciers. His hauntingly beautiful videos compress years into seconds and capture ancient mountains of ice in motion as they disappear at a breathtaking rate. Chasing Ice depicts a photographer trying to deliver evidence and hope to our carbon-powered planet.

- ***Living in the Future's Past***

2018. 100 min.

[Living in the Future's Past \(2018\) - IMDb](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZvAPyLXJUK> (trailer)

What kind of future do we want to live in? Jeff Bridges presents this beautifully photographed 4K tour de force of original thinking on who we are and the life challenges we face. This film upends our way of thinking and provides original insights into our subconscious motivations, the unintended consequences, and how our fundamental nature influences our future as mankind.

- ***Merchants of Doubt***

2014. 96 min. DVD and limited streaming.

[Merchants of Doubt \(2014\) - IMDb](#)

The subject of Robert Kenner's documentary 'Merchants of Doubt' is the catastrophe of global climate change, which is engulfing us even faster than predicted. Kenner doesn't waste time proving, in this terse, brilliantly argued movie, that climate change is happening or that our dependence on fossil fuels has a causal relationship to it. Employing data compiled by Naomi Oreskes and Erik Conway in their investigative nonfiction book of the same name, he quickly shows that there is zero argument among actual scientists about either of these conclusions. Instead, he directs our attention to the way the media and our elected officials continue to claim that nothing is certain and that there are opposing views that must be given equal time with every mere mention of the subject. Kenner asks, who are these global warming skeptics and deniers?

- ***Necessity: Oil, Water and Climate Resistance***

2020. Running time unknown. Streaming available.

[Necessity: The Movie | New Documentary](#)

[Screening Request Form \(google.com\)](#)

Grounded in people and places at the heart of the climate crisis, 'Necessity Pt I: Oil, Water and Climate Resistance' traces the fight in Minnesota against the expansion of pipelines carrying toxic tar sands oil

through North America. The story unfolds in a setting where activists make a moral case for acts of civil disobedience using the necessity defense. Movement lawyers defending activists in court must prove that the threat of the climate emergency justified acts of civil disobedience and that there were no legal alternatives. Indigenous leaders and white allies carry into this site of struggle their knowledge of resistance strategies, as well as their experiences of loss and trauma, as they work to defend the sacred and demand justice. The film calls into question whether legal strategies are sufficient in responding to the scale of the global climate crisis.

- ***A Plastic Ocean***

2016, 102 min. Available in DVD and streaming.

A Plastic Ocean begins when journalist Craig Leeson, searching for the elusive blue whale, discovers plastic waste in what should be pristine ocean. In this adventure documentary, Craig teams up with free diver Tanya Streeter and an international team of scientists and researchers, and they travel to twenty locations around the world over the next four years to explore the fragile state of our oceans, uncover alarming truths about plastic pollution, and reveal working solutions that can be put into immediate effect.

- ***Racing Extinction***

2015. 90 min. Streaming available.

Film: [Racing Extinction](#)

[Racing Extinction \(2015\) - IMDb](#)

Scientists predict we may lose half the species on the planet by the end of the century. They believe we have entered the sixth major extinction event in Earth's history. Number five took out the dinosaurs. This era is called the Anthropocene, or 'Age of Man', because the evidence shows that humanity has sparked this catastrophic loss. We are the only ones who can stop it as well. The Oceanic Preservation Society, the group behind the Academy Award® winning film *The Cove*, is back for *Racing Extinction*. Along with some new innovators, OPS will bring a voice to the thousands of species on the very edge of life.

- [Download the IPL Event Planning and Discussion Guide here](#)

- ***This Changes Everything***

2015. 89 min. On demand and DVD available

[This Changes Everything | A book, film and engagement project about why the climate crisis is the best opportunity we've ever had to build a better world.](#)

[See The Film | This Changes Everything](#)

[This Changes Everything \(2015\) - IMDb](#)

What if confronting the climate crisis is the best chance we'll ever get to build a better world? Filmed over 211 shoot days in nine countries and five continents over four years, *This Changes Everything* is an epic attempt to re-imagine the vast challenge of climate change. The film presents seven portraits of communities on the front lines, from Montana's Powder River Basin to the Alberta Tar Sands, from the coast of South India to Beijing and beyond. Interwoven with these stories of struggle is Naomi Klein's narration, connecting the carbon in the air with the economic system that put it there.

- ***The Wisdom to Survive***

2013. 56 min. Available in DVD and streaming.

[The Wisdom to Survive: Climate Change, Capitalism & Community \(2013\) - IMDb](#)

[The Wisdom to Survive - Old Dog Documentaries - Film production](#)

The Wisdom to Survive accepts the consensus of scientists that climate change has already arrived, and asks, what is keeping us from action? The film explores how unlimited growth and greed are destroying the life support system of the planet, the social fabric of the society, and the lives of billions of people. Will we have the wisdom to survive? The film features thought leaders and activists in the realms of science, economics and spirituality discussing how we can evolve and take action in the face of climate disruption.