

## December 12 Bulletin Board

### Notices taken from Climate Change Connection #309 (Dec. 6, 2019)

<https://mailchi.mp/7b38ba5735fd/climate-update-308-visionary-conversations-24-hours-of-reality-climate-feast-winter-tips-carbon-neutral-cities-and-more-3082297?e=363f359b05>

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#### **Uniting the Human Family Raising Consciousness for Climate Change A Winter Solstice Gathering**

December 21, 2019  
St. Norbert Arts Centre  
100 Ruines du Monastere  
11a.m. – 2p.m.  
Event concludes with a community pot luck lunch

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/uniting-the-human-family-raising-consciousness-for-climate-change-a-winter-solstice-gathering-tickets-79842138987?aff=ebdssbeac>

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#### **Climate Change News**

##### MOODY'S DOWNGRADES ALBERTA'S CREDIT RATING, CITING CONTINUED DEPENDENCE ON OIL

Dec 4, 2019 – CBC News – Trevor Tombe, an associate professor of economics at the University of Calgary, said the downgrade is pretty consistent in its assessment of Alberta's risk due to the importance of the oil and gas sector to the province's budget.

##### ENVIRONMENTAL NON-PROFITS FACE PLUNGE IN PROVINCIAL FUNDING

Nov 25, 2019 – Winnipeg Free Press – At a time when climate change awareness is increasing, three Winnipeg-based non-profits that provide environmental education say their funding from the provincial government is plummeting.

##### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDES \$1.6 BILLION BAILOUT FOR OIL INDUSTRY WITH LITTLE TRANSPARENCY

Nov 18, 2019 – CBC News – Canada's \$1.6-billion bailout for Alberta's battered oil industry is well underway, but with little transparency about who is getting the money and for what. Almost \$1 billion of the package of loans, guarantees and government grants announced last December is in the hands of companies. The package is rolling out as pressure mounts on Canada to fulfill its promise to end all subsidies to fossil-fuel producers, and as European banks flee the sector altogether.

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## Suggestion for your December Newsletter

### Tips for Greener Giving

Celebrating the season doesn't have to be all about shopping, shopping and more shopping. Here are some low(er) carbon ways to show your love.

**Start close to home.** What do you have in your life that brings you joy? Some favourite recipes you could copy out for a friend? A house plant that you could take a cutting from and pot up as a gift? Some family heirlooms you can pass on to the next generation now?

**Think outside the box.** Introduce someone to a new author by signing a book out of the library for them. (It's a gift there's no shame in returning!) Sign someone up for a gift that could last the entire year – or at least a few weeks, like a pottery class or a membership with one of the [Manitoba Eco-Network member groups](#).

**Get cookin'.** Edible gifts can be a good way to go. How about some homemade frozen dinners for a busy family to heat up when they need a ready made meal? Or a batch of sweets made with local flour and fair trade chocolate chips?

**Be generous.** According to a poll by [CanadaHelps](#) and Ipsos Reid, 59% of Canadians prefer to receive a charitable gift rather than a traditional gift. Plus, there are so many great causes working to reduce carbon emissions and help communities here and abroad adapt to our changing climate. Donate time or money in honour of your loved one.

**Spend time together.** Go for a walk or a toboggan, a skate or a swim, hold a family talent show or a costume party. Build or cook together. Teach each other about things you've learned this year. There are so many creative possibilities for strengthening relationships and giving the gift of acceptance and belonging during these longest nights of the year.

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### Check out this newsletter from National Catholic Reporter

EarthBeat: Stories of Climate Crisis, Faith and Action

<https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat>