**Got the Green Blues?**

**Come to “Surviving and Thriving as a Climate Activist”**

**Nov. 12th!**

It’s not easy being Green, as Kermit the frog sang. Many environmental activists have spent many years, even decades, trying to tackle the climate crisis, without much success.

The work can be both discouraging - and inspiring. And that’s why the Environmental Justice Committee at Nanaimo Unitarians is holding a panel for climate activists to tell their story of how they keep going in spite of setbacks and what inspires them to keep doing it.

The panel, “Surviving and Thriving as a Climate Activist” will be held at the Unitarian Hall, **595 Townsite Rd., Saturday, Nov. 12th, from 7-8:30 pm**, and will focus on four questions:

1.    How did you get into environmental activism?
2.    What is the hardest part of the activism work for you?
3.    What protects you from being overwhelmed in this work?
4.    What inspires you to keep doing it?

The panel will feature five people with a range of ages and backgrounds:

Whelm King, entrepreneur, business manager, and program manager for the Nanaimo Climate Pledge, which launched this month;

Tyler Brown, city councillor, former planner for the Regional District of Nanaimo and now chair of the RDN, and an advocate for net-zero-ready housing;

Jessica Stanley, Director for Regional District A, a farmer, former school trustee for School District 68, a clinical psychologist and a life-long advocate for the environment;

Heather Baitz, chair of the Nanaimo Climate Action Hub, volunteer with the BC Climate Alliance and the West Coast Climate Action Network, and clinical psychologist;

Karl Perrin, UU and long-time climate activist, who, he said, decided in 1993 to fight climate change until 2030, when he will turn to his son and say, “I did my best.”

The event is free, and will be available on [Zoom](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83431929559?pwd=N1NIY0VhcmJQanpmZFJOS2FWbFQwUT09) as well as being held in person.