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# Taking Action & Self Care Worksheets

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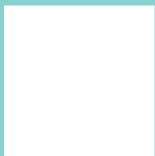
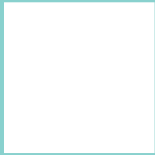
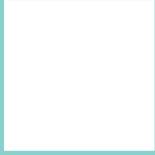
What is your vision for the world?



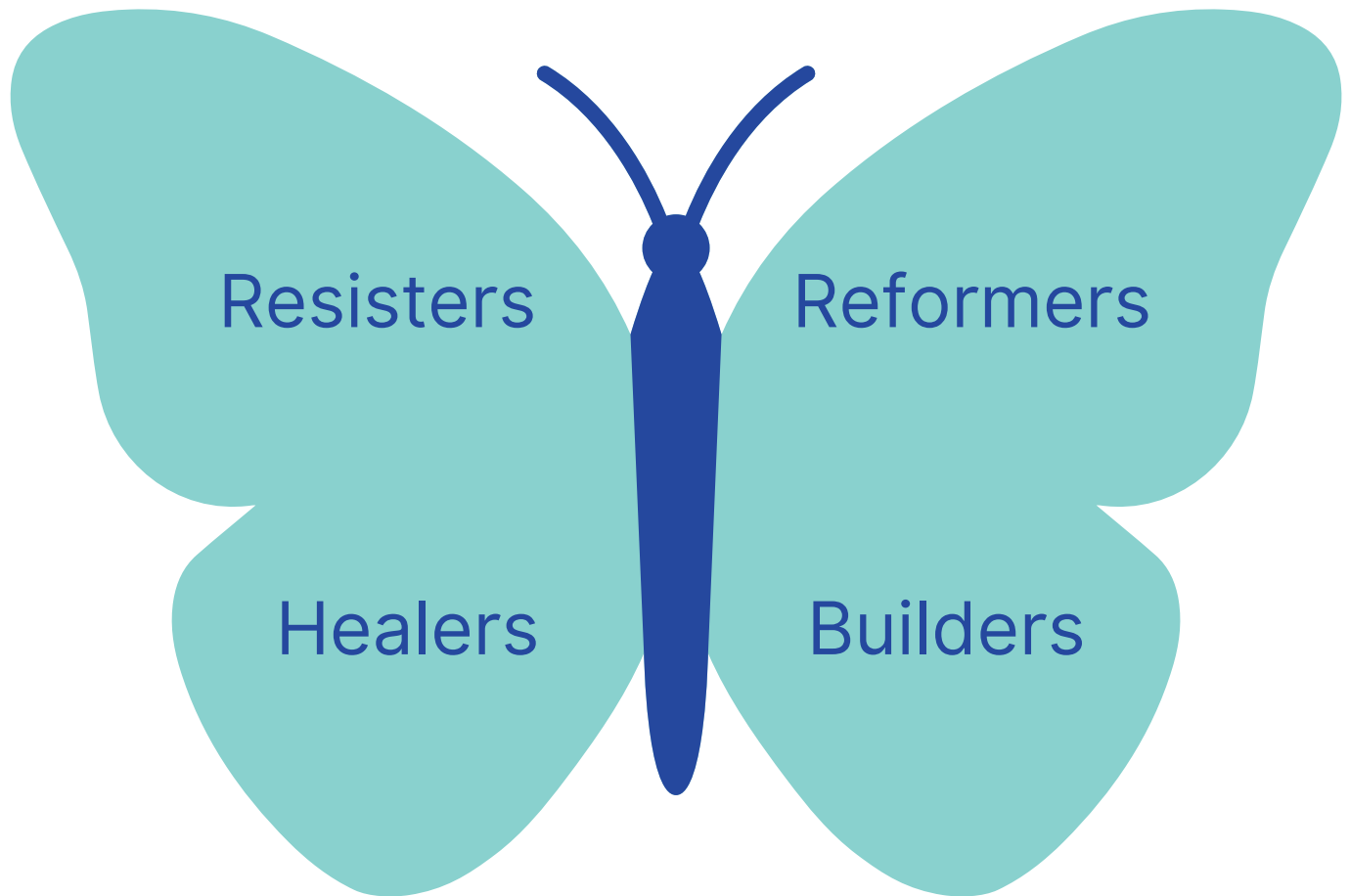
Climate Action Venn Diagram  
by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson. The  
worksheets in this guide will help you  
create your own venn diagram to  
determine your climate action.



What inspires you to take action to address the climate crisis?



Using the butterfly model of transformative social justice, Leah Penniman described the four wings of movement change as:



Examples of each (you can be more than one!):

Resisters: protestors

Reformers: educators, advocates, lawyers

Builders: creators of alternative & new systems

Healers: therapists, artists, musicians

The climate crisis requires systems changes that start with local actions. What issues do you believe are important to address?  
*(ex. education, green energy, forestry, alternative transportation)*



Addressing the climate crisis:

what are your interests or skills?

*(ex. art, science, advocacy, writing, nature)*

*"Apply your skills to heal the world."*

*-Joanna Macy*



How can you use your skills to take meaningful action in your community?





What resources do you HAVE to take action?



What resources do you NEED to take action?



There is no climate hero to save us. We all must act together to address the climate crisis. Who can you connect and work with?



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Who are your supporters to help you take action? And who do you support?

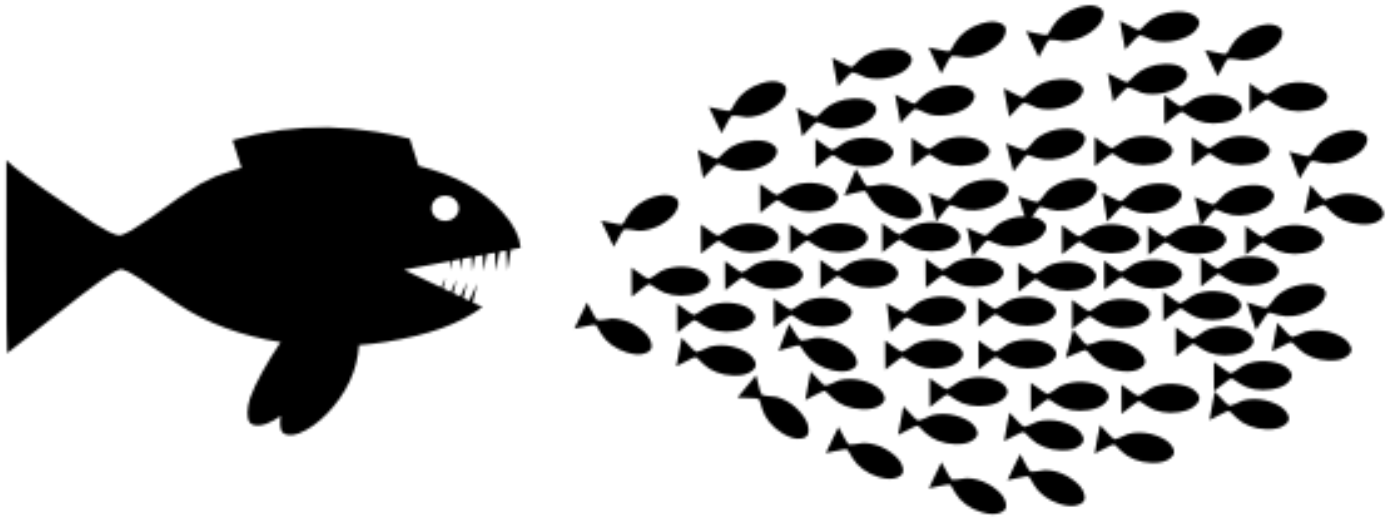
*(ex: parents, friends, siblings, teachers, colleagues, faith leaders)*



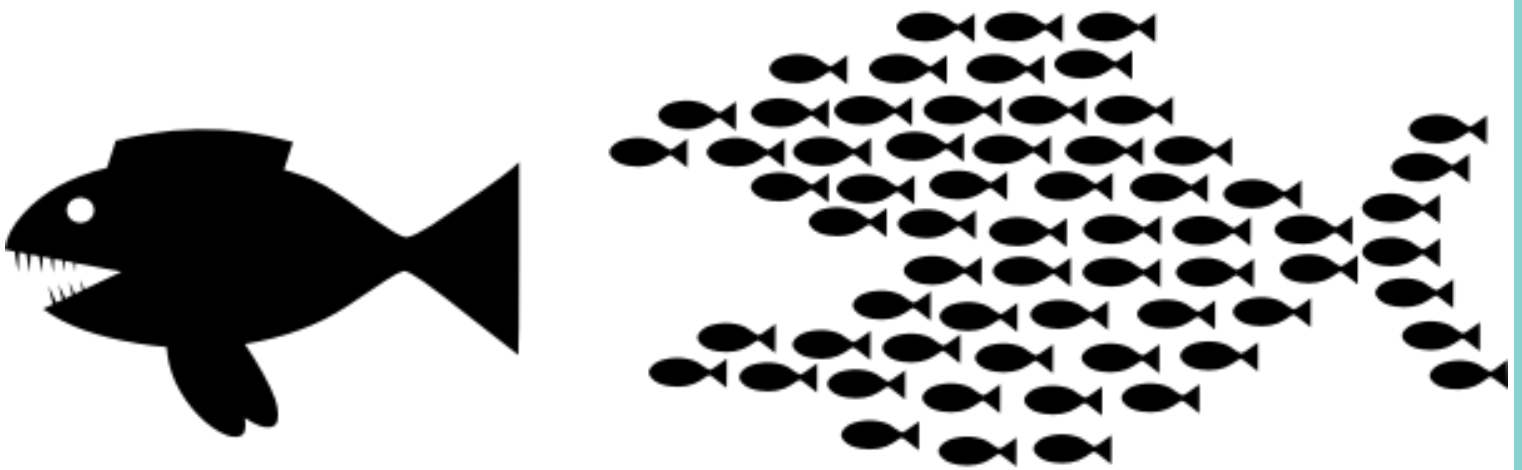
## The Midwest Academy Strategy Chart

Goal	Decision-Maker	Organizational Considerations	Constituency People Power	Tactics
<p><b>Long-Term</b> Visionary Goal What you really want. Example: Fair and livable wages for all workers in state! <b>Are impacted communities a part of process?</b></p> <p><b>Intermediate</b> What you are trying to win now. Example: \$15 state minimum wage law. <b>How will you make sure victory secures equity? Does affect different groups differently?</b></p> <p><b>Short-Term</b> A step to the Intermediate Goal. Example: Get Rep. Smith to vote yes.  <i>Goals are always concrete improvements in people's lives!</i></p>	<p><b>The person who has the power to give you what you want!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elected or appointed or corporate?</li> <li>Do you have electoral or consumer power?</li> <li>Analyze your potential power over them very concretely so that you can use it strategically!</li> </ul> <p><i>Always a person with a name, not an institution!</i></p> <p><b>How does the decision-maker talk about/ignore race, gender, sexuality etc.?</b></p> <p><b><u>Are there divisions in the decision-maker's base along identity lines?</u></b></p>	<p><b>What resources can you put in now?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of people?</li> <li>Social media lists?</li> <li>How much time?</li> <li>Meeting space, copiers, etc.</li> <li>Money?</li> </ul> <p><i>Be Specific! Use numbers!</i> <b>How will you engage impacted communities in campaign development?</b></p> <p><b>How will you build your organization?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many new members?</li> <li>Money to raise?</li> <li>New leaders?</li> <li>Public recognition</li> </ul> <p><i>How much? How many? Be specific!</i></p> <p><b>Internal problems?</b> <u>How to solve/reduce.</u></p>	<p><b>Who cares about the issue?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whose problem is it most directly?</li> <li>What do they gain if they win?</li> <li>Who else will be an ally on this issue?</li> <li>What power do they have over the Decision Maker?</li> <li>How are they organized; where can you find them?</li> <li>What risks are they taking?</li> </ul> <p><i>How many? Be specific!</i></p> <p><b>Are there cultural factors to account for? What oppression analysis do they bring? Are there power differentials?</b></p> <p><b>Opponents?</b> <u>Can you neutralize or divide any opponents?</u></p>	<p><b>How you will show power to the D-M so they will say yes to the goals?</b></p> <p><b>1. Show power directly to the Decision-Maker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter writing</li> <li>Petitions</li> <li>Phone calling</li> <li>Social Media Tactics</li> <li>Group Visits to Decision Makers</li> <li>Media Events</li> <li>Rallies, Actions</li> <li>Public Forums</li> <li>Strategic Civil Disobedience</li> <li>Etc., etc. – be creative!</li> </ul> <p><b>Are your tactics culturally appropriate? How will you talk about race/identity publicly?</b></p> <p><b>2. Public Education and Organization Building</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teach-Ins</li> <li>Media events, etc.</li> <li>Social Media</li> <li>Rallies/Banners</li> </ul>

# The impacts of collective action & organizing



***ORGANIZE!***



Each climate action we take can make a difference.

What are the potential ripple effects of your climate actions in your community, region, nation and the world?



# How do you practice self care to prevent burnout in your activism?

*(see tips at [climatementalhealth.net/resources](https://climatementalhealth.net/resources))*

## Physically.



## Mentally.



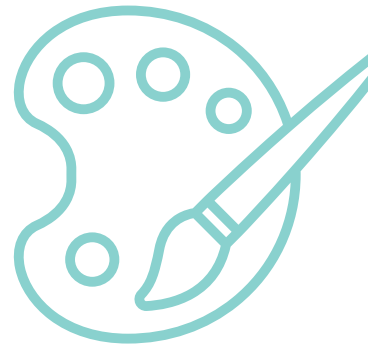
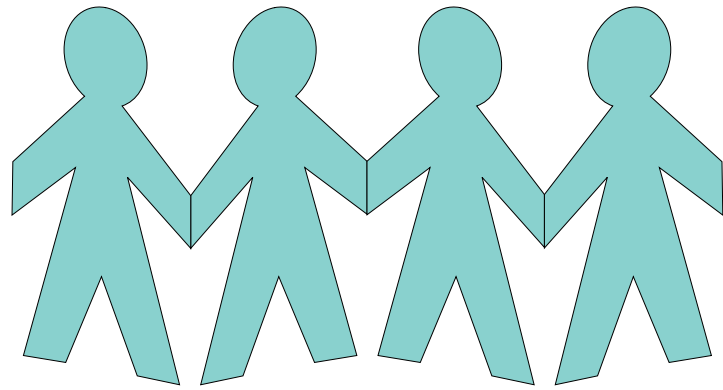
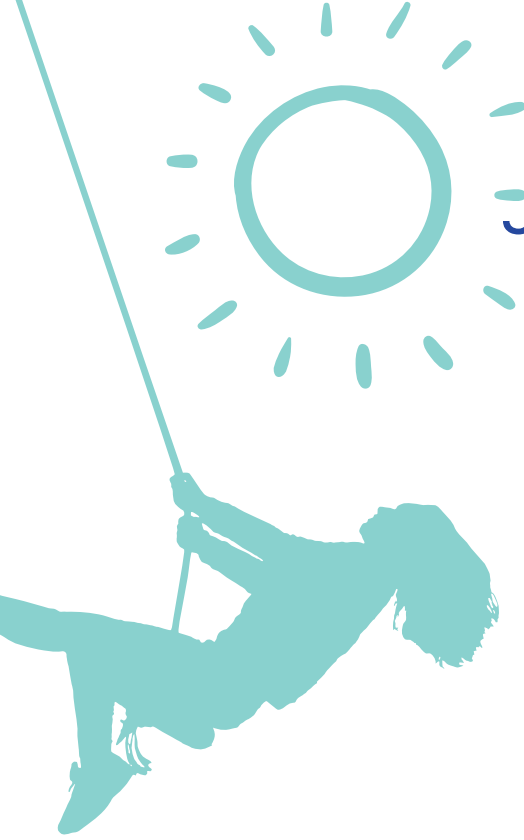
## Emotionally.



## Spiritually.



# Joy and Gratitude





What brings you joy?  
What are you grateful for?



# More Resources

[ClimateMentalHealth.Net/Resources](#)

[Active Hope](#) by Joanna Macy

[Work That Reconnects](#)

[Midwest Academy](#) & the [Strategy Chart for Organizing](#)

[Climate Action Venn Diagram](#)

[CMHN Recommended Books List](#)

[Project Drawdown: Climate Solutions](#)

Organizing for Social Change by Kimberly A. Bobo, Jackie Kendall and Steve Max

Heather Booth's [10 Tips for Organizing](#)

[Bali Principles](#) (United Nations)

[Jimenez Organizing Principles](#)