

**Northampton Friends Meeting
Voluntary Carbon Tax Witness Pledge**

I am joining the Northampton Friends Meeting Voluntary Carbon Tax Witness (VCTW) in order to:

- Witness to myself and others my urgent concern for the earth,
- Act in common with others around this concern,
- Raise my awareness of my own energy usage and encourage myself to reduce it,
- Take a step to repair damage done to the earth by energy use and act to reverse further climate change, and
- Help overcome my sense of powerlessness and isolation in addressing climate change.

*The manner of determining your voluntary carbon tax is entirely up to you. You may include **any** or **all** of the categories suggested below. Examples might be:*

- For **gasoline**: X cents per mile traveled, or X cents per mile excluding work-related travel, or X cents per gallon purchased, or X percent of your actual cost, a fixed amount X per quarter, etc.
- For **heating**: X cents per gallon of oil, or X percent of your heating bills, or if you rent and don't know the actual fuel cost, X percent of your guess about fuel cost, etc.
- You may also wish to consider the carbon cost of **nonlocal and/or processed food**. And if you are using **renewable energy**, you may wish to take a credit for the cost.

Whatever you decide, please fill in the blanks. The method of calculation and the amount are entirely up to you. This pledge form simply offers you the opportunity to make a clear and definite commitment. You can submit a revised form at any time.

An online calculator at <http://voluntarycarbontax.org/gascal/gascal.html> may be helpful; it will let you experiment to see what your estimated tax would be using various methods.

I pledge to calculate my voluntary carbon tax using the following categories and methods:

___ Gasoline: _____

___ Public transportation (bus, plane, etc.): _____

___ Home (heat, cooking, hot water): _____

___ Electricity: _____

___ Food (nonlocal and/or processes): _____

___ Credit (renewable energy use): _____

At the end of each quarter (March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31), I agree to calculate my voluntary carbon tax. I will give the Northampton Friends Meeting VCTW fund steward, Maureen Flannery, a check for my pledge written to Northampton Friends Meeting (with "carbon tax" on the memo line). I understand that I will be invited to participate in discernment about the use of the collected funds.

While the details of my pledge and amount of my contribution will be known only to the fund steward, I understand that information on the total pledged and the recipients of funds will be shared with the Meeting community and with others involved in carbon tax witness.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____ Starting date _____

Please indicate (x) the best way to contact you:

() Email: _____ () Phone: _____

() Mail: _____

Signature: _____

***Please keep a copy of this pledge as a reminder of your commitment.
More information is available at <http://VoluntaryCarbonTax.org/>***