

Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves. The Earth is the only world known so far to harbor life.

– Carl Sagan, *Pale Blue Dot: A Vision of the Human Future in Space*

Fall Appeal 2021

Join ASP and Advocate for Planet Earth



Dear Friend of the ASP,

For over 133 years, the ASP has used the awe and wonder of the universe to improve the public’s understanding of science. School teachers receive astronomy lessons and materials created through our programs, young children and their families enjoy our storybooks & hands-on activities, and amateur astronomers receive the tools and training to engage the public in observing the night sky. All because of your generous support!

The ASP announces the launch of a new and critically important initiative – **to use the lens of astronomy to help people understand what contributes to global climate change and what can be done to save our fragile planet.**

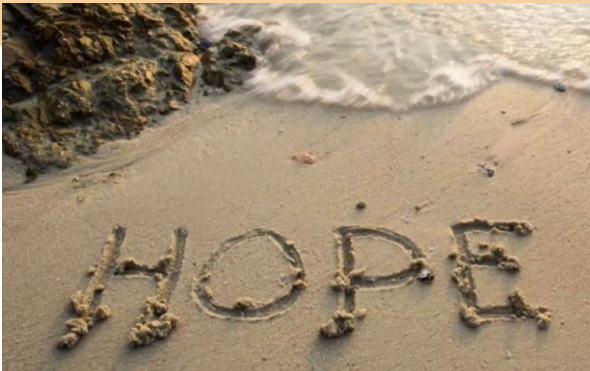
Astronomers offer a unique perspective on the Earth’s climate crisis. We know how excess carbon dioxide contributes to the heating of Venus’s surface. Using Earth-observing satellites, we have been monitoring our planet’s failing health for decades. We have discovered and investigated many thousands of exoplanets and understand how unique and rare our planet is in terms of its ability to sustain life.



“Even as we revel in discoveries of planets circling distant stars, we are acutely aware that, for humans and every living thing on Earth, there is no Planet B”

– Astronomers for Planet Earth

The ASP’s climate change education initiative has taken its first steps! Over 150 astronomers and astronomy educators from around the world, eager to learn how they can be better communicators and advocates for the Earth, shared their perspectives and passions at our Virtual Summer Symposium: Addressing Climate Change from an Astronomical Perspective. The meeting was held jointly with Astronomers for Planet Earth, a grass-roots international movement uniting astronomy students, educators, and scientists to share their perspectives about the Earth and climate change with the public.



Donate today and support this critically important initiative to educate and bring awareness to the many ways people can address the existential threat posed by the climate crisis. It’s never too late to start.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Shore, EdD
CEO, Astronomical Society of the Pacific

P.S. Your monthly donation, no matter how small, makes a difference and gives you the security of knowing you are making a long-term investment in astronomy education. Visit us online at atrosociety.org/donation for easy set up.

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Donors of \$500 and up will also receive a hardbound notebook celebrating our planet day and night.



Donors of \$1,000 receive all three including this gorgeous book of planet Earth from space.