

Climate Justice

What is it?

Why is it important?

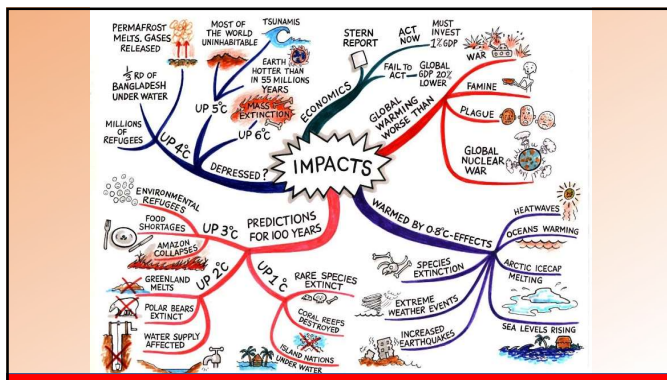
Why should we be involved?

How can we be involved?

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Climate Justice

"Climate justice is a shift from a discourse on greenhouse gases and melting ice caps into a civil rights movement with the people and communities most vulnerable to climate impacts at its heart. Thanks to the recent marches, strikes and protests by hundreds of thousands of schoolchildren, we have begun to understand the intergenerational injustice of climate change.

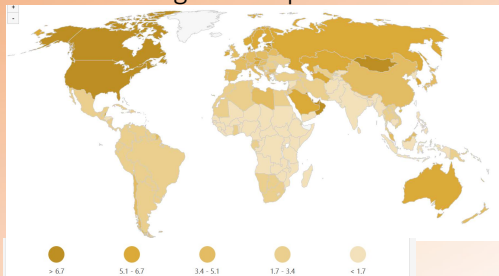
Young people are part of the means of implementation and creators of opportunities – not just beneficiaries"

Mary Robinson, the former President of Ireland and the current Chair of the Elders, and **Deon Shekuzi**, a young climate activist from Namibia, UN General Assembly's High-level Meeting on the Protection of the Global Climate for Present and Future Generations in March 2019.

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2019/05/climate-justice/>

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Global ecological footprint



The 'Ecological Footprint per person' is a nation's total Ecological Footprint divided by that nation's total population. To live within the means of our planet resources, the world's Ecological Footprint would have to equal the available biocapacity per person on our planet, which is currently 1.7 global hectares. If a nation's Ecological Footprint per person is 6.8 global ha, its citizens are demanding 4 times the resources and wastes what our planet can regenerate and absorb in the atmosphere.


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Every. Last. Drop

- Significant impact on communities in Kenya.
- Extreme and unpredictable weather patterns – is this fair?
- Lack reliable source of water – can anyone withhold water?
- Drought more frequent and intense
- Millions short of food - staple crops (maize and beans) fail. Cows, sheep and goats weaken, no milk or stock to sell.
- 2020 relentless rain and floods after a severe drought.
- Coronavirus pandemic increases urgent need for reliable water.
- In Kitui county, 8 out of 10 people depend on water to grow crops, for food and to earn a living.
- Long walks to find and fetch water (see U.N.S.D. goals)



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Christian aid

- Christian Aid working with communities in partnership with Anglican Development Services Eastern (ADSE)
- Mud dams change lives (water + time for nearby vegetable crops, beekeeping = food + honey to sell)




And so do water boreholes (ACTOM)

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"What are **you** going to do for us?"





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THE TIME IS NOW

The Time Is Now is a campaign run by The Climate Coalition the UK's largest group of people dedicated to action against climate change.

June 2019 - biggest ever mass lobby for climate, nature and people

2020 - first ever virtual lobby of Parliament

telling politicians that #TheTimesNow to put cleaner, greener, fairer future at the heart of plans to rebuild a strong economy.



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"The more we see the created order simply in relation to our own wants, our own needs, let alone our own greed and acquisitiveness, the further away we are from God."

Archbishop Rowan Williams

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Methodist Way of Life: Service

- We will help people in our communities and beyond.
- We will care for creation and all God's gifts.
- We will challenge injustice.

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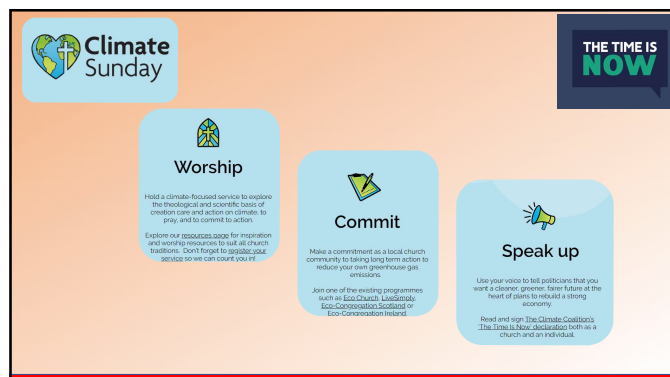
Environment and Climate Change

A crucial time for churches to learn more about the impact of climate change, to call for climate justice and to commit to reduce our own carbon footprint.

Key to the Methodist Church's response is:

- Continue taking steps to reduce our carbon footprint in with others e.g. [Eco Church](#).
- Improve understanding of the challenges of climate change and developing a Christian response.
- [Climate Justice for All](#), a youth led campaign working at international level to highlight the global challenges facing communities ahead of COP26 in November.
- Encourage every church to take part in a [Climate Sunday](#) service and commit to further action.
- Work ecumenically through the [Joint Public Issues Team](#) to promote resources and action for climate justice.
- Praying for the world.

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WHY IS COP26 SO IMPORTANT?

Annual meeting of world leaders at United Nations climate action summits
Discuss addressing the climate crisis by limiting greenhouse gas emissions and global warming.



2021 - UK hosting two critical summits: G7 in June and COP26 in November

A major check-in point to review countries' ambitions on climate action critical to getting the world on track to limit global warming to below 1.5°C

Reducing unwanted emissions is only part of the solution to changing the impact of climate injustices on people, places and lives here in the UK and abroad.

The Time is NOW to use our voices to call governments for actions for a just and green recovery. Climate Justice for all includes: changing lifestyles; food, water, vaccines and healthcare for all; addressing poverty and social injustice.

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#WaveOfHope toolkit <https://crackthecrises.org/>

Homemade 'hands' with messages of hope in windows, adding photos to a gallery, for displaying at the G7 and COP26; and to show that we stand united with people like Rose and Florence and with communities like Mariakana in Kenya (left).

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Five key areas of church life:

- Worship and teaching
- Management of church buildings
- Management of church land
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/denominational-awards/eco-circuit/>

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