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Cal-Nev Climate Justice Ministries September 2025 Newsletter

“Climate justice through faith-inspired connection, education, advocacy, and action”



The Anglican Church in the UK voted in July 2020 for the whole of the Church of England to achieve Net Zero carbon by 2030. The vote recognized that the global climate emergency is both a crisis for God’s creation and a fundamental injustice. The Church of England’s ambitious program aims to equip, resource and support all parts of the Church to reduce carbon emissions from the energy used in its buildings, schools and through work-related transport by 2030. **Be inspired** by [watching their latest video](#) highlighting the impacts of the program so far and [reading their 2024 report](#).

As the [open letter of September 2, 2025 sent from the UM Creation Justice Movement to the Council of Bishops](#) says, we too must move from words to action to address the spiritual and ecological crises afflicting God’s Creation.

In this issue of our newsletter are some opportunities to **advocate** for change, examples of how to **connect** with God, ways to **educate** ourselves, and some ideas for **action**.

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Blessings,

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Advocacy



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advocacy



Advocacy through petitions, phone calls,
letters, visits, boycotts, marches, protests

Open Letter to the Council of Bishops

In this time of growing environmental and human rights urgency, the Coordinating Team of the *United Methodist Creation Justice Movement*, with love and hope for people and creation, gathered to write this letter to The United Methodist Council of Bishops. Given the importance of the Episcopacy as denominational leaders, our hope is that our bishops will not only read the letter but take it to heart and seriously contemplate how they, and we as a denomination, can incorporate creation justice in all aspects of United Methodist ministry.

Open Letter

Action Alerts

Our partner organizations presently have a number of action alerts that you are encourage to join and to publicize.

From the UM Creation Justice Movement

- [Don't Let the Administration Rescind the Endangerment Finding](#)
- [Tell Your Member of Congress to Fully Fund Key Climate and Energy Programs](#)
- [Block the Trump Delay on Methane Rule](#)

From Creation Justice Ministries

- [Call on Congress to Protect Creation Care Funding](#)

From Interfaith Power & Light

- [Oppose the EPA's Dangerous Rollbacks](#)

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Connection

Climate Justice through faith-inspired connection



Connection with God, creation and others;
and telling our stories

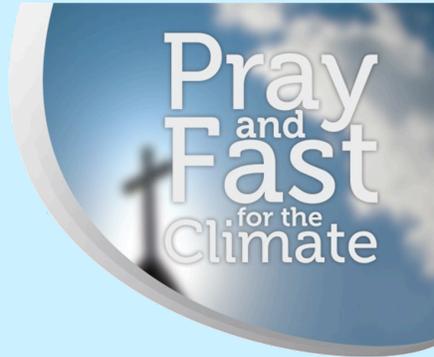
Season of Creation



The Season of Creation is an annual, ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for creation that Christians on six continents have commemorated for many years. The season starts on September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. The 2025 theme is ***Peace with Creation***.

- The [official resources are on the Season of Creation website](#).
- Our United Methodist Creation Justice Movement has produced its own resources called the [Serviceberry](#).
- Read this article [Why the Church Needs a Season of Creation](#) by Avery Davis Lamb, Co-Executive Director of Creation Justice Ministries, written for the Christian Reformed Church.
- The [Creation Justice Ministries' Green Lectionary Podcast](#) (or [here](#)) has weekly reflections on scripture and environmental justice from diverse voices during the Season of Creation.
- [A Rocha UK has resources](#) including talks, prayers, worship and service ideas and more.

Monthly Prayer Points



Pray and Fast for the Climate is a movement of Christians praying and fasting on the 1st of each month for climate justice. They started off in the UK, but now include people from around the world. They produce a set of **monthly prayer points**. These could be used in a variety of ways including in prayers of intercession in Sunday worship services.

Monthly Prayer Points

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Education

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education



Education through books, websites, podcasts,
webinars, conferences, retreats, speakers

Church & Society Resources

Church & Society has some [new and updated resources](#) reflecting the current 2025-2028 Social Principles, GBCS advocacy positioning, and cross references from the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline and 2020/2024 Book of Resolutions.

These include:

- The new Social Principles which are available in a [print edition from Cokesbury](#) (English only, \$9.99) and are [freely downloadable here](#) in English, Filipino, French, German, Ilocano, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swahili.
- [Creating Change Together: A toolkit for Faithful Civic Engagement](#) (\$5.00) which unpacks options for strategies and tactics to influence local and national public concerns.
- [Building Power Together: A Toolkit for Advocates in Leadership](#) (\$5.00) unpacks and explores how to build sustainable movements that lead to justice and peace.

Offshore Wind Projects

This letter/article written on [August 30, 2025 by Heather Cox Richardson](#), a professor of American history at Boston College, responds to the announcement that the Transportation Department has cancelled \$679 million in funding for offshore wind projects, and the Department of Energy announcement that it is withdrawing a \$716 million loan guarantee to complete infrastructure for an offshore wind project in New Jersey. *Letters from an American* is a nightly newsletter that chronicles current events in the larger context of American history.

Note: You can read this article without subscribing to the substack.

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Action



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action



Action to care for the earth through changed
individual habits and church green teams

Building Arks

What happens when our institutions fail to protect us from climate disaster?

This article in [Sojourner's](#) by [Avery Davis Lamb](#), Co-Executive Director of Creation Justice Ministries, explores how faith communities can become “arks” of refuge and resilience—offering care, justice, and hope in a time of growing environmental harm. A powerful read for anyone discerning how to respond when policy falls short.

Note: You can read 2 articles on the Sojourner's website each month without a subscription.

Article

September Tips - Who Are You?



The “Community of All Creation” is first in the United Methodist Social Principles. It affirms that you are part of the Beloved Community with a sacred calling to care for all creation. Here are ways you can...

As a ROLE MODEL, you can... show family, friends, colleagues, neighbors through your actions that taking care of creation and justice are important and possible. Using words is also helpful.

As an INFLUENCER, you can... use your social media posts to celebrate down-to-earth pleasures of family, friends, and nature rather than conspicuous consumption of out-of-this-world extravagances.

As a PARTICIPANT, you can... suggest, advocate for, and make happen more sustainable practices in your congregation, organizations, workplace, school, and housing (condo or development homeowners association, apartment complex, senior living facility).

Read the [complete list of tips](#) to find out what you can do as an ORGANIZER, CONSUMER, CITIZEN, SUPPORTER, DOER, INVESTOR, and INVESTIGATOR.

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