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# Cal-Nev Climate Justice Ministries COP 30 news

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

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The Conference of the Parties (COP) is the governing body of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, where world leaders, scientists,

Indigenous voices, and civil society groups come together each year to negotiate and advance collective climate action. These gatherings are crucial moments of global discernment, where nations assess progress and renew their commitment to safeguarding our planet. COP 30 is being held in Belém, Brazil in the heart of the Amazon region, from November 10-21, 2025.

The Global Board of Church & Society (GBCS) has observer status at COP30. [Rev. Dr. Becca Edwards](#) is the United Methodist Climate and Energy Fellow working with the General Board of Church and Society and she will be attending COP30 in Brazil. GBCS also has slots for official virtual observers, so five Conference Caretaker Coordinators from the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement will be attending virtually from the comfort of their own homes. **We are pleased to announce that our Task Force Chair, [Rev. Joan Pell](#), is one of those virtual observers.** The others are Rev. Laura Baumgartner, Rev. Jonathan Brake, Rev. Mel Caraway, and Nate Weiland.

In the closing remarks of his 8<sup>th</sup> and final letter before the start of COP30, President Designate André Aranha Corrêa do Lago said: “COP30 takes place at the epicentre of the climate crisis. Yet from rising waters and changing skies, a deeper strength is emerging – the determination of people to protect what they love. In Belém, let us honour that determination and transform it into a global agenda guided by care, not indifference; by interdependence, not individualism; by courage, not resignation. In Belém, where the rivers meet the sea, let us renew the alliance between humanity and nature – turning vulnerability into solidarity, cooperation into resilience, and adaptation into evolution. **Changing by choice, together.**”

**COP30 News on our website**

On our [website](#), you will find a COP30 section with background information about COP30, prayers and devotionals, plus links to daily updates written by the United Methodist observers.

**COP30 News**

## Background Information

- [United Nations COP30 Website](#)
- [Presidency Website](#)
- International Institute for Sustainable Development: [What to Expect at COP30](#)
- Greenpeace: [5 things you need to know about COPs](#)
- BBC: [What is COP30 and why does it matter?](#)
- Fossil Free UMC: [Competing Worldviews at COP 30](#)
- World Council of Churches: [Faith leaders position COP30 as "People's COP"](#)

**COP 30 Information**

## Prayers and Devotionals

- **COP Prayer (UK)** - a group of concerned Episcopalians - [daily prayer and reflections](#) on the theme *Our Voices Matter*.
- **Lutherans Restoring Creation** - a [downloadable daily devotional from Nov. 10 -21](#) (with a bonus devotion for Nov. 22, if the conference is extended)

- EcoJesuit - [Daily Prayers and Reflections for COP30](#).
- Interfaith Liaison Committee – [Multifaith Prayers and Meditations for COP30](#).  
Plus this special [time of meditation for Monday November 10](#).
- Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) UK- [Prayers of Intercession](#) for Sundays Nov 9 & Nov 16.
- Tearfund - [How to pray for COP30](#)

**COP 30 Prayers & Devotionals**

## Updates

Links to daily updates, written by United Methodists who will be attending the event in-person and virtually, will be **posted daily during the conference**.

**COP 30 Updates**

## Movement Café



The theme for the November United Methodist Creation Justice Movement Café is

*Global Connections for Climate Justice.* At this Movement Cafe we will hear stories that demonstrate the power of global conversations in the local church and annual conferences. Presenters will address both COP30, which will be in progress during the Cafe, and the World Council of Churches (WCC) Decade of Climate Action.

The virtual Café is on November 19 at 10 a.m. PT on Zoom. [Register here](#). The recording will also be available afterwards at the same link:

**UMCJM November Cafe Details**

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