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Cal-Nev Climate Justice Ministries December 2025 Newsletter

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

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"Advent brings us into a space of longing for a world set right and gives us a vision for a restored creation where God's shalom reigns. ... By longing for a renewed creation as God intends, by actively longing for spiritual and ecological renewal, restoration, and regeneration, we can offer a powerful witness to a world hungry for vision that is hopeful and longing that is active."

[\(How the Longing of Advent Points Us Toward Creation Care by Nate Rauh-Bieri\)](#) article on the Faith Forward Reformed Church Press website)

As we wait with longing, in this issue of our newsletter are some glimpses of hope with some Advent ideas, COP30 news plus some opportunities for ways to connect, act, advocate and learn.

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For other UMC creation justice opportunities & news, read the [United Methodist Creation Justice Movement December newsletter](#).

Merry Christmas!

Rev. Joan Pell

Chair, California-Nevada Climate Justice Ministries Task Force

Conference Caretakers of God's Creation Coordinator

Advent

*Here are some ideas for creation care this **Advent** through faith-inspired connection, education, advocacy, and action.*

Connection: Spend 10 minutes each day mindfully outdoors this Advent connecting with Creation -- perhaps in the same place every day -- notice how life adjusts to the changing of seasons. Which creatures are migrating? Which are going into hibernation? How are the plants and the soil responding to rain? Can you catch a glimpse of the complicated systems at work which capture moisture and nutrients and share them? What lessons might you learn from your more-than-human neighbors?

Education: Give the gift of a book about creation care and climate justice from our [list of recommended climate justice books](#).

Advocacy: Download the [Climate Action Now](#) app and take the recommended daily planet saving advocacy actions in seconds or minutes.

Action: United Methodists are called to be good stewards of the earth and our natural resources all year round. Yet for many of us Christmas can be a time of excess. Every year Americans produce 25% more waste during the December holidays. As we enter Advent, watch this 2023 video from Resource UMC which presents some simple ideas for how to create less waste during the holidays. Share this with your green team and your congregation and encourage your members to be environmentally-conscious this Christmas.



COP30



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[On our website](#) in the COP30 section is a page summarizing, analyzing and reflecting on the outcomes of the United Nations COP30 Climate Change Conference. Rev. Joan Pell was one of the official virtual observers, and you can also read the daily updates that were written during COP30 by her and the other five UM Conference Caretakers from around the US.

COP 30 outcomes & daily updates

The UM Observers wrote a joint reflection at the end of COP30 that was published on the UMCJM blog.

COP 30 reflection by UMC Observers

COP30 ended with no roadmap for a phaseout of fossil fuels, and Rev. Sharon Delgado from Fossil Free UMC has written a post on this entitled *“Fossil Fuels”: The New “F” Word*. As she says: *The cost of ignoring the need to phase out and divest from fossil fuels is too high, even if bringing it up is controversial or divisive: “the science is settled; what’s missing is the resolve to act on it.” This is no time to mince words or try to craft a message that is palatable.*

“Fossil Fuels”: The New “F” Word

Connection



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

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Bishops Prioritize Creation Care



BISHOP DOTTIE ESCOBEDO-FRANK
LOS ANGELES EPISCOPAL AREA

The Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church have responded to UM Creation Justice Movement's Open Letter with a strong statement in support of creation justice and climate action. Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank also made a video statement.

The bishops affirmed their commitment to implementing the decisions made at the 2024 General Conference, including creating Green Teams in churches, districts and conferences. They also encouraged local churches to engage with partners in the Ecumenical Decade for Climate Justice Action launched by the World Council of Churches.

- [COB Statement](#)
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Action



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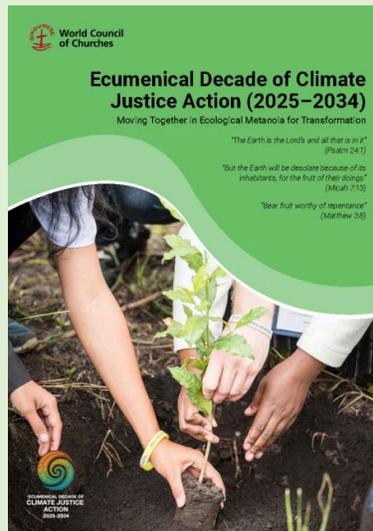
Climate Justice through faith-inspired action



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

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Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action



The Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action (2025–2034) that the [Council of Bishops urged us to support](#) is a bold invitation from the World Council of Churches and ecumenical partners worldwide: a pilgrimage of repentance, renewal, and action to confront the climate emergency with courage, hope, and love.

The Decade is not just a campaign or a project. It is a spiritual pilgrimage and a prophetic movement of churches worldwide.

- **Spiritual Journey:** Lament, repent, and renew discipleship rooted in care for creation.
- **Prophetic Witness:** Speak truth to power, challenge injustice, and advocate for systemic change.

- **Practical Action:** Transition churches to renewable energy, build resilience in communities, and support adaptation and biodiversity.
- **Living Witness:** Become sanctuaries of sustainability, centres of resilience, and voices of hope.

As churches and faith communities, we have both moral authority and global presence. Now is the time to lead – by repenting of complicity, resisting ecological sin, and reclaiming our vocation as caretakers of God’s creation.

[Download the brochure](#) and encourage your church Green Team to get involved.

[Ecumenical Decade details](#)

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Advocacy



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

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Oppose Offshore Leasing Plan

An Action Alert from [Earthjustice](#). The administration is accepting public comments for a new proposal to expand offshore drilling into the Atlantic, Pacific, and the Gulf of America. This puts God's marine creation at risk due to the implicated dangers of oil and gas drilling. Send a message to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

Oppose the Expansion of Oil Drilling

Protect the Endangered Species Act

An Action Alert from [Creation Justice Ministries](#). The Trump administration has proposed a set of new rules that would weaken the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in ways that could bring imminent harm to precious imperiled species. As the climate crisis continues to threaten the biodiversity of Creation, we must do all we can to protect all creatures who are at risk.

Sign the CJM Petition

Earthjustice also has a [fuller description](#) and a [letter to customize and sign](#).

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Education



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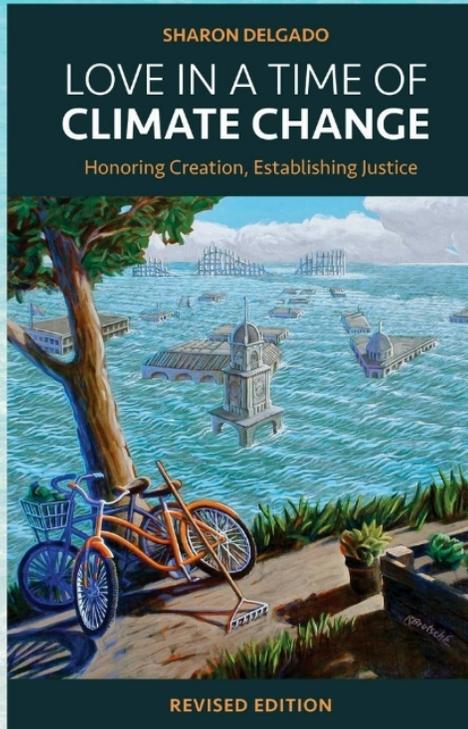
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education



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

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Love in a Time of Climate Change



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Book Release January 13, 2026

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Establishing Justice*
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Coming Soon: The Revised Edition of [Love in a Time of Climate Change](#). Author Sharon Delgado is launching a digital speaking tour to coincide with this book's January 13 release. Find out about her [books and presentations here](#). [Contact Sharon](#) to request a free Audiobook sample.

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