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Cal-Nev Climate Justice Ministries February 2026 Newsletter

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

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With the never-ending news of weather-related disasters linked to global warming, and the rolling back of climate protections, denials of scientific evidence and stories of injustice, it is easy to lose hope and be paralyzed by fear or filled with panic. Perhaps you feel like you are on journey through a wilderness? A few years ago Rev. Adam Hamilton wrote a book called *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*. The book addresses the fear, anxiety, and worry that permeate our lives today. Adam Hamilton invites us to:

Face our fears with faith and a bias of hope.
Examine our assumptions in light of the facts.
Attack our anxieties with action.
Release our cares to God.

May we faithfully hold onto hope, look at the facts using reliable sources, and then before we release our cares to God, let us not forget to take some action, remembering that action also includes advocacy. We are called to be good stewards

of creation, to love one another, and to do justice, so let us step forward, carrying the light of Christ with us, and courageously do everything that is within our power to do. Remember that God has promised never to leave us, nor forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6).

Our climate justice work is an important part of this year's California-Nevada conference theme, which is ***Healing the World***. During Lent, our conference is publishing 40 days of devotions based on this theme, and six of those devotions will be written by our Task Force.

In this issue of our newsletter are some opportunities for ways to connect, educate, act and advocate.

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

Blessings,

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Chair, California-Nevada Climate Justice Ministries Task Force

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Connection



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

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Spring Earth Connect Retreat



Register Now!

Saturday April 25

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Loomis First UMC

6414 Brace Road, Loomis, CA 95650

Our Earth Connect spring retreat is at Loomis First UMC; this is being organized by our Task Force and is open to everyone.

\$20 suggested donation (but no one will be turned away). [Registration](#) is now open to reserve your spot.

Full details can be found here at climate-cnumc.org/retreat.

For more information, please contact [Rev. Liza Klein](#).

United Methodists Invited to Participate in Leadership Gathering Initiative via Survey, Webinars

The Council of Bishops is hosting a Leadership Gathering in October 2026. This month, all United Methodists are invited to [participate in a survey](#) on their priorities

and vision 50 years into the future for the UMC. We believe this is an important opportunity to encourage these leaders to plan for church in a climate-changed world. The Design Team has committed that 80% of survey and webinar input will be visibly integrated into the October Gathering's content. Let's make sure creation justice is clearly articulated.

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Education



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

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Top 10 Business & Human Rights Issues in 2026

The Institute for Human Rights and Business (IHRB), a UK registered charity, describe themselves as: *“the leading global think tank working to ensure corporate activity respects the rights of workers and communities. For over 15 years, we have been a trusted partner to businesses, governments, civil society and communities worldwide, together driving everyday and systemic change.”*

Their [Top 10 Business and Human Rights Issues in 2026](#) includes coverage of some issues to watch for, and advocate about, in relation to climate justice including:

- Overcoming corporate hushing and sustainability backlash

- Surmounting setbacks in sustainability legislation
- Unlocking insurance to advance human rights
- Understanding risks in asylum and immigration services
- Plugging labor shortages in the green jobs market

Learn more by reading the full details

Online Earthkeepers Training

Online Training: **May 1–16**

Application Deadline: **March 25**

Global Ministries EarthKeepers is a training program that guides U.S.-based United Methodists to develop and lead environmental sustainability projects in their communities. Training topics include eco-theology, antiracism, community organizing and project planning. Projects include community gardens, energy initiatives, food security projects, reforestation efforts and more.

This Spring training will be **offered in limited Spanish** (some materials will be available only in English).

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

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Green Teams & Lent

What is your church green team doing for Lent?

Could you help people establish a new habit in their lives? On our website, we have [some ideas for reducing the use of plastics](#). There is a list of things that individuals can do, followed by more ideas for churches, plus some educational material on plastics.

Or, can you hold a book study? On our website is a [list of recommended books](#) to read, all of which could be discussed in small groups. Rev. Sharon Delgado's new book *Love in a Time of Climate Change* has a free facilitator's guide.

19 Ways to Help the Climate Ranked

[This article from the World Resources Institute](#) (WRI) explores and ranks 19 ways that we can help to move the needle.

While governments and big businesses hold the most power to halt climate change with the ability to reshape global systems, there is still a lot we can do in our daily lives. WRI research shows that shifting a few key behaviors can significantly reduce emissions and climate impacts. And the more people who act, the bigger the collective change. The trick is knowing where to prioritize our efforts. Understanding which actions pack the biggest punch also helps us know where to aim our collective action efforts for the maximum impact.

Encourage your church green team to read this article and pick a way to take some action.

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Advocacy

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

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Tell EPA to Fully Enforce the Clean Air Act

An Action Alert from the [UM Creation Justice Movement](#).

The importance of clean air is often underappreciated. For instance, according to the two most widely-cited estimates, around [7 million deaths per year are attributed to air pollution globally](#). Yet, the US Government's Executive Branch is exempting dozens of chemical manufacturers, oil refineries, coal plants, medical device sterilizers and other polluters from Clean Air Act rules. This puts human health at risk.

Therefore, the UMCJM Advocacy Team calls on all United Methodists to ask the Environmental Protection Agency to enforce the Clean Air Act, fully and without

prejudice. The Environmental Defense Fund makes it super-easy! [Just visit the EDF's online tool](#) and follow the instructions.

Reminders:

Personalizing your message makes it much more effective.

Tell EPA your letter is motivated by your love for God & God's people.

Additional reference:

[Trump admin exempts major polluters from Clean Air Act](#) (The Hill)

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