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Cal-Nev Climate Justice Ministries April 2026 Newsletter

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

Check out our website: climate-cnumc.org



As Holy Week begins and Easter approaches, here is part of a prayer by Catherine Fish, who is a member of a UK group called Green Christian. You can [find her full prayer here](#).

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Suffering Lord, You told the women mourning for you to weep for themselves and their children. When we weep for future generations who will face the worst consequences of the climate crisis. take our tears, transforming them and us, and so help us to see our responsibility to pass on a safe, mending planet.

...

Journeying Lord, You were helped by Simon of Cyrene. May we be willing to journey too, and to carry the cross for creation. Please prompt us to work to relieve the pain of the earth, and to give sustenance for the damaged world.

...

Sacrificing Lord, Yours was no passive acceptance and submission to evil, but was faithful surrender, in the knowledge that your sacrifice was not the end, and that evil

would be overcome. Instill in us the active courage that dares to hope and carry on.

...

God of the empty tomb, grant that we may rise from the graves of human and environmental destruction, into the light of hope, to bring about Your will of harmony for all creation.

...

Risen Lord, Your resurrection has given us all new life and hope. Grant us all to rise into wisdom for right choices, and new awareness, so that all creation may live in Your Shalom. Amen.

As we move into the Easter season, let us remember the earth and the whole of creation. Wednesday April 22 is Earth Day, and there will be lots of celebrations on the weekends of April 18-19 and April 25-26. [Find events here](#). And join us in Loomis for our [Earth Connect Retreat](#) on Saturday April 25 - more details are below.

In this issue of our newsletter are some opportunities for ways to connect, take action, be an advocate, and to learn about climate justice.

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

Easter Blessings,

Rev. Joan Pell

Chair, California-Nevada Climate Justice Ministries Task Force

Conference Caretakers of God's Creation Coordinator

Connection

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

climate-cnumc.org/connection

Spring Earth Connect Retreat



Register Now!

Saturday April 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 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). You need to [register](#) to reserve your spot.

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

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

Season of Creation



For those who like to plan ahead. The **Season of Creation** is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home from September 1st, Creation Day, to October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

An ecumenical process is currently underway to elevate Creation Day to become a new feast in the liturgical calendar, and lectionary scriptures are being selected. **Tell**

your pastor that this will be a great year to celebrate the Season of Creation, whether for 5 weeks or just 1 Sunday.

Our UM Creation Justice Movement is producing its own [UM worship resources](#) for the Season of Creation. These will be made available in early July.

There is also an [ecumenical five-Sunday program for the Season of Creation](#). The theme for 2026 is *Living Water*.

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Action

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

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Tell us about your Green Team

Does your church have a green team? What do you call your green team? Perhaps there is not a specific team, but climate justice is a part of your church council business? Complete the form to let us know what is happening at your local United Methodist Church and to let us know the best person to contact.

[Complete the Form](#)

We have lots of resources for green teams on our website and information about how to get started.

[Our Green Team Resources](#)

Sacred Waters



April showers bring May flowers. That little capsule of truth reminds us how interconnected we are, which is especially true related to water. What we do matters. The UM Creation Justice Movement monthly tips in April are all about treating water as sacred and looking for ways to conserve water.

Sacred Water Tips

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Advocacy

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

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No More Wars for Oil

An Action Alert from [Elders Climate Action](#). Call on Congress to intervene to stop the Trump administration's invasions of foreign governments. This is a time when we should be moving toward clean energy instead of getting dragged into more wars over oil. Military actions in Venezuela and Iran undermine democracy in the U.S. and the safety and stability of countries around the world. Congress must do something. Clean Energy is peaceful energy—no one is fighting wars over sunlight or wind. Clean energy is cheaper and healthier. There is no reason to fight over oil anymore. Tell members of Congress to use their authority to stop any unilateral escalations or

future aggressions with foreign governments and instead fund cheaper and far more efficient solar, wind, and other clean energy sources.

Tell Congress

Protecting Communities from Chemical Emergencies

An action alert from [Earth Justice](#). Critical safeguards that protect our communities from chemical emergencies and disasters are under attack. The EPA put long-needed health and safety protections in place based on the law and science in 2024 to save lives and prevent chemical emergencies. Now, the Trump administration wants to take our country backward on safety. Trump's Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to end and weaken community safety rules after caving to pressure from big corporate polluters. Tell the EPA not to take these critical safeguards away from families.

Tell the EPA

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Education

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

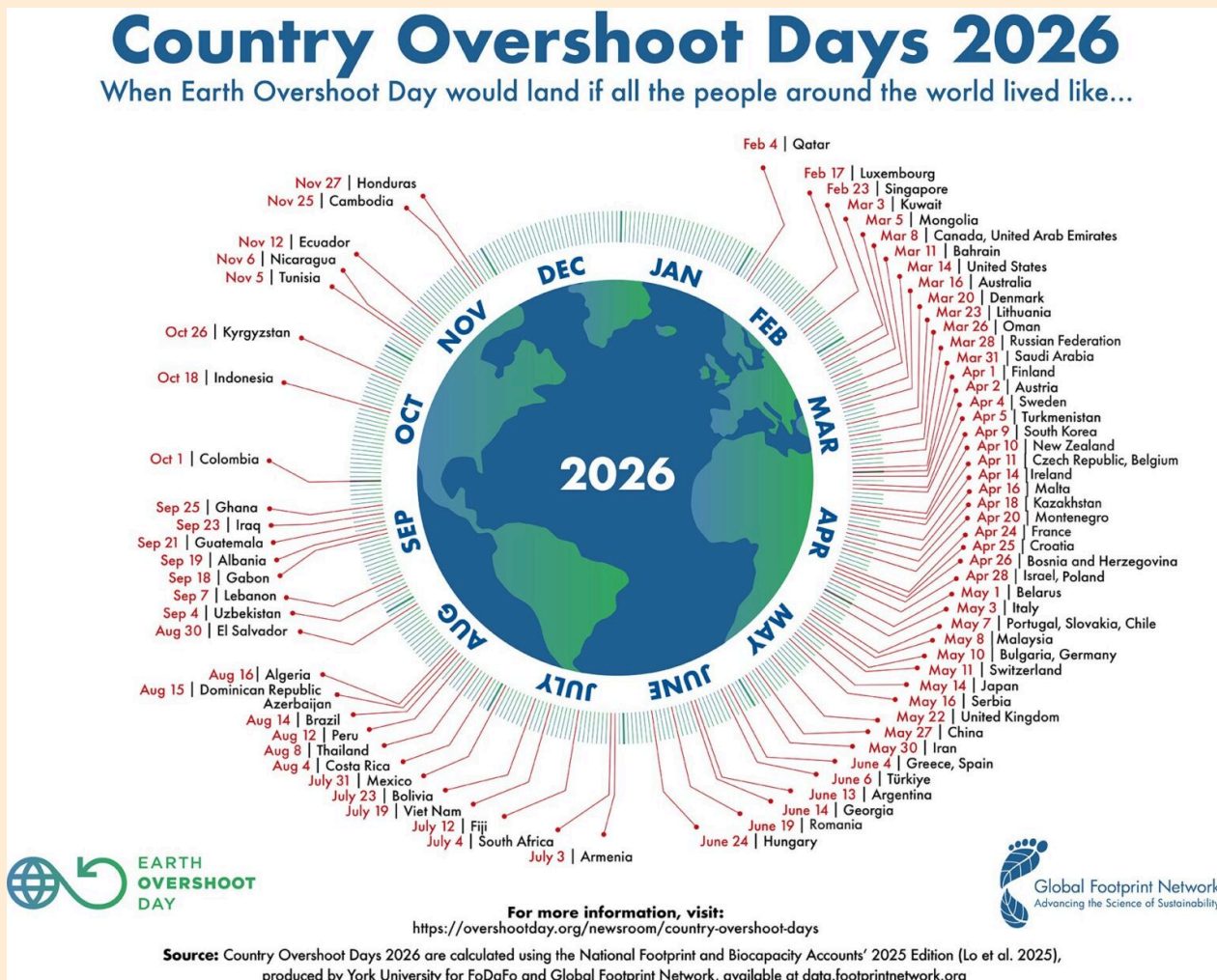
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Daily Dose of Climate Hope

Read a Daily Dose of Climate Hope from [Climate Action Now](#). You can subscribe to the Substack or have it sent to your inbox or bookmark their webpage.

Climate Hope

Overshoot Day



The United States [Overshoot Day](#) was last month on **March 14**. A Country's Overshoot Day marks the date when Earth Overshoot Day would be if all humanity lived like the people in that country. In other words, it is the day when the planet's annual biocapacity budget would be used up if everyone on Earth consumed as much as the residents of that particular country.

The formula used to calculate this is:

(Global Biocapacity / US Ecological Footprint) x 365 = US Overshoot Day

The US 2026 Overshoot Day is based on data from the 2025 edition of the National Footprint and Biocapacity Accounts where the most recent data point for the US is for 2024.

- [US Ecological Footprint](#): 7.48 [global hectares](#) (gha) per person in 2024
- Global [biocapacity](#): 1.48 gha per person in 2024

This means humanity would have exhausted the annual regenerative resource budget the day after the 72nd day of 2026, which is March 14th. Also note: using up the entire budget would leave nothing for wild species. If everyone lived like the US, then then humanity would need 5 earths to support itself.

Earth Overshoot Day

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