



World Council
of Churches

Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action (2025–2034)

Moving Together in Ecological Metanoia for Transformation

"The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it"
(Psalm 24:1)

*"But the Earth will be desolate because of its
inhabitants, for the fruit of their doings"*
(Micah 7:13)

"Bear fruit worthy of repentance"
(Matthew 3:8)



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A Call Rooted in Faith

The Earth groans under the weight of exploitation, and vulnerable communities bear the heaviest burdens of a crisis they did not cause. Yet our faith proclaims good news for all creation!

The **Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action (2025–2034)** 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.

Why This Decade?

The climate crisis is not only an environmental emergency – it is a spiritual and moral crisis.

- Rising temperatures, floods, fires, and droughts are destroying lives and livelihoods.
- Injustice deepens as the poorest and most marginalized suffer most.
- Greed and consumerism corrode creation and community alike.

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.

This Decade is our shared response: a call to ecological metanoia – a turning of hearts, communities, and systems toward life.

What the Decade Is About

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.

Together, we proclaim: **System change, not climate change!**





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Our Vision for 2034

By the close of this Decade, we envision:

- **Churches Leading by Example:** Eco-sanctuaries, climate-centred worship, and pensions invested in life
- **Policy Breakthroughs:** Ecocide recognized as a crime, fossil fuel phase-out underway, climate finance, justice and reparations advanced
- **Resilient Communities:** Indigenous, youth, women, and frontline communities shaping solutions
- **An Economy of Life:** Alternatives to extractive capitalism rooted in equity, justice, and sustainability

How We Will Journey

The Decade will move forward through six concrete pathways:

1. **Transform Theology and Worship** – eco-theologies, creation liturgies, and spiritual disciplines.
2. **Promote Holistic Analysis** – connecting climate with justice, economics, race, and gender
3. **Equip Faith Communities** – toolkits, trainings, and climate chaplains
4. **Mobilize Collective Action** – pilgrimages, days of action, and global campaigns
5. **Advocate for Systemic Change** – prophetic witness in courts, policies, and public spaces
6. **Invest in Grassroots Solutions** – funding local adaptation, biodiversity protection, and renewable energy

Who Is Involved

This is a whole-church, whole-world journey:

- **WCC member churches** and global ecumenical partners leading locally and globally.
- **Regional and national ecumenical bodies** contextualizing action.
- **Denominations and seminaries** shaping theology and discipleship.
- **Interfaith partners** joining in shared action.
- **Youth, women, Indigenous peoples, migrants, and emerging leaders** at the heart of vision and leadership WCC member churches leading locally and globally.

An Invitation to Hope in Action

We stand at a crossroads. Continuing with business as usual condemns future generations to despair. But with repentance and courage, we can journey together toward renewal.

This Decade is our Exodus from greed and destruction, and our pilgrimage toward life abundant. Guided by the Spirit, we act in faith, knowing that in Christ all things are being made new (Revelation 21:5).

Join Us

Together we commit:

- To repent and transform
- To stand with the vulnerable
- To transition from fossil fuels to renewable, life-giving energy
- To advocate for systemic change
- To embody the Economy of Life
- To renew the church's witness
- To walk together in hope



Will you join this prophetic pilgrimage of climate justice action?

To learn more about the Decade or to share a faith-rooted climate justice action, visit

<https://oikoumene.org/what-we-do/care-for-creation-and-climate-justice/ecumenical-decade-of-climate-justice-action>

*Together, in love,
we speak truth and care for creation.*

*Together, in faith,
we journey together for transformation.*

*Together, in action,
we build hope for the future.*

O God, Creator of the universe and of all that lives and breathes,
bless every effort and every search,
every struggle and every pain that seeks to restore the harmony
and beauty of your Creation.
Renew the face of the Earth,
so that every human being may live in peace and justice,
fruits of your Spirit of love.
Blow with your Spirit of life on your creation and all humanity.
Amen.

(“A Prayer for Creation,” Community of Grandchamp)



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