



Faith in Action

Creation Care and Climate Change

God created the earth and deemed it good (Gen 2:4b-9) and in Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created and are held together (Col 1:15-20). As followers of Christ, we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves and care for God's creation. We share a common responsibility for the stewardship of God's good earth, as a matter of justice, so that it can sustain all species, peoples, and future generations.

Today, Disciples of Christ are called to bring our leadership to the moral challenge of climate change. Damage to our climate puts the health of our children and elderly at risk, hurts the poorest among us the most, and harms God's creation.

Together we can make a difference. We can engage others in solutions that will create healthy and safe communities for our families, leave a thriving world for future generations, and protect God's creation. Starting with ourselves, we will lead by empowering and educating our congregations and communities on how to walk more gently on the earth. Together, we will work to reduce our carbon output with our goal of becoming carbon neutral by the year 2030 and climate positive by 2035. We will do this by:

- Conserving and using energy wisely;
- Using clean, renewable energy like wind and solar and offsetting any energy source we cannot reduce or replace;
- Praying together for the healing of the earth, and urging our policy makers to provide us with clean energy choices.

We will guide and support our churches and our sisters and brothers as they do the same, because everything we do to stop pollution will create a healthier, more just world for all of us.

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