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Renowned Religious Leaders and Major Faith Traditions' Statements on Climate Change

The General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) of the United Methodist Church:

“The scientific consensus is clear that human activities are leading to a warming of the surface temperatures of the planet and the effects of this warming are being felt now and will be felt more intensely in years to come. As a matter of stewardship and justice, Christians must take action now to reduce global warming pollution and stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world whose land, livelihood and lives are threatened by the global climate crisis.”

<http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/apps/nl/content3.asp?c=frLJK2PKLqF&b=3631781&ct=3956191>

From the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

“As people of religious faith, we bishops believe that the atmosphere that supports life on earth is a God-given gift, one we must respect and protect. It unites us as one human family. If we harm the atmosphere, we dishonor our Creator and the gift of creation. The values of our faith call us to humility, sacrifice, and a respect for life and the natural gifts God has provided...In that spirit of praise and thanksgiving to God for the wonders of creation, we Catholic bishops call for a civil dialogue and prudent and constructive action to protect God's precious gift of the earth's atmosphere with a sense of genuine solidarity and justice for all God's children.

At its core, global climate change is not about economic theory or political platforms, nor about partisan advantage or interest group pressures. It is about the future of God's creation and the one human family. It is about protecting both "the human environment" and the natural environment. It is about our human stewardship of God's creation and our responsibility to those who come after us.”

<http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/international/globalclimate.shtml#introduction>

Reverend Richard Cizik, Vice President for Governmental Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE):

“The climate change crisis that we believe is occurring is not something we can wait ten years, five years, even a year, to address. Climate change is real and human induced. It calls for action soon. And we are saying action based upon a biblical view of the world as God’s world. And to deplete our resources, to harm our world by environmental degradation, is an offense against God. That’s what the Scriptures say. Therefore, if we are to be obedient to the Scriptures, there is no time to wait, no time to stall, no time to deliberate... God doesn’t intend to ask me ‘Rich, how did I create the Earth?’ He won’t ask me that. He’ll say ‘Rich, what did you do to protect that which I created? And that is an awesome question that deserves a good answer.”

<http://www.thegreatwarming.com/revrichardcizik.html>

From the 2006 Presbyterian Church General Assembly, Resolution on Climate Change:

“(The Church) strongly urges all Presbyterians to immediately make a bold witness by aspiring to live carbon neutral lives (and) calls upon all Presbyterians to take this seriously, to pray asking for God’s forgiveness and guidance, to study this issue, to calculate your carbon emissions, to educate others, and to use less energy, striving to make your life carbon neutral.”

www.pcusa.org

The Episcopal Church, Response to Global Warming:

“Global Warming threatens the future of God’s good creation, and the effects of Global Warming disproportionately hurt the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable in the United States and around the world... Episcopalians and The Episcopal Church at every level support efforts that seek to reduce Global Warming, including national and international legislation that increase the supply of clean energy and reduce consumption of fossil fuels.”

http://gc2006.org/legislation/view_leg_detail.aspx?id=188&type=CURRENT

The National Council of Churches’ member faith groups— from a wide spectrum of Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, Evangelical, historic African American and Living Peace churches — include 45 million persons in more than 100,000 local congregations in communities across the nation.

"It has become clear that global warming is having and will continue to have devastating impacts on those living in poverty around the world, particularly those in least developed countries. These communities are facing the devastating consequences of global warming including floods, disease and food insecurity.”

<http://www.nccusa.org/news/071101protectpoor.html>

National Religious Partnership for the Environment (NRPE) a coalition composed of the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the National Council of Churches U.S.A., the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, and the Evangelical Environmental Network:**

“Earth’s atmosphere enfolds us as one of the most important means by which God sustains and shelters our lives and the lives of all creatures on earth.... (But) By introducing a few novel gases into the air, we have thinned the ozone shield that protects life on earth from deadly ultraviolet radiation. By burning fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and gas, we have injected harmful pollutants and particles into the air we breathe. Moreover, we have increased the atmosphere’s heat-trapping properties, potentially altering earth’s climate for generations to come.”

<http://www.nrpe.org/>

Evangelical Climate Initiative:

“The same love for God and neighbor that compels us to preach salvation through Jesus Christ, protect the unborn, preserve the family and the sanctity of marriage, and take the whole Gospel to a hurting world, also compels us to recognize that human-induced climate change is a serious Christian issue requiring action now.”

<http://www.christiansandclimate.org/>