

IT'S TIME FOR JUSTICE

Climate Change

The Biblical account bears witness to God's desire that the powers and people of the world act with care and justice. As Jeremiah tells us, "This is what the Lord says: "Go down to the palace of the king of Judah and proclaim this message there: 'Hear the word of the Lord to you, king of Judah, you who sit on David's throne—you, your officials and your people who come through these gates. This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right.'" (Jeremiah 22: 1-3 NIV)

Creation remains steeped in the goodness God made and reflects the love of our Creator God but today we are faced with situations where not only individual people but also governments and corporations fail to see, honour and care for creation and each other as image bearers.



The year 2019 opened with Vancouver declaring a Climate Change Emergency and Halifax considering similar action. The Government of Canada has implemented its Carbon Tax in provinces who had not already enacted something equivalent and continues to support international efforts to control the greenhouse gases that are responsible for the human role in Climate Change. Yet many individual Canadians, provincial and municipal governments and businesses continue to resist change from business-as-usual in the face of overwhelming scientific evidence that human activities are a major factor in changing the very climate of God's creation.

Each individual action we take will either help or hinder maintenance of the climate that God created to support his creation. The way we travel, the foods we eat, the way we heat our homes will all determine how we act to protect God's creation.

The Church Responds

The Moderator wrote to the Prime Minister, urging the Government of Canada to engage Canadians in meaningful action on climate change and encourage immediate action to reduce the Canadian contribution to carbon emissions.

Prayer

God, we know that we have sinned against you and your creation. Help us to understand what we do and how it affects that creation. Help us to see the way forward and what we must do to come back to where you wish us to be. Help us to do what we must to come back to your creation. Amen.

