



Climate change represents a failure in our stewardship of God's creation

*The Church of Scotland is concerned that climate change poses a serious and immediate threat to people everywhere, particularly to the poor of the earth; and that climate change represents a failure in our stewardship of God's creation. We accept the need to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases urgently to avoid dangerous and irreversible climate change; and to promote a more equitable and sustainable use of energy.*

General Assembly Report, 2009

Ideas and resources to start you off in any of these areas can be found in the Eco-Congregation modules, which you can download at: [www.ecocongregationscotland.org](http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org) or order at the address below.

#### ☑ Keep in Touch

For questions and further information on how to become an eco-congregation, how to measure your carbon footprint or getting involved in other ways, please see the website or contact us at the address below.

Church and Society Council  
The Church of Scotland  
121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN  
Telephone: 0131 225 5722  
Email: [climatechange@cofscotland.org.uk](mailto:climatechange@cofscotland.org.uk)

Photo front cover: [http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/6f/Earth\\_Eastern\\_Hemisphere.jpg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/6f/Earth_Eastern_Hemisphere.jpg)

Licensed under Creative Commons

Scottish Charity Number: SC011353

© COS588 09/14

[www.churchofscotland.org.uk](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk)



The Church of Scotland  
Church and Society Council

# Climate Change



 Discussion Points

## Climate Change



Eco-Congregation Scotland members at Midsummer Meeting in the Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh

In the twenty first century climate change will change lives around the world. The Church of Scotland wants congregations and others to have the skills and confidence to respond effectively to this challenge.

We will support congregations in partnership with Eco-Congregation Scotland, an ecumenical charity involving over 300 congregations across Scotland; the largest community based movement of local environment groups in Scotland.

You can find out more at:  
[www.ecocongregationscotland.org](http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org)

We urge congregations

- to learn more about climate change and to consider how to care for creation in prayer and in worship particularly during Creation Time
- to know the carbon footprint of energy use in church buildings and at home and seek to reduce it
- to get involved in community environmental action and become members of Eco-Congregation Scotland.

We also join with partners in Stop Climate Chaos Scotland to lobby for a low carbon future for Scotland [www.stopclimatechaos.org/scotland](http://www.stopclimatechaos.org/scotland) and work with Christian Aid and other partners around the world to promote climate justice as a human right.

### ▣ Questions

- Why should Christians be concerned about the environment and about climate change?
- Do you know of any places and situations, either close to home or abroad, that have been affected by climate change?
- In which ways could you reduce your carbon footprint – in your home, shopping, travelling?
- Does your congregation include environmental topics in its worship and teaching, and in its daily life?
- Do you know of initiatives in your local community that are engaged in tackling climate change? Could you get involved?
- What is the science of climate change and how can I be sure that the scientists are right?
- What are the impacts to climate change on Scotland and other parts of the world?
- How can I work out my contribution to climate change?
- I have already done the basics - what more can I do?

Solar panels at Selkirk Parish Church

