



ACTION ALERT

Speak Out to President Obama about Climate Change

From the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCC) Eco-Justice Programs

As women of faith we have long been a driving force in our communities. In the past we have been the voice for change and raised our concerns over issues such as poverty and children's health. Today we have an even greater concern for the miracle of God's Creation! Our values of justice, stewardship and concern for future generations compel us to make addressing climate change a priority. Now, we are asking you to join us to call on President Obama to make addressing climate change a national priority.

Women are being hit first and worst as the impacts of climate change become more devastating in developing countries around the world. Women are now traveling farther for water, food, and firewood; they are often left as the only caregiver for children and extended families. As a result of these increased burdens, young women are being pulled out of school to help their mothers with the increase in chores that is resulting from climate impacts.

As a result of human induced climate change, Creation is wounded, those living in poverty are suffering and future generations may be left with disease and desolation. As stewards of the mysteries of God (1Corinthians 4:1), we must urge our leaders to follow scientific recommendations and take the necessary action to protect Creation.

Over 10,000 people have already helped to make addressing climate change a national priority by signing this letter. Help strengthen our nation's efforts to address climate change by adding your name to letter and telling President-elect Obama that climate change is a moral issue.

Read the letter at <http://www.ncccojustice.org/presidentialletter.html>

The letter acknowledges the need for:

- Strong emissions reductions to prevent the worst impacts of climate change
- Financial assistance to low-income and working families to protect them from the rising cost of energy
- International adaptation assistance to help vulnerable nations and communities cope with the impacts of global warming



The Women's Division and United Methodist Women are active partners with Church World Service, the National Council of Churches USA, their member denominations, and ecumenical partners in developed and developing nations on the Countdown to Copenhagen Campaign (C2C). To learn more about the Women's Division Climate Change Initiative contact Esmeralda Brown at (212) 682-3633 or EBrown@gbgm-umc.org.

Go to <http://www.ncccojustice.org/presidentialsignon.html> to sign an open letter to President Obama.

If you have already signed, please go to http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/1845/t/1241/tellafriend.jsp?tell_a_friend_KEY=3477 to pass this on to other UMW.

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