



# Community of Christ

## Climate Emergency Statement

In response to World Conference Resolution 1325 Climate Emergency (adopted April 25, 2023), Community of Christ declares a climate emergency joining with 2329 jurisdictions in 40 countries who have made climate emergency declarations as of May 5, 2023.

This declaration upholds Doctrine and Covenants Section 163:4b which states: “The earth, lovingly created as an environment for life to flourish, shudders in distress because creation’s natural and living systems are becoming exhausted from carrying the burden of human greed and conflict. Humankind must awaken from its illusion of independence and unrestrained consumption without lasting consequences.”

In response to this declaration, Community of Christ will act by:

- Encouraging administrative representatives at every jurisdictional level (world, mission center, campground, and congregation) to:
  - a. Take responsibility for reducing carbon emissions resulting from Church activities and encourage individuals to do the same.
  - b. Consider the impact of climate change on the environment when reviewing policies and strategies.
  - c. Support those organizations and community groups that peaceably raise awareness of climate change and/or peaceably take action to limit global warming.
- Developing and/or identifying resources in coordination with the Earth Stewardship Team and others to assist leaders and individuals in identifying ways to reduce carbon emissions.
- Challenging individuals to use their personal power to change their consumption habits, share their desires for a more sustainable world in our communities, with their employers, and those who represent them politically.