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# **WHAT DOES YOUR CHURCH SAY ABOUT CLIMATE?**

**"THEN THE LORD GOD TOOK THE  
MAN AND PUT HIM IN THE GARDEN  
OF EDEN TO TEND AND KEEP IT."**

**-GENESIS 2:15**

Are Religion and Science in Opposition? Science informs our life here on Earth and inspires our mind with great new advances. Religion binds us together by feeding our soul and preparing us for what comes next. Each can offer a valid contextual framework for our life, and scriptural passages can be applied to any challenge we might encounter, including the need for environmental stewardship.

**"THE LAND SHALL NOT BE  
SOLD IN PERPETUITY, FOR THE  
LAND IS MINE; WITH ME YOU  
ARE BUT ALIENS AND TENANTS.  
THROUGHOUT THE LAND THAT YOU  
HOLD, YOU SHALL PROVIDE FOR  
THE REDEMPTION OF THE LAND."**

**-LEVITICUS 25:23-24**

These passages and many others like them provide a clear directive for maintaining a clean and healthy planet. Considering the politically unpopular topic of man-made climate change, most religions support climate action:

### **EPISCOPAL, 2012:**

"The 77th General Convention calls on the church to work for the transformation of the world's energy away from fossil fuels and toward renewable energy, and to support the implementation of solutions to climate change."<sup>1</sup>

### **JUDAISM, 2008:**

"The Jewish community is united in its belief that climate change is occurring, and we affirm our responsibility to address this planetary crisis. We support aggressive climate change legislation to reduce carbon concentrations by 80 percent by 2050, and reduce emissions by 25-40 percent by 2020. The United States should lead by example to facilitate the global transition to a low-carbon economy."<sup>2</sup>

### **PRESBYTERIAN, 2010:**

"We affirm that science should inform our policy, especially concerning emergent environmental issues such as global climate change."<sup>3</sup>

### **ROMAN CATHOLIC, 2015:**

"There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, substituting for fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy."<sup>4</sup>

### **SOUTHERN BAPTIST, 2008:**

"Global climate change is among the current era's challenges that require a unified moral voice. To abandon these issues to the secular world is to shirk from our responsibility to be salt and light. The time for timidity regarding God's creation is no more. Therefore, in the face of intense concern and guided by the biblical principle of creation stewardship, we resolve to engage this issue without any further lingering over the basic reality of the problem or our responsibility to address it. Humans must be proactive and take responsibility for our contributions to climate change."<sup>5</sup>

### **UNITED METHODIST, 2008:**

"We call on our members to reduce human-related outputs of greenhouse gases; to learn about and make their congregations more aware of the issue of global warming; to call on the nations of the world to require reductions in emissions."<sup>6</sup>

### **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST, 2006:**

"We are called to halt practices that fuel global warming, to instigate sustainable alternatives, and to mitigate the impending effects of global warming with ethical responses."<sup>7</sup>

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The list goes even further, but this dispels the myth that science and religion are in opposition. These prominent churches support scientific consensus, and recognize that environmental stewardship is one of the greatest morality issues of our time. We are responsible for the planet that our grandchildren will inherit.

<sup>1</sup>The Acts of Convention of the Episcopal Church, Resolution 2012-B023. General Convention, Journal of the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, Indianapolis

<sup>2</sup>Jewish Community Priorities for Climate and Energy Policy, from the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life

<sup>3</sup>Presbyterian Church USA, Call to Restore the Creation, the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church

<sup>4</sup>A Southern Baptist Declaration on the Environment and Climate Change

<sup>5</sup>The United Methodist Church, Resolution on Global Warming, Resolution #1031, 2008 Book of Resolutions