



South Sudan- Drought

When we create foul or uninhabitable or places where people and the natural world cannot thrive, or make worse changes of weather leading to drought, flood or sea level rise then we are breaking our covenant.



Philippines – Hurricane



Bangladesh- Sea Level Rise

*Questions*

*How can I express my gratitude and love for God's Creation?*

*Women, Children, Farmers, fishermen, the poor suffer the most from climate disruptions.. What changes in my life can I make to help them?*

*What am I leaving of true value for my children and grandchildren?*

RESOURCES

Operation Noah: A Christian response to Climate Change <[operationnoah.org](http://operationnoah.org)>

Creation Care Alliance is a network of faith communities and people of faith in W North Carolina working to protect God's creation <[creationcarealliance.org](http://creationcarealliance.org)>

Quaker Earthcare Witness – <<http://www.quakerearthcare.org>>

Celo Friends Meeting  
75 Meetinghouse Ln  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
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# A Spiritual Call for Climate Justice

**In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.**

**(Matthew 7:12)**



**The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it (Genesis 2:1)**



1 South Toe Mountains and Garden

## Climate Justice-

**Paying attention to the interrelationship of environmental degradation and the racial, social, and economic inequities it perpetuates. Every living being depends on the environment.**

**We must change our habits to save many creatures from extinction and to decrease the risk of climate catastrophes which have the greatest impact on the poor and marginalized.**

*“When I plant a garden, if deer or rabbits come and destroy it, I am angry at the animals. But that is foolish. Wild creatures have no wisdom to stop them from hurting me by eating my garden. I, however, am blessed with wisdom to hold back from destroying my neighbor’s garden.*

*In our own patch, in the last century, toxic gas from plants in Tennessee and Ohio continuously gathered over our Black Mountains causing acid rain that killed trees and other plants. The soil on the mountains washed away, and our streams carried poisons into the valleys.*

*The practice of sending uncleaned toxins into the air was stopped, and our mountains are recovering. “*

*– a South Toe Resident,  
Yancey County, NC*

**We are called to be stewards of God’s creation. When we keep the Earth, then we live the Divine Plan.**

**1: Human-Induced Climate Change is Real**

**2: The Consequences of Climate Change Will Be Significant, and Will Hit the Poor the Hardest**

**3: Christian Moral Convictions Demand Our Response to the Climate Change Problem**

**4: The need to act now is urgent. Governments, businesses, churches, and individuals all have a role to play in addressing climate change—**

### **Statement of the Evangelical Climate Initiative**

a group of over 300 senior evangelical leaders in the United States who are convinced it is time for our country to help solve the problem of global warming.

<http://www.christiansandclimate.org/statement/>



North Carolina – Flooding from Matthew