

"The Church must now be out front, on the front lines of environmental advocacy - not only to correct societal and environmental harms but to proactively participate in creating a new world view, informed by transformed and transformative environmental theology that places Christ at the center of the Sacred Hoop that is Creation."

REV. RACHEL TABER-HAMILTON

, *Episcopal Diocese of Olympia*



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"I want to attend COP 26 as a delegate in order to stay abreast of latest thinking, to understand best practices, to be an advocate for God's work in the wider community and to educate fellow Episcopalians on the importance of climate action. COP26 provides a platform for civil society to come together, agree on targets and hold each other accountable for results since the Paris Agreement "

STEPHEN SQUIRE

*Convocation of Episcopal
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"This is a pivotal moment . As Episcopalians we are poised to be a strong voice during COP 26 and to bring back to our communities the understanding we gained as to the power of faith communities in promoting action, especially policies that recognize the equity issues associated with the vulnerability of poor communities in our country and in the Global South."

DR. LISA GRAUMLICH

Episcopal Diocese of Olympia



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"I believe Christians are called to protect God's creation and God's children. Christians also have the unique institutional capacity to think globally and inter-generationally. Because of our relationship with God, we have the freedom, strength, love, and hope to change policies and practices that endanger people and the environment."

ROB HOGG

Episcopal Diocese of Iowa



"Individual actions will not be enough to solve Climate Change. The most recent IPCC report makes that is clearer than ever. Governments need to make major changes and COP26 is where those discussions happen on the international level. Keeping up with these discussions prepares us to hold our governments accountable to what they say at UN conferences."

SUSIE FARIA

*Episcopal Diocese of
Massachusetts*



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"COP26 is happening at a critical time and The Episcopal Church is essential to this work because of our unique ability to hold the tension of opposites and bring people together across many differences. The next generations will have no time of day for a church that is not working this issue on all fronts. To me, the future of the church and the future of our planet depend on our willingness to engage the issue of climate change."

THE REV. CANON MELISSA MCCARTHY

Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles



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"Como cristianos tenemos la responsabilidad de pronunciarnos ante las graves consecuencias del obrar humano para con la creación, obra de Dios, de la cual somos administradores y mayordomos; nos corresponde proponer iniciativas que ayuden a paliar el impacto desarrollista y motivar la reflexión que conduzca a la transformación de las relaciones fraternales-sororales con el planeta. Además, la crisis del medio ambiente no es sólo ecológica sino socio-ecológica, afecta mayor y principalmente a los más pobres, es nuestra responsabilidad actuar a ejemplo de Jesús."

RICHARD ACOSTA

Episcopal Diocese of Colombia



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"As Anglicans we have a rich spirituality that understands the sacred nature of the created order. We support St. Augustine's notion that we are not fully human unless we engage God's creation. The crisis we face must galvanize people of faith to partner with others in aid of our planet, her people and creatures."

BISHOP CATHLEEN BASCOM

Episcopal Diocese of Kansas




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"Racial injustice and economic injustice cannot be separated from the climate catastrophe. In my home state of North Carolina, black and brown communities are well aware that our neighborhoods are often considered dumping grounds for pollution. So while many advocates have the privilege to solely focus on nature, I understand that we are also fighting to protect marginalized communities from being subjected to unfair living conditions."

DESTINEE BATES

*Episcopal Diocese of
North Carolina*



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"As a young adult and as a person living in the American South, I am deeply invested in the future of our planet and common life together, and the communities of color and those disproportionately impacted by climate change. I am a founding member of the Committee on Environmental Stewardship and Justice for the Diocese of Upper South Carolina, and have worked with that committee to support parishes as they wrestle with matters of climate change, creation care, and eco-justice."

ADDIE TAPP

*Episcopal Diocese of
Upper South Carolina*



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"As a young adult, I have taken Indigenous activists' call to divest from oil pipelines to my congregation. I hope to continue to work with others in my community to address climate issues where they intersect with racism, militarism, and the prison industrial complex. COP26 is important because bold climate action is long overdue. Communities have been losing people and land to pollution and climate change for decades, and the impacts will not subside until we act differently."

JULIA RADEMACHER-WEDD

Episcopal Diocese of Chicago



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"It is abundantly clear that planetary exploitation and human exploitation stem from the same root causes-- greed, the illusion of separateness, a failure to see that all of it is from God and blessed by God. We have work to do at every level -- liturgical, theological, ethical, and in the neighborhood. Episcopalians, with our respect for science and our dialectic engagement of scripture, tradition and reason, have a lot to bring to the table."

**REV. CANON MARTHA
KIRKPATRICK**

Episcopal Church in Delaware



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"The global climate crisis is causing more intense natural disasters, which in turn exacerbate already existing disparities – including poverty, racism and gender inequity. I am deeply concerned about the ways that refugees, women and children, racial and religious minority groups and other vulnerable populations are disproportionately impacted here in the U.S. and globally. Climate justice and creation care must become our vocation and part of our social justice work as Episcopalians."

GABRIE'L J. ATCHISON

Episcopal Dioceses of Western New York & Northwestern Pennsylvania



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"My greatest hope is that I will live a long and healthy life, have a family of my own, and make the world a safer place. Climate change threatens all of this, for me and for everyone with the same dream. As Episcopalians, it is our call to be the hands and feet of God. Climate change threatens the wellbeing of everyone alive today. Arguably, combatting this issue is the single most important thing the Church can do to protect our communities and advocate for those with less resources."

LOLA BROWN

Episcopal Church in Minnesota



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"I'd like to see Arkansas represented at the conference. It's a rural area full of agriculture, livestock, pesticides and herbicides, yet also full of natural beauty which is in danger of being eroded due to climate change and pollution. It's now or never, and I believe environmental issues are the most urgent issues facing us today, locally and on a global level. If we can't correct or mitigate at these problems, we will have lost our last best opportunity for a decent world for our progeny."



VICKIE BECKER

Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas

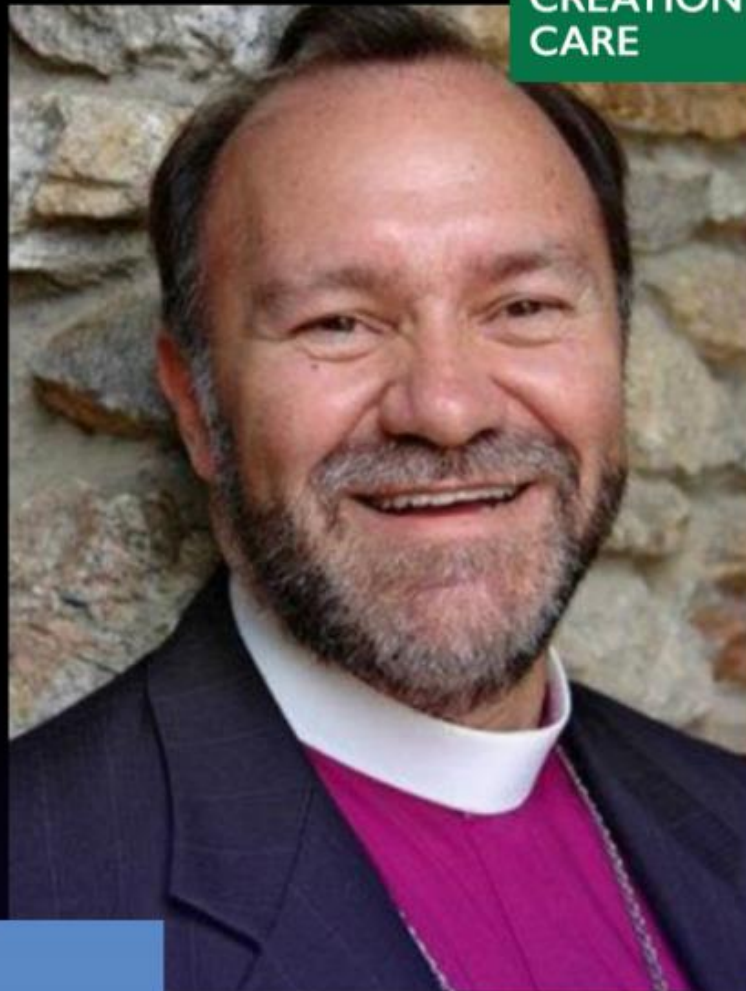


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"Mi interés en participar en la COP26, está dirigido en conocer los avances científicos pero también en conocer las llamadas urgencias para armonizar las políticas internacionales con las nacionales en procesos de incidencia política... La Comunión Anglicana y TEC., están comprometidos en terminar con los combustibles no renovables y buscar los medios de adquirir energías limpias. Nuestro compromiso con el cuidado de la creación es fundamental como mayordomos de ella."

**BISHOP FRANCISCO
DUQUE**

Episcopal Diocese of Colombia



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"I'm an architect, a contractor and a climate activist. I'm deeply involved in the church. I believe that we currently have the ability to solve the problems of climate change and many of the other problems vexing our world such as peace and conflict resolution, hunger, poverty, racism. We are in a crisis of faith and unity testing whether we can come together around what's really important or destroy ourselves with selfish interests."



BRUNO REICH

Episcopal Dioceses of Maryland



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"The climate crisis is on the lips of my generation. If the church should be present anywhere, it must be here, in the muck of grief, hope, uncertainty, and death. God has called us to this work."

ELLEN SINGER

Diocese of Texas



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"This is part of the obligation and responsibility that God has given us: our earth, this garden of Eden God has entrusted to us. **This work requires all of us.** Leave no one out, leave no one behind."

REV. JOHN C. GEORGE

*Diocese of the Central
Gulf Coast*



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"As a life long Episcopalian and an advocate for youth and children (including my own), I want to start conversation about climate change in the Memphis area and make it easier for our children and future Episcopalians to better care for our world."

CYNTHIA MCCARTY

Diocese of West Tennessee



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"The UN Climate Change Conference is critically important to slow, mitigate, reverse and heal the harm that man-made processes have inflicted on the natural world. Healing the earth is a justice issue, and we Episcopalians have received our charge from our Lord Jesus Christ and our baptismal promise to strive for justice."

**CANON BARBARA OKAMOTO
BACH**

Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey



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"As I sit here in rural North Dakota, I see the effects as I breathe air no longer considered healthy due to wildfires and sit outside in record-breaking heat surrounded by drought plaguing our prairie. I am concerned for the present along with the future. I am concerned for the Earth, the place we call home."

SOLVEIGH BARNEY

Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota



"Climate work needs to be an integral part of our baptismal covenant and shared priesthood. Our COP26 engagement provides an expanded witness to our church on how creation care is essential to our lived faith."

TOM POYNOR

Episcopal Diocese of California



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"Caring for our planet is a mark of mission and an important part of our call as Christians. Faith-based organizations stand on the frontline of aiding the most vulnerable and building stronger communities, and that voice is vital to the work of the United Nations. The relationship between The Episcopal Church and the United Nations allows our church to speak in a powerful way, and I am honored to be one of its representatives at COP26."

DAWN BAITY

*Convocation of Episcopal
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