

CLIMATE CHANGE: Toward an Ecumenical Declaration
Participate in the Ecumenical Declaration to SAVE THE PLANET

We present the foundation for an ecumenical declaration from institutions, organizations and people who, from their faith tradition, gather together at the clamor of Mother Earth. Your words and promises in this collective work ensure that the world can "Hear the Clamor of Mother Earth." This declaration will be presented in the closing ceremony of the people's conference. (See the draft declaration)

"Hear the Clamor of Mother Earth"
Toward a New Respectful Spirituality of Co-existence

"The earth yells in pain, because life ends." The millions of people and living beings that suffer the direct consequences of bad human management demand that all the institutions, organizations and people assume responsibility with the earth, our fountain of life.

At the conclusion of the conference, the community will sign a profound reflection about the role of religion and spirituality in the construction of life systems or in the systems that carry the collapse of our planet. In signing the declaration, the community will assume personal and collective responsibility, which is reunited (personally and virtually) in the World People's Conference on Climate Change and the Rights of Mother Earth. This profound reflection declares:

1. El clamor of Mother Earth, supporting all types of life, reaches the ears of all people of good will. The eagerness to increment wealth, the comfort of a luxurious lifestyle, the indiscriminate exploitation of natural resources and the contamination of the air, water and land have driven our planet Earth to the edge of a climate collapse.
2. The Climate Change is the product of a human mentality that considers Nature as an object of domination, exploitation and manipulation with human beings as its owner and measure.
3. We recognize that the Judeo-Christian tradition has contributed in history to encourage this type of anthropocentrism and the ungraceful exploitation of Nature, as well as poorly interpreted the responsibility to be "caretakers" and advocates of creation, entrusted by the Creator.
4. We express our profound worry about the Climate Change and its effects that threaten life, especially the life of those who are poor and vulnerable in many parts of the Earth. All of Creation "is in birthing pains" and requires a new holistic and ecological spirituality in order to save life.
5. We invoke, together with the towns and their wisdom, a profound conversation of our thoughts, attitudes and ways of living, with the hope to live our lives in harmony with Nature, the cosmos and the great mystery of life.
6. We believe that the religion and spirituality of the towns, in dialog with each other, will be able to guide us in the search of a life in harmony with the environment, future generations and the cosmos.
7. We call ecclesiastical and spiritual leaders to put into action a wide campaign of awareness and conversion of its members, with the purpose to contribute to safeguarding the life of our planet Earth. We encourage them to insist their governments collaboration so that countries promise to assume principal

responsibility in the care of the Earth.

8. We demand that the responsible politicians, economists and scientists take urgent measures to reverse the effects of climate change and assure the basic necessities of life for future generations. In particular, these measures are needed so that the next summit of COP 16 which will take place in December, 2010 in Mexico, will be a transcendental event for the future of humanity.
9. We promise to implement in our institutions and personal life a focus on eco-centric spirituality and to carry out awareness projects that change the way people think about our Earth.
10. We invoke the vivifying and fortifying Spirit that guides and strengthens us in our promise with future generations and Nature.

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