

What Is a “Climate Church”? (In a single sentence)

Two responses:

Version #1:

A climate church is a community inspired by the love and justice of Jesus and committed to protect and heal God's glorious gift of creation.

Version #2 (for study and discussion):

In covenant with God, for all time, with all creatures, and with the earth (Genesis 9), a climate church is responsive to God’s call; informed by the realities of the newest science; persistently focused on the common good, collective salvation, “Golden Rule 2.0” (future generations as neighbors) and living out the love and justice of Jesus; washed in the wonder of creation; driven by prophetic imagination; humbly unafraid to initiate a moral intervention to hasten a just transition to a sustainable economy that honors the interdependence of all creation; unreserved in its use of all its gifts and assets to help build a more resilient community; and prayerfully courageous to make use of its collective power to reshape our personal stories and animate the conscience of the nation as we join with people the world over to restore God’s glorious gift of creation.

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