

Trinity United Reformed Church Wimbledon calls upon the Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church to declare a Climate Emergency in the following or similar terms:

We, the Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church, declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency.

We pledge to work with and support our congregations and government, at local and national levels, in tackling this Emergency, and we call on others to do the same.

These are our intentions:

1. We will tell the Truth

Governments and public broadcasters must communicate the facts about the Climate and Ecological Emergency, reverse inconsistent policies and communicate the urgency for far-reaching systemic change.

We will communicate with members of our congregations and support them to discover the truth about the Emergency and the changes that are needed.

2. We will take Action

Governments must enact legally binding policy measures to reduce emissions to net zero by 2025 and to reduce consumption levels.

We pledge to work towards reducing our emissions to net zero by 2025.

We will challenge policies and actions of local and national governments and their agencies, where they do not help to reduce emissions or consumption levels.

We will actively work to inspire, enable, and resource our congregations to protect and renew our life-sustaining planet.

3. We are committed to Justice

Faith communities can imagine and encourage fundamental changes in the ways people relate to one another and the world, in our values and behaviours.

We will do what is possible to help our congregations and the communities they serve to talk about how the Emergency will affect them and the changes that are needed.

We believe that all truth-telling, action and democratic work must be underpinned by a commitment to justice both within our nation and towards other nations, particularly those who are poorer.

In making its call for a declaration of a Climate Emergency, Trinity United Reformed Church Wimbledon affirms its own intention to “tell the Truth... take Action.... [be] committed to Justice” in responding to and tackling this Emergency.

Original Resolution passed by Trinity URC Wimbledon Church Meeting on 17 July 2019; endorsed with amendment (incorporated herein) by SLSA Meeting on 15 September 2019.