

MEMBER UPDATES

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Welcome to the second issue of the EIN's Member Update, a bulletin capturing the great work of the EIN member churches and faith organisations, as shared by the members. Each issue will be published after each EIN meeting which takes place quarterly. For more information, contact: ein@ctbi.org.uk

The World Council of Churches (WCC) begins Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action



WCC marked the beginning of the Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action at the World WCC central committee meeting which took place on 21 June 2025 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

As part of commemorating the beginning of the special decade, the plenary session focusing on this launch featured theological reflections and prophetic witness from church leaders spanning six continents, all united in officially beginning and pledging commitments and actions for the Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action.

The event, which also included a panel and speakers, called for churches to move beyond charitable responses toward addressing root causes of climate injustice, particularly the disproportionate impact on vulnerable communities.



Read the full report on the WCC Website: [click here.](#)



“Go and do likewise”

A talk about why and how we might respond to the climate and nature crises is now available. Given by Information Officer, Ruth Jarman, at All Saints, Westbury-on-Trym, June 2025.

[Find out more](#)

Baptist Union Environment Network (BUEN)

BUEN (the Baptist Union Environment Network) has reported on its continued efforts to promote environmental mission in the Church, including advocacy for the adoption of net zero targets and the promotion of Eco-Church membership. Across the network there has been increasing engagement with Eco-Church with a doubling of registrations and more than tripling of churches who have achieved an award.



There are also new BUEN Hub leads in London who aim to engage people and churches across London Baptists. The Eastern Baptist Association has appointed two people to support the development of a sustainability policy for the association and encourage the adoption of Eco-Church locally. A sustainability policy has been adopted which it is hoped will become a model for other associations. This is an encouraging development, the first funded posts within the Baptist Together/Union network focused upon environmental issues. The Baptist Union has entered into a two-year conversation over the nature and scope of mission. Encouragingly, the resolution speaks of engaging with Climate Justice. More details of the Mission Resolution can be found [here](#).

The film resources '[God saw that it was good](#)' continue to be used in churches across the UK and overseas as part of worship and small group study. BUEN is currently working with the Baptist Union “Young Adults Round Table” and Fuelcast media to develop a new discipleship resource that will take people on a journey of discovery of the Christian faith shaped by a focus on relationships between God, the self, other and creation, aiming to shape an “Whole Earth Discipleship” for an era of environmental change.



Images: Major Heather Poxon, The Salvation Army

MASS LOBBY - ACT NOW CHANGE FOREVER

On 9th July 2025, over 5,000 people came together at Westminster to call on MPs to act now for a healthier, fairer, safer future. It was one of the biggest moments for climate and nature this year, and the largest mass lobby of the decade.

Under the banner of 'For People, For Climate, For Nature', people of all faiths and none made their way to London, where an atmosphere of camaraderie and positive intent prevailed. Most delegates then visited the 200 Members of Parliament who were present to engage in dialogue, questions and discussion.

The main points of concern put to MPs were:

- Funding To Communities Hit Hardest By Climate Change (domestically and internationally)
- cutting Bills, Backing UK Jobs, Securing A Greener, Fairer Future (caring for creation, seeking justice and mercy)
- Restoring Nature To Create A Healthier Future (supporting the Climate and Nature Bill)