



Quakers believe there is something of God to be found in everyone and have a long tradition of social action for equality, peace and care for the earth. The climate crisis now calls us to use our skills, time and resources in support of the growing climate justice movement.

Quakers in Scotland have actively campaigned for many years for just responses to the intertwined crises of inequality and climate breakdown. We work, together with allies in other organisations and climate campaigners around the world, to address the historical roots of these injustices and to create a fairer, sustainable world.

We have gladly signed this religious leaders' statement because we are convinced of the urgency of action on climate, both across Scotland and at a global level. Our country's riches have been built on the violent and racist exploitation of people and the earth, and we need to work within the principles of climate justice to set things right.

This means taking action like building on the Loss and Damage Fund pioneered in Scotland at COP26. It means standing with those in the Global South who have been working for decades to protect their communities from exploitation and the destruction that climate breakdown is bringing. It also means taking the action within Scotland that has been recommended by scientific experts, to limit global heating to liveable levels and to avoid the worst 'tipping' points in global ecological breakdown.

As Quakers we commit to live out these principles; and we want to support our elected representatives in taking the bold, urgent steps which are required. Our hope is that the Parliamentarians and people of Scotland will find a collective sense of trust and purpose to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and work to restore our natural heritage.

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