



# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

*"We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are deeply concerned about the environment, locally and globally, as members of this church and as members of society. Even as we join the political, economic, and scientific discussion, we know care for the earth to be a profoundly spiritual matter."*

*A Social Statement on Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope and Justice (1993)*

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America applauds today's announcement of the United States' pledge towards a new global agreement to address climate change, which will be finalized in Paris this coming December. The U.S. pledge is an important step toward an agreement in Paris that includes meaningful pledges from all parties to take the actions needed to keep global temperatures from rising to catastrophic levels. The U.S. pledge includes not only cuts to pollution that will protect public health, but also promotes investment and job creation in abundant clean energy sources.

People living in poverty around the world have contributed least to the causes of climate change, yet are most impacted by it. Our nation of great wealth and influence has contributed much to the causes of climate change. Addressing the harmful impacts of climate change upon our most vulnerable neighbors and communities and protecting the future of all God's creation is the moral responsibility of our nation.

Today's announcement shows the moral leadership needed to bring about a better and safer future for our children and God's good creation.

## **Learn More**

To learn more about the details of the U.S. pledge for Paris, [click here!](#)

## **Take Action**

Sign our Interfaith Climate Petition! We stand at a critical moment on a critical issue, and our leaders need to hear your voice. Let our leaders know that you support strong action to combat climate change by **signing an interfaith petition [here](#)**. You can also share this message with your friends through our **[Action Alert Center](#)**. Add your voice to a growing chorus of people of faith who are holding our leaders accountable on this critical issue!

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