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The Creation Care work of the Episcopal Church participated virtually in a presentation to the climate change COP26 summit in Glasgow, Scotland last week. The church sent delegates who advocated for stepped up action to respond to rising global temperatures and prevent the most catastrophic impacts of climate change.

Delegates from the Episcopal Church focused on increasing support for communities experiencing loss and damage, protecting human rights and affirming climate and eco-justice in addressing adaptation and



mitigation, as well as boosting climate finance and mechanisms for decarbonization.

Creation care is one of three main focuses for the Episcopal Church under the leadership of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, who was interviewed by ABC News during the COP26 proceeding.

"It only makes sense that our religious traditions really engage in the work of reducing and ending climate change so that this Earth is habitable," he said, noting a key impact of climate change is mass migrations linked to extreme weather and climate change. "This will impact the poorest of the poor."

In the efforts toward climate change action, the value of our religious traditions and the knowledge of our scientific traditions "come together in common cause," the presiding bishop said. "We all inhabit the same planet; we're all in this together."

For more information, see this article from Episcopal News Service, which notes that protecting the Earth and preventing human suffering are not merely political talking points but central tenets of the Episcopal faith.

"The faith of re-greening the world must become as central to our theology, and to our worship, as crucifixion and resurrection," said the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, an Espiscopal delegate. "We must give nothing less than all we have and all we are in order to assure new life if generations are to follow us at all. The world to come that we pray for in our Sunday worship is ours to entomb or to liberate."

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