

Climate change is a profoundly moral and spiritual problem. Addressing this challenge will take the conscious and collective efforts of us all. The religious witnesses featured in this volume recognize the need for change in people's hearts and the urgency for bold action by political leaders. It is our fervent prayer that their voice will be heard.

*His All Holiness  
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew*

It is encouraging to see leaders of the Jewish and Christian faiths agree that it is sinful to damage the Earth forever. We must listen to them! Perhaps the message from the Eastern Orthodox is the most concise: "First, we have to stop what we are doing." We are doing so much that is harmful. The Earth is not forgiving, beyond a point. The work of climate scientists is in part focused on finding that point (and thereby unwittingly encouraging risky behavior), but the leaders of faith insist on a moral stance. We should not just find out what we can get away with, but must start thinking seriously about our responsibilities toward creation.

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This book is a valuable addition to the religious/environmental literature. It should be put in every seminary library in the country. Every member of the House and the Senate of the United States should get a copy.

*Rev. Albert G Cohen, Executive Director  
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*Witness for the Earth* reveals that this is a critical time for people of faith to act upon their beliefs on behalf of God's creation. The environmental polices of ten major religions show that we of differing faith perspectives can have unity.

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# Climate Change Statements from Religious Organizations

The following statements from a wide variety of religious organizations provides an example of the determination of the religious community to support timely and effective action to prevent the dire consequences of global climate. the following statements are provided by the following religious organizations.

- US Conference of Catholic Bishops
- The Central Conference of American Rabbis
- The National Association of Evangelicals
- The National Council of Churches
- The Southern Baptist Convention
- Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Standing Conference of Orthodox Bishops in America
- Quakers Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
- Bahá'í International Community
- The National Religious Coalition on Creation Care