



Sample Questions for Episcopal Candidates Based on Bishops' Commitment to Creation Care

In November 2021 the United Methodist Council of Bishops approved [five responses to the climate crisis](#) that is increasing the severity of natural disasters around the world and contributing to record global migration. The bishops' pledge described climate change "as an existential crisis the Church cannot ignore." Below are suggested questions for jurisdictional delegates to ask episcopal candidates during interviews, based on the Council of Bishops' climate crisis responses.

- How would you lead your conference(s) in taking action on human-caused climate change?
- The Council of Bishops' 2009 document [God's Renewed Creation](#) addresses the intersections of climate change, poverty, racism and colonialism. How would you address these in your conference(s)? How have you advocated as a pastor in the past?
- How would you use the resources of the [General Board of Church and Society](#), [United Women in Faith](#), [The General Board of Global Ministries](#) and [The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry](#) to support your advocacy related to climate justice?
- How would you engage your conference(s) in fulfilling the Council of Bishops' commitment to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in partnership with the [Interagency Commitment to Just and Equitable Net-Zero Emissions](#)?
- How will you affirm our [Social Principle on The Natural World: Global Climate Stewardship](#) to support government efforts to mandate reductions in greenhouse gas emissions?