



ACTIONS TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE FOR CHURCHES & INDIVIDUALS

	Activity	Church/Congregation	Individual
1	Advocate for climate solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit your local MP's to keep pushing the Federal Government to stick to a morally responsible, scientifically credible national emission target, somewhere between 64% and 100% reduction of emissions from 2005 levels, by 2030 • Advocate for climate change - at any level of council or local government election in your area. • Participate in #Climate Strike protests as a congregation • Follow the lead of Westgate Baptist Church in proposing their church declare a climate emergency or join with potential BUV participating group • Advocate against coal mines like Adani Carmichael at Galilee Basin • Join with a community environmental group to add weight to your advocacy • Get involved as a congregation in community events like tree planting and Clean up Days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep pushing the Federal Government to stick to a morally responsible, scientifically credible national emission target, somewhere between 64% and 100% reduction of emissions from 2005 levels, by 2030 • Advocate for climate change at any level of council or local government election in your area. • Participate in the #Climate Strike protests • Advocate against coal mines like Adani Carmichael at Galilee Basin • Join together with a community environmental group to add weight to your advocacy • Get involved in community events like tree planting and Clean up Days
2	Get politically active and vote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with your local council and government MP's to find out about their policies on all justice issues including climate change • Invite MP's to attend any climate conversations you are hosting at your church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on changing the larger system where we have the greatest opportunity to reduce emissions. • Weigh up all policies of your local MP's and vote for leaders who prioritise justice at all levels of government and who take climate change seriously
3	Reduce our carbon footprint by using energy wisely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a Church Environmental Audit or get a church energy audit to identify where you can make the most energy savings • Install solar panels, change to energy efficient light bulbs • Unplug computers and other electronics when not being used • Where possible, increase the energy rating of your church - increase insulation, double glazing, cooling methods other than air conditioners • Look for energy smart labels when buying new appliances • Wash dishes rather than using plastic cups and plates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get a home or workplace energy audit to identify where you can make the most energy savings • Install solar panels, change to energy efficient light bulbs • Unplug computers and other electronics when not being used • Where possible, increase the energy rating of your home - install solar panels, increase insulation, double glazing, cooling methods other than air conditioners • Look for energy smart labels when buying new appliances

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buy biodegradable or recyclable communion cups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash clothes in cold or warm water and hang clothes rather than using a dryer Use reusable drink bottles, containers, and food wraps
4	Start climate conversations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preach, teach or bible study this area Host a climate change conversation among your congregation or your local community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start by asking one person you're close to how climate change has affected them. Listen to their thoughts and stories, then share your own
5	Consume less, waste less, enjoy more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the principles of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Start some community projects on your church land – eg, community gardens, community kitchen, composting – follow the lead of other churches currently doing this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the principles of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Sharing, making, fixing, upcycling, repurposing and composting
6	Eat for a climate stable planet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If space permits, establish a community garden on church land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eat more meat free meals Buy organics and local wherever possible Don't waste food Grow your own food
7	Green your commute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage your members to carpool walk or ride to church Model to others in your congregation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take public transport Ride a bike or advocate for bike lanes in your community Carpool Switch to an electric or hybrid vehicle Fly less
8	Invest in renewables and divest from fossil fuels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let industry know you care about climate change by meeting with your church's bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak to your financial adviser about clean energy/technology investments Let industry know you care about climate change by meeting with your bank or investment adviser to make sure your investments do not include fossil fuels