

WCC group commits to action on climate change

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Henrik Grape, moderator of the WCC working group on climate change, hands the interfaith declaration to UNFCCC's deputy executive director, Ovais Sarmad. (Lutheran World Federation/Albin Hillert)

On December 10, the World Council of Churches' Interfaith Liaison Committee presented the UN's climate change summit with a declaration of its commitment to climate justice.

The group wrote that, as people driven by faith and hope, they were compelled to contribute to a solution to the climate crisis.

"For decades, science has provided increasing evidence of how the earth is affected by human-induced climate change," they wrote. "The response from those in power has been inadequate and slow. Action has been delayed even as the voice of warning has become stronger."

The declaration also highlights the need for future climate action to include the voices of traditionally excluded groups like women, indigenous peoples, and young people.

“We have no time to wait,” the declaration concludes. “As faith communities we seek to offer a positive and empowering voice of hope over fear, of compassion over indifference, and urgent and fair action as a moral obligation.”