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Dear Prime Minister

Every day, millions of our sisters and brothers around the world live with the terrible impact of climate change. Those who live in Ethiopia’s South Omo region are among them. There, the rains have stopped, drought has dried the rivers, and crops no longer produce a harvest. Even the honeybees have disappeared.

Christian Aid’s local partners work with communities around the world to build a better future. These partners and communities urgently need far greater political action than they currently see. In 2021, the UK has the chance to be a true global leader. 2021 is a critical year to tackle the climate crisis and the UK is uniquely placed to lead the world in ambitious action as the President of the COP26 UN climate talks.

Christian Aid, their supporting churches across the UK, and their local partners around the world expect your Government to tackle climate change in a way that is fair and just for the world’s poorest people. That’s why today we, as representatives of those churches, are writing to you in support of the petition being submitted to you by Christian Aid, signed by over 57,000 of their supporters, calling for action.

We all want a new deal for climate justice.

In the coming days, the Government will submit its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the UNFCCC. This is your opportunity to deliver this new deal for climate justice.

Christian Aid, their partners around the world, and churches across the UK expect serious commitments in the NDC to:

1. an ambitious target for cutting UK emissions by 75% by 2030, solely through domestic action, and based on the scientific evidence provided by the Committee on Climate Change.
2. support climate-vulnerable countries with climate finance, adaptation, capacity-building, and technology transfer.

As we look with hope to the securing of a critical deal in Glasgow next year, churches across the UK are committed, together with Christian Aid and its supporters, to working with you and your Government to help deliver a national climate plan that ensures climate justice for the world’s poorest people.

With our prayers and best wishes in these challenging times,

Elizabeth Allen, Quakers in Scotland

Very Rev Dr Susan Brown, Convenor Faith Impact Forum, Church of Scotland

The Most Revd John D E Davies, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea and Brecon

Revd Clare Downing, Moderator of General Assembly, United Reformed Church

Revd Lynn Green, General Secretary, Baptist Union of Great Britain

Revd David Gregory, Convenor, Baptist Union Environment Network

Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury, lead bishop on environmental affairs for the Church of England

Revd Dr Jennifer A Hurd, District Chair of The Cymru Synod of the Methodist Church

Carolyn Lawrence, Vice President of the Conference of the Methodist Church

Revd Judith Morris, General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Wales

Rev Meirion Morris, General Secretary of The Presbyterian Church of Wales

John O Fulton, Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland

Paul Parker, Recording Clerk, Quakers in Britain

Peter Pay, Moderator of General Assembly, United Reformed Church

Revd Dyfrig Rees, General Secretary of the Union of Welsh Independents

Rev. Lindsey Sanderson, Synod of Scotland, United Reformed Church

Revd Richard Teal, President of the Conference of the Methodist Church

Revd Simon Walkling, Moderator of the United Reformed Church National Synod of Wales

Revd Dr Stephen Wigley, Chair of the Wales Synod of the Methodist Church