



## **Climate and Environmental Emergency Recognition**

### **On the basis that:**

1. The world is facing a severe crisis of environmental degradation and climate change that affects our ability to sustain and enable creation to flourish
2. The main cause of the crisis is human activity;
3. The crisis is inextricably linked to global injustices and inequality;
4. The crisis indicates a failure of human beings to follow God's mandate to care for the world and to seek justice among its peoples;

### **We, the Circuit Meeting of the Leeds North and East Circuit of the Methodist Church, want to publicly recognise a Climate and Environmental Emergency, and commit ourselves to:**

1. Using whatever influence we may have to bring about positive actions by local and national government and by corporations.
2. Bringing forward by March 2022 an action plan to minimise our negative impact as a circuit on the environment and climate and to help restoration where possible;
3. Encouraging our churches, projects and individual members to make relevant lifestyle changes appropriate to their circumstances;
4. Encouraging action on this emergency in our neighbourhoods, workplaces and other spheres of activity;
5. Examining our lives individually, and as a circuit in relation to this crisis, and seeking to live faithfully to God;

**Leeds North and East Circuit of the Methodist Church**

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