

**EMC 2019**

## **EMC Pledges on Climate Change**

Let's make the following pledges:

1. We pledge to be active in our own churches and countries with respect to climate change and to raise awareness in our local contexts.
2. We pledge to set up standards of sustainability in all our Methodist churches in Europe by implementing a Creation-Care-Management system, which makes a plan on how to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions.
3. We pledge to prefer the use of train/bus/local boat travel and only use a plane when necessary when travelling to EMC meetings. If it's really necessary to take the plane, we will pay a compensation fee for the emission. This fee could be used within the church to fund renewable energy sources for local church buildings.
4. "We pledge to measure the "carbon footprint" of our (church) offices, determine how to reduce it, and implement those changes." (God's Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action)
5. We pledge to use reusable and renewable materials, and to avoid non-biodegradable and/or single-use plastics at the EMC meetings. We remember that we are a paperless council.
6. We pledge to use local products, including food, as far as possible at EMC meetings.
7. We pledge to publish the results of 1 – 6 on the homepage of the EMC and report our progress at the 2020 EMC meeting.

16th September 2019