



# METHODIST WEBINAR:

## THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY, COP26 AND FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT

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A webinar exploring how the Methodist Church can support a just and green recovery ahead of COP26 by divesting from fossil fuels and investing in clean alternatives

There has been growing support in the Methodist Church for divestment from fossil fuels. In June 2020, 260 Methodists signed a letter calling for the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church to fully divest. The Methodist Council passed a resolution on divestment in October 2020. Several Methodist churches have already announced their decision to divest from fossil fuels.

Join this interactive webinar to hear why divestment is such an important response to the climate crisis with Bill McKibben, who started the global fossil fuel divestment movement, and Mark Campanale, whose groundbreaking research with Carbon Tracker has highlighted the risks of continued investment in fossil fuels. The webinar will be an opportunity to hear from Methodist leaders who are campaigning for divestment and find out how you can get involved.

The webinar will also offer an opportunity to find out more about how your church, Circuit or District can join the next global divestment announcement for faith institutions in spring 2021. The Methodist Zero Carbon Group will share a new resource on divestment as well as introducing other areas they will be working on ahead of the upcoming UN climate talks, COP26, in Glasgow in November 2021.

The webinar is sponsored by Operation Noah, Christian Aid and the Methodist Zero Carbon Group.

**TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2021  
7.30PM - 9.00PM**

We are delighted to welcome the following speakers:



**Keynote speaker:**  
**Bill McKibben,**  
Author,  
environmentalist, and  
co-founder of 350.org



**Mark Campanale,**  
Founder of the Carbon  
Tracker Initiative



**Martha Rand,**  
Vice Chair of the  
Methodist Zero Carbon  
Group



**James Buchanan,**  
Bright Now  
Campaign Manager  
at Operation Noah



**Sheridan Pengelly**  
Vice Chair of the  
Methodist Zero Carbon  
Group



**Webinar chair: Michael  
Pryke,** Chair of the  
Methodist Zero Carbon  
Group and former  
Methodist Youth  
President