

## **Christian Communities Celebrate U.S. Making Good on Green Climate Fund Promise with \$500 Million Investment**

Creation Justice Ministries celebrates the U.S. investment of \$500 million to the Green Climate Fund.

Damage to our climate already burdens, and will continue to most harm, those who are least able to cope — people who have been impoverished and made vulnerable, mostly in countries classified as ‘developing.’ As an industrialized nation that has disproportionately contributed to greenhouse gas emissions, we are morally called to love our neighbors by rectifying climate injustice. The Green Climate Fund is an important tool to do this.

Creation Justice Ministries President Rebecca Barnes shared the Christian faith basis for supporting the Green Climate Fund, “As Christians we are called to love our Creator with all our heart, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. In our globalized world, loving our Creator means showing reverence for the whole planet, and loving our neighbor includes caring for the wellbeing of all God’s people around the world.”

Creation Justice Ministries Executive Director Shantha Ready Alonso highlighted the good the Green Climate Fund is already doing: “The Creation Justice community is grateful to President Obama for following through on our nation’s promises to invest in the Green Climate Fund because we know its projects can save lives. Already, the Green Climate Fund is helping the Maldives cope with climate-related water shortages, and it is equipping Malawi with severe weather warning systems.”

Creation Justice Ministries will continue to call on the president and Congress to invest in the Green Climate Fund, along with any policies that promote economic dignity, ecological integrity and climate resilience for our neighbors who are most suffering.

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