What can communities of faith take away from the recent United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28)?

A Non-Exhaustive List of Resources

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Post-COP28 Commentaries

- Project Drawdown: What good are climate talks? Five takeaways from COP28
- Brookings Institution: <u>The successes and failures of COP28</u>
- NY Times: Four Takeaways From the COP28 Climate Summit
- Episcopal News Service: Episcopal delegates represent presiding bishop, church at UN climate change conference.
- <u>The Episcopal Church: UN Conference on Climate Change (COP28)</u>

Loss and Damage funding

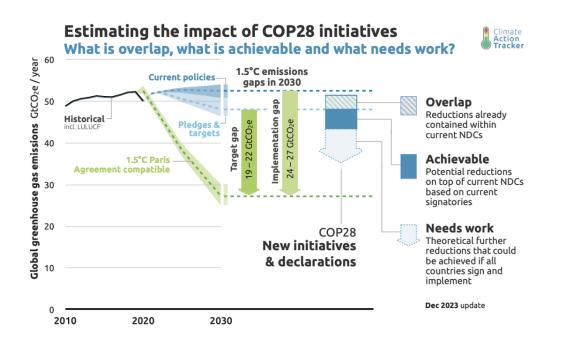
- The Guardian: \$700m pledged to loss and damage fund at Cop28 covers less than 0.2% needed
- The Episcopal Church Creation Care Blog, Graumlich: <u>https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ecojustice/loss-and-damage-why-these-two-words-hold-the-key-to-a-just-transition-in-a-warming-world/</u>

Net zero, false solutions and geoengineering

- The Women and Gender Constituency (one of the nine stakeholder groups of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change): <u>Issue Brief Women & Gender</u> <u>Constituency – False Solutions</u>
- AGU: Ethical Framework for Climate Intervention

What can we do?

• Rebecca Solnit, <u>What Can I Do about the Climate Emergency? (A lot! Here's how!).</u> Recently released appendix to *Not Too Late: Changing the Climate Story from Despair to Possibility* by Rebecca Solnit (Editor), Thelma Young Lutunatabua (Editor) **Bonus for the data inclined** - from the <u>Climate Action Tracker</u>, an independent scientific project that tracks government climate action and measures it against the globally agreed Paris Agreement aim of "holding warming well below 2°C, and pursuing efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C."



From their COP28 report:

- Few of the sectoral initiatives announced during COP28 will meaningfully contribute to closing the emissions gap. Many of them lack either the ambition, clarity, coverage or accountability needed to really make a difference.
- We estimate that of the total emissions savings that could be achieved by the pledges, around a quarter is already included in government NDCs, around a quarter is additional and achievable, and around half is unlikely to be achieved without further action to improve the initiatives.