



Update from the G7

At the time of writing this newsletter a CAFOD delegation - which included 16 young adults - is returning from Cornwall after four busy days. We joined thousands of others to call for: action to ensure everyone can access Covid vaccines, ambitious commitments to tackle the climate crisis and an agreement for debt cancellation for low- and middle-income countries.

Yet, we have been left disappointed that leaders of the G7 ultimately failed to deliver on the urgent action needed to ensure a just and green post-pandemic recovery.

Although they pledged to donate 1 billion vaccine doses, which will go some way towards vaccinating the world's population, it does not go nearly far enough. If they are serious about securing vaccines for all, all G7 leaders should join Joe Biden in backing calls for a waiver to the Covid vaccine patent.

We welcome that the G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to limit global heating to 1.5C and to "improve and increase" climate finance commitments. But these pledges did not come with concrete commitments to reach these goals. We all know that we cannot address the biggest crisis that humanity is facing simply with good intentions.

We will continue campaigning on these issues until we finally see change. **Keep updated at cafod.org.uk/reclaim**

Holly travelled to Cornwall with CAFOD and 15 other young adults. She tells us why she's determined to carry on campaigning.

"The timing of the G7 offered so much hope. It's so disappointing to see such lacklustre outcomes. In the midst of a pandemic, the G7 provided an opportunity to hit the reset button, to open the door to a real future for low- and middle-income countries and protect the planet for future generations. What has emerged is nowhere near enough or quick enough. We need to maintain the pressure on our leaders in the run up to COP26 to ensure the powerful voice of all of those calling for change is heard.



Being part of this inspiring group of people was such a fantastic opportunity; not only to learn from the knowledge and experience the other delegates have, but to do what I can to turn our shared dream of a just, green world into a new way of life. I'm determined to continue campaigning until we secure a better future."



Listen to our interfaith climate event

In Truro Cathedral, welcomed by Bishop Mark O'Toole, we listened to leaders of different faith groups and reflected on the impact the pandemic has had on the lives of our sisters and brothers worldwide. Over 1,000 CAFOD supporters joined this event live. If you missed it, you can watch it at cafod.org.uk/g7event

Our campaign to end support for fossil fuels overseas has won an award!

We are delighted to share with you that our campaign has won the 'David & Goliath Award' at the Shelia McKechnie Foundation's National Campaigner Awards. It's great to receive recognition for the hard work that people like you have put in to push the government to make this vital decision to end public financing of fossil fuels overseas.

The organisations involved in the overseas fossil fuels campaign are CAFOD, Global Witness, E3G, Tearfund, Christian Aid, Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace, Bretton Woods Project, Oil Change International and Global Justice Now.

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Parliament in your Parish update

So far, 45 MPs have met, or will soon meet, CAFOD supporters as part of our Parliament in your Parish initiative. Campaigns Volunteer Stephen from Lancaster diocese offers some tips:

Before the meeting: One way to show that we are united across the MP's constituency is by organising a joint meeting with other parishes that fall within the same constituency boundary.

If your MP declines the invitation, you could suggest meeting after the parliamentary summer recess. If that fails, you could write a letter to your MP outlining the issues you wanted to talk to them about. You could get other parishioners to sign the letter so your MP can see that there are lots of constituents concerned with these issues.

At the meeting: Try to find areas of mutual interest with the MP, e.g. if your MP has spoken about climate issues you could open the discussion with that shared agenda. Keep the meeting positive and friendly. Use the language of hope, like Pope Francis. If possible, seek outcomes you can hold the MP to.

After the meeting: Follow up the meeting with a thank you email which also confirms any agreed actions.

Do you need more petition cards?

Thank you for encouraging others to sign our petition cards. You can order more at cafod.org.uk/shop and encourage people to sign online at cafod.org.uk/cop26petition



Julia Lopez MP
@JuliaLopezMP

Great to meet members of St Laurence's and St Joseph's churches, Upminster, today to discuss @CAFOD campaign on climate change. Set out work @AlokSharma_RDG is driving ahead of COP26 plus local initiatives like new woodland being planted at Thames Chase in Trees for Climate plan.



Mike Kane
@MikeKaneMP

Great to meet with local parishioners this morning to talk all things #cafod. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.



Webinar on debt cancellation

Last month our debt experts gave a detailed update on CAFOD's work to secure debt relief for the world's poorest nations. Watch here to understand the urgent need to cancel foreign debt and what CAFOD is doing to push for this:

www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Cancelling-the-Debt



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