

European Baptist Federation Council Meeting Glasgow, Scotland 25-28 September 2019

EBF Glasgow Resolution on Climate Change

The Council of the European Baptist Federation, meeting in Glasgow, Scotland, 25-28 September 2019:

REAFFIRMS its resolution on Creation Care from 2008

ACKNOWLEDGES that the deterioration of the world's climate is a profoundly complex, global issue which should not be ignored by people who are disciples of Christ

RECOGNISES that climate change already has, and will continue to have its most devastating effects on the lives of the most vulnerable peoples in our world

ACCEPTS our calling to care for God's good creation, our and future generations' common home, and to make decisions, and behave in ways that reflect our love for God and for our neighbour

ACKNOWLEDGES the biblical mandate to "work and take care of" creation (Genesis 2: 15) and confesses that our sinful human activity is a major reason for the current climate crisis

CONFESSES that our faith has not always challenged our individual and corporate choices and behaviours, and that it has often been people from outside the Christian family who have led the way in encouraging our societies and countries to consider human impact on the world

ENCOURAGES our member unions and partners to emphasise the need for us, as individuals, churches, and unions to make informed decisions about our everyday living as part of our commitment to creation, and our covenant with God as Creator

CALLS ON our member unions and partners to urge their governments to address climate change as a matter of urgency and justice, and to advocate for radical action in order to meet the challenges as outlined in the Paris 2015 Agreement