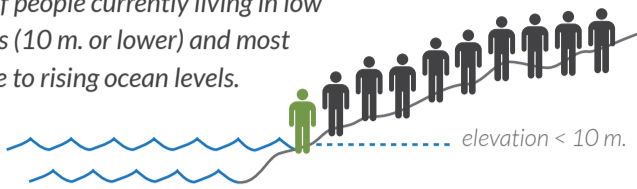


Climate change will have significant, worldwide effects in coming decades.

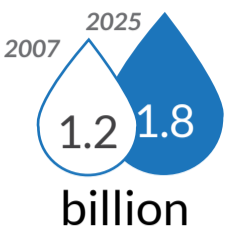
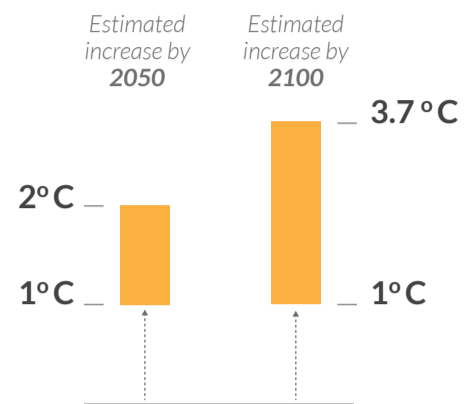
640 million

Number of people currently living in low lying areas (10 m. or lower) and most vulnerable to rising ocean levels.



The average global temperature is predicted to rise sharply over the next century.

Estimated range of increase in global mean surface temperature, from 1990 levels



Number of people faced with water scarcity.

\$28 trillion

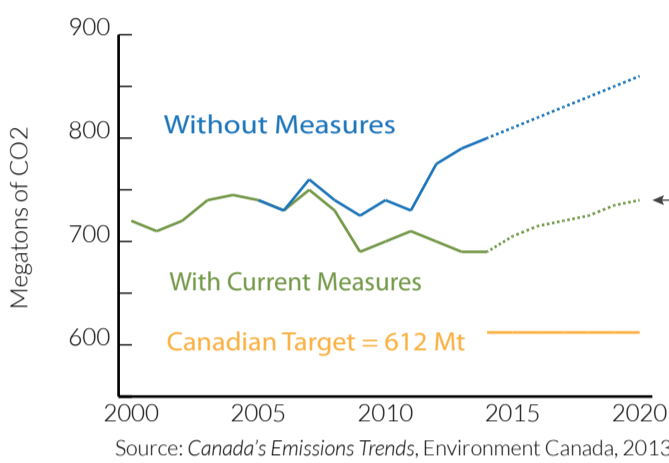
Value of assets at risk due to rising ocean levels



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Of all animal species at risk of extinction by 2050. Experts anticipate that within the next 100 years there will be no polar bears in the wild.

Canada has not done enough to meet its own climate change obligations.



Canada's greenhouse gas emissions **continue to rise**. Current measures are inadequate, meaning **Canada will fall far short** of its target.

The faith community has shown some leadership, but must do more.

Many of the national churches have engaged political leaders, advocating for far-reaching action to address climate change.



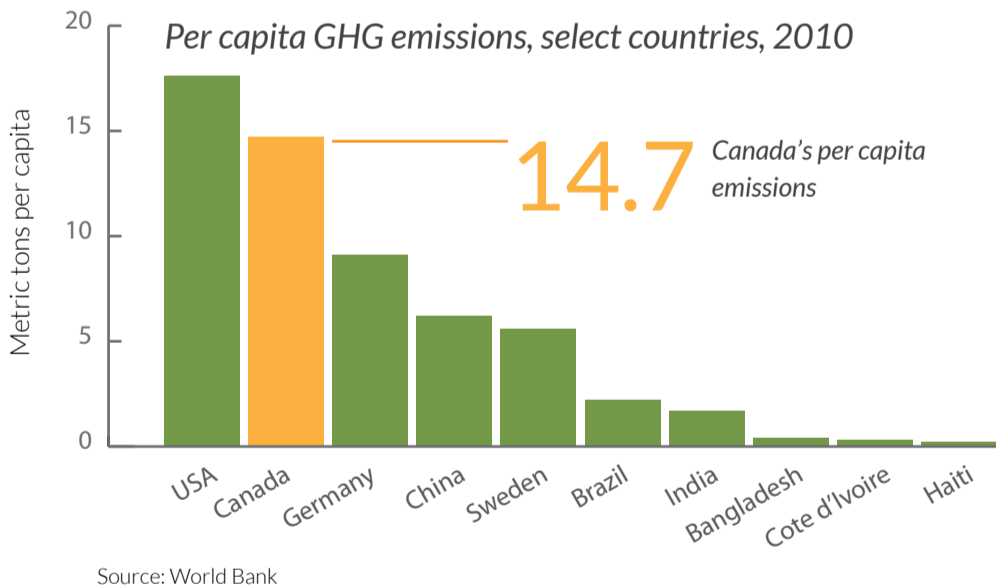
"Creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God."

Romans 8: 19

Together, faith communities have called for leadership to "...put the long-term interest of humanity and the planet ahead of short-term economic and national concerns."

Canadian Interfaith Call for Leadership and Action on Climate Change, 2011

Canadians must take action to tackle climate change.



Per capita, Canada is one of the **world's most egregious** emitters of greenhouse gases.

While it's important for people to make positive change at the individual level, the reality is that "personal greening" will not be enough to address climate change.

What's needed is systemic change at the federal – and international – policy level.

This is what we need.



1. A Binding International Agreement to Reduce Carbon Emissions

Sign and implement an agreement that commits nations to reduce emissions and set targets to ensure that global average temperatures stay (at least) below a 2° C increase from pre-industrial levels.



2. Canadian Carbon Emissions Targets & Renewable Energy Policy

Commit to national carbon emission targets and a national renewable energy policy designed to achieve sustainability.



3. Support the International Green Climate Fund

Contribute public funds to the Green Climate Fund (under UN governance) to assist the poorest and most affected countries to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change.

This agreement should be reached no later than December 2015 at the 21st meeting of UN Conference of Parties (COP21) in Paris.

Source: Canadian Interfaith Call for Leadership and Action on Climate Change, www.cpj.ca/canadian-interfaith-call-leadership-and-action-climate-change