

Moderator signs climate change statement

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland the Rt Rev Dr Russell Barr has joined more than 250 international faith leaders to sign a joint statement.



Moderator of the Church of Scotland 2016 Rev
Dr Russell Barr of Cramond Kirk.

This document is designed to encourage governments around the world to act urgently to fulfil the promises made in the Paris Agreement on climate change.

The faith leaders statement was delivered to the UN climate change conference in Marrakech, Morocco, which starts tomorrow Thursday 10 November.

The Scottish Government's Minister for the Environment, Roseanna Cunningham MSP, will make a statement on climate change on Thursday before going to Marrakech to attend the conference.



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Rt Rev Dr Russell Barr welcomed Mrs Cunningham's work to meet Scotland's ambitious climate change targets and said : "The Church of Scotland has heard the cries for help from churches around the world, from Africa, India, South America and the islands of the Caribbean and Pacific Oceans. Our partners there have told us of the damage and destruction climate change brings and they have called on us to respond and to change our lives.

"As Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland I call on world leaders meeting together at the CoP 22 Climate Conference in Marrakech to listen to these voices and commit to the actions set out in this statement."

Other signatories to the statement include Archbishop Desmond Tutu; Most Rev. David Chillingworth, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; and representatives from all the major world faiths.