



Evangelical collective “defenders of the creation” CEDEC

Pronouncement on the month of the earth

Due to the national and international emergency we are facing at this moment, CEDEC as a group conformed by individuals, churches, and evangelical organizations in Peru, whose purpose is to promote within and outside the church the active compromise with the defense of God's creation, expresses the following:

Without putting aside the serious threat that the pandemic COVID-19 represents for mankind, as well as the strict compliance of the control methods promoted by the estates, we believe that this is a consequence of the environmental chaos produced by activities such as the trading of wild animals, the destruction of forests, and the climate change.

In that sense, the pandemic is also an expression form of a major crisis centered on the production of societies and their relationship with nature.

We as Evangelical Christians, believe that the current pandemic represents a call from creation to awaken social and environmental consciousness. The reduction of greenhouse gasses in highly affected locations such as China, along with the decontamination of air, rivers, and oceans in different parts of the world, today constitute a great opportunity to reflect on urgent environmental changes.

The groans of creation in consequence of its destruction have not been heard, however, we see it today renewed and beautiful, reminding us about the need of its rest, just as it was proclaimed in the sabbath year and the rejoice (Lev. 25): but there is an even bigger purpose, which exhorts us towards only truth: the earth belongs to God, and it is for His honor. (Lev. 25:2, Sal: 24:1), that is the biggest forgetfulness of humanity.

As an evangelical collective, we call out to the governments in all nations to stop the greediness for money in the creation of detrimental and human dignity, avoiding the environmental passiveness and the growth of social poverty.

In the case of Peru, we are urged to put limits on our extraction projects, as well as to promote the energy transition law, the vice ministry of familiar agriculture, and the regulation of the climate change law.

In the same way, we make a call out to the big contaminating companies of the world, causes of the environmental emergency, the reduction of the forests and the loss of biodiversity.

It is urgent to prioritize the social and environmental consciousness before generating economical incomes, optimizing its production models through energetic transition and the use of renewable energies.

Finally, we make a call out to society in general and particularly to the church, to remember that THE EARTH BELONGS TO GOD AND IT IS FOR HIS HONOR, not to serve as economical, individual and androcentrism interests. The earth is for the common good and for the joy in the justice of all beings that inhabit it and for all generations.

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