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Mtg Church

Date: September 23, 1997

To: Jonathan Adashek

From: Jaydee Hanson

Re: Meeting of National Council of Churches Representatives with Todd Stern Re. Climate Change

The following members of the National Council of Churches' Eco-Justice Working Group will meet with Mr. Stern at 5pm. I am pleased that several that I thought would have to make flights were able to change them.

Bernadine McRipley, Presbyterian Church, USA, & Co-Chair Eco-Justice Working Group

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Shantilal Bhagat Church of the Brethren

Edwin C. Dreby IV, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends,

Richard Kilmer, Staff, NCCC

Beverly Meeker, Episcopal Church,

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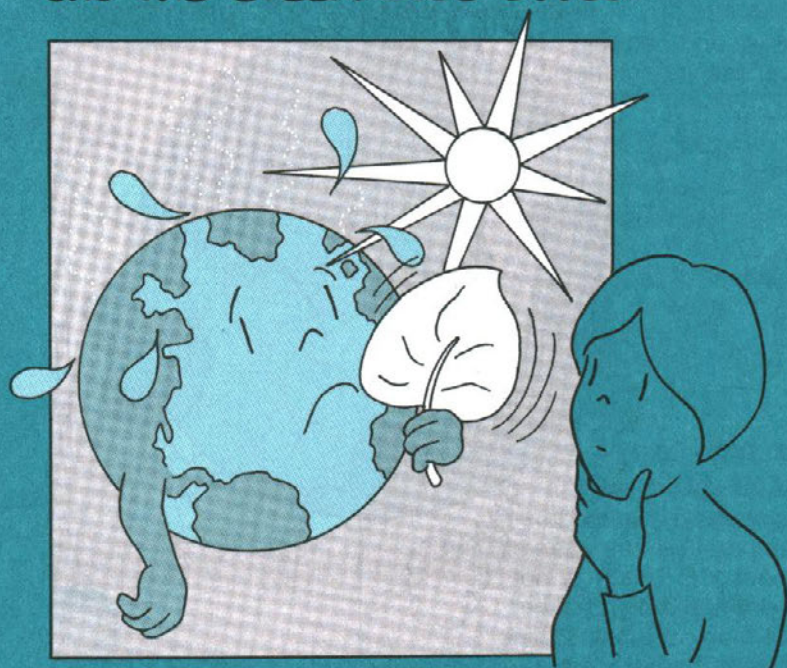
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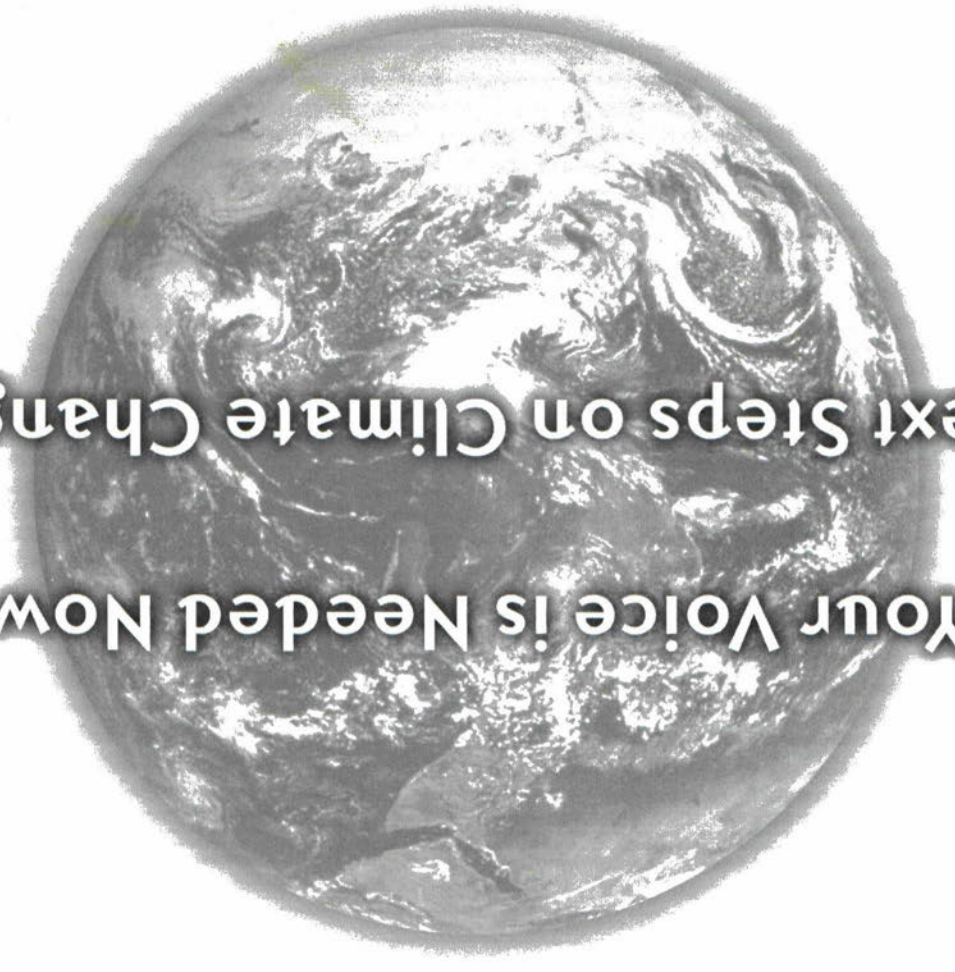
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ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING

and the Greenhouse Effect





Next Steps on Climate Change

Your Voice is Needed Now

President Clinton can take bold leadership to protect our children from climate change. The single biggest cause of carbon dioxide pollution in the United States is emissions from cars and trucks. The fuel efficiency standards for automobiles have not been raised since 1986. If our grandchildren inherit a world damaged by a changing climate they may wonder why we could not even try to use less gasoline.

The President is authorized to make changes in automobile fuel economy standards without approval of congress. Consider sending a letter to President Clinton, perhaps including a picture of your children, grandchildren, Sunday School class, or children in a developing country immediately affected by climate change. In your own words say something like the following:

Dear Mr. President,

You were right when you said, "We must work to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions." As a Christian and a parent (grandparent, godparent, teacher, etc.), I urge you to act now to protect our children's and grandchildren's future by raising automobile fuel economy standards. Making cars go farther on a gallon of gas is a big step toward curbing global warming and protecting our children and God's creation.

Send your letters and pictures to:

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Your Voice is Needed Now

Christians have often written to the President and their members of Congress about concerns which have been informed by their faith. In recent years, our elected officials have received a large volume of mail from people of faith about the need to protect and restore the environment—God's creation.

Letters to President Clinton, your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives on climate change might be an appropriate next step for you.

During his visit to the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, President Clinton pledged to make 1997 a milestone year to protect the planet from climate change. On November 22, 1996, he said,

We must work to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions. These gases released by cars and power plants and burning forests affect our health and our climate. They are literally warming our planet. If they continue unabated, the consequences will be nothing short of devastating for the children here...and their children.

New weather patterns, lost species, the spread of infectious diseases, damaged economies, rising sea levels—if present trends continue, there is a real risk that sometime in the next century, parts of this very park (The Great Barrier Reef)... could disappear, submerged by a rising ocean... That is why I call upon the community of nations to agree to legally binding commitments to fight climate change.

We must stand together against the threat of global warming. A greenhouse may be a good place to raise plants; it is no place to nurture our children.

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Between the Flood and the Rainbow

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Heading for Apocalypse?

Without swift priority actions on the part of governments and people, the stakes are high and the possibility of irreversible damage to our habitat immense.

The latest news from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is that, for the first time, it has found evidence that human activities are indeed causing a much-debated warming of the globe. The report, though preliminary, appeared to strengthen the case that governments throughout the world may need to take stronger action to head off potential damage.

Couple the UN panel report with the recent announcement from the World Meteorological Organization that a worrisome hole in the Earth's protective ozone shield appears to be getting even larger over Antarctica, and the evidence becomes stronger that human-made gases are causing deterioration of the Earth's fragile atmosphere.

Global warming is a real phenomenon and although scientists remain divided on a number of climate change issues, there is strong possibility that global warming could cause a rise in sea level that would flood coastal lowlands, an increase in weather

extremes and damage to forests and croplands in some regions. Forestalling truly severe damage might well warrant action to slow the emission of greenhouse gases by reducing the world's reliance on fossil fuels. But that would be a wrenching, costly process that few political leaders are eager to undertake absent compelling evidence that human activities really are driving world temperatures toward dangerous levels.

The new report of the UN's panel while not signalling a "smoking gun" evidence, does suggest strongly that human-made global warming is under way. The computer models that predict rising temperatures seem to be matching up more closely with some of the patterns of climate change actually observed. There are great uncertainties in how much the temperature will rise and how great any damage might be. But the case for being concerned about global warming is getting stronger.

Major signs point to a global disaster-in-the-making. Without swift priority actions on the part of governments and people, the stakes are high and the possibility of irreversible damage to our habitat immense. *Do-nothingness* may be tantamount to apocalypse now. —Shantilal Bhagat

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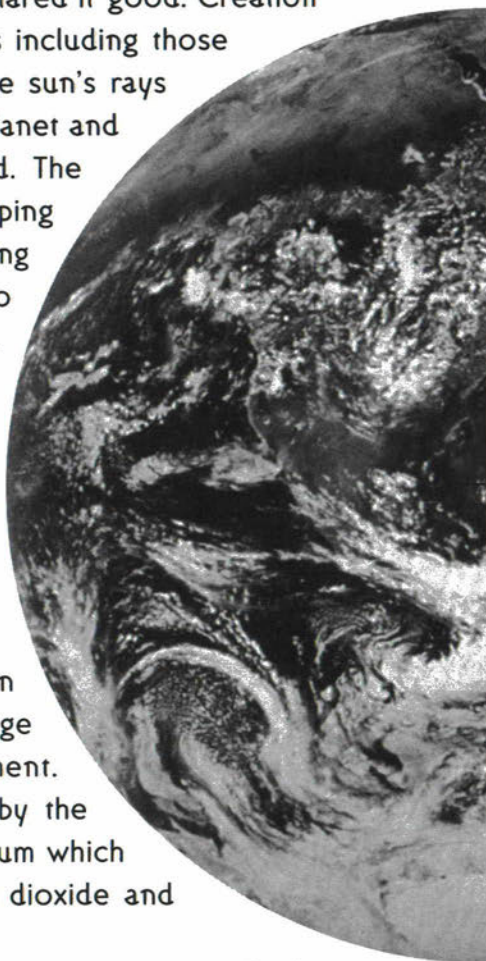
The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God

God created the world and declared it good. Creation contains many delicate balances including those within our atmospheric system. The sun's rays enter the atmosphere, warm our planet and provide us with energy and food. The atmosphere acts as a blanket trapping much of the sun's warmth, permitting only some heat to escape back into space. Without this blanket of gases, including carbon dioxide, much of life on earth would not survive.

God has called human beings to the tasks of restoring and protecting creation—maintaining the delicate balances of God's world.

Since the industrial revolution began, human activity has had a huge impact on the natural environment. Industrialization has been fueled by the burning of natural gas and petroleum which releases large amounts of carbon dioxide and other gases into the atmosphere.

Consequently, human beings are creating a thicker atmospheric blanket as we continue to add emissions from automobiles, power plants, and industry. More of the sun's rays are being trapped. This is warming the earth causing climate changes. Scientists predict a significant change in climate in the next century if fuel usage continues at present rates. (Over)



Worship Resources

Protecting and Restoring God's World

Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

People: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

(from Psalm 19)

Litany for Creation

Leader: Praise to you, O God, source of all waters. For vast oceans, flowing rivers, and gentle rains we give you thanks.

People: Forgive our careless waste and polluting ways.

Leader: Help us to cleanse, conserve, and share; teach us to care for the the gift of water.

People: Come and heal your people. Come and heal the waters.

Leader: Praise to you, O God, creator of the dry land. For mighty mountains, rolling hills, and fertile prairies we give you thanks.

People: Forgive our wanton greed and violent ways.

Leader: Help us to sow, till, and harvest with care; teach us to live gently on the land.

People: Come and heal your people. Come and heal the land.

Leader: Praise to you, O God, breath of life and maker of air. For wind and wave, breath and breeze, light and life we give you thanks.

People: Forgive our heedless acts and selfish ways.

Leader: Help us to live justly, simply, and wisely; teach us to care for the gift of air.

People: Come and heal your people. Come and heal the air.

Leader: Praise to you, O God, Lord and Giver of Life. Your love sustains planet earth and by your hand all things living are fed.

People: Forgive our neglect and abuse of your gifts.

Leader: Help us to serve, defend, and restore your creation.

People: Help us care for your people. Help us care for the earth.

Prayer of Confession

Creator of the earth and all living things, maker of the sky and the air and the breath of life, God of all that is: we are your servant people, created out of the clay of the earth itself. We forget that we are your creatures and we play at being gods. We neglect the work of stewardship that you have provided for our occupation and our joy. We have used, abused, and abandoned those things that you have created for your delight.

You have created a fragile world in a perfect and delicate balance. Thinking too much of our own importance we have upset the balance.

We ask for your forgiveness, Holy and Righteous God. We yearn to join with the mountains and valleys, the rocks and the birds and the wild ocean waters in singing your praises. Amen

Declaration of Hope

L. *"Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls." (Jer. 6:16)*

P. *We are standing at a crossroads. Together let us seek the good way and find rest for all of God's creation.*

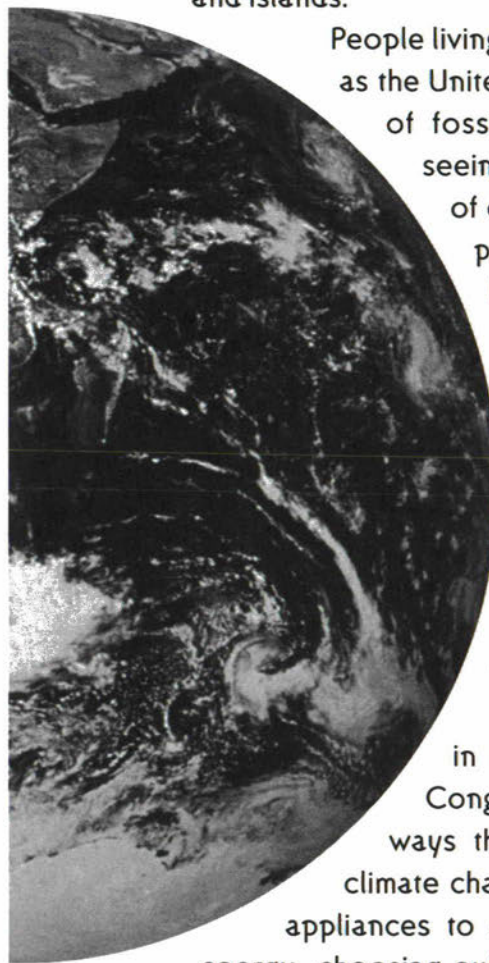
The consequences of accelerated climate change have already begun. They include drought, above-normal temperatures in some parts of the world, heavier than normal rain and snow storms in other areas resulting in flooding and land erosion, and a rise in sea level causing deterioration of coastal regions and islands.

People living in wealthier areas of the world such as the United States, are the primary consumers of fossil fuels. However, those who are seeing the earliest and most severe effects of climate change are those living in the poorer regions of the world such as Bangladesh, the Marshall Islands, and parts of Africa.

The hope of the world is that God, through Jesus Christ, is redeeming and transforming all of creation. As Colossians 1:20 states, God is "pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross."

The church is called to participate in God's transformation of creation. Congregations and individuals have found ways they can address the challenges of climate change including: turning off lights and appliances to reduce their use of electricity and energy, choosing public transportation instead of single occupancy vehicles, and sharing their concerns about the environment with their neighbors, leaders of industries and their legislators.

But first of all, Christians are praying—praying for wisdom and strength to help restore and protect the wonderful gift of creation.



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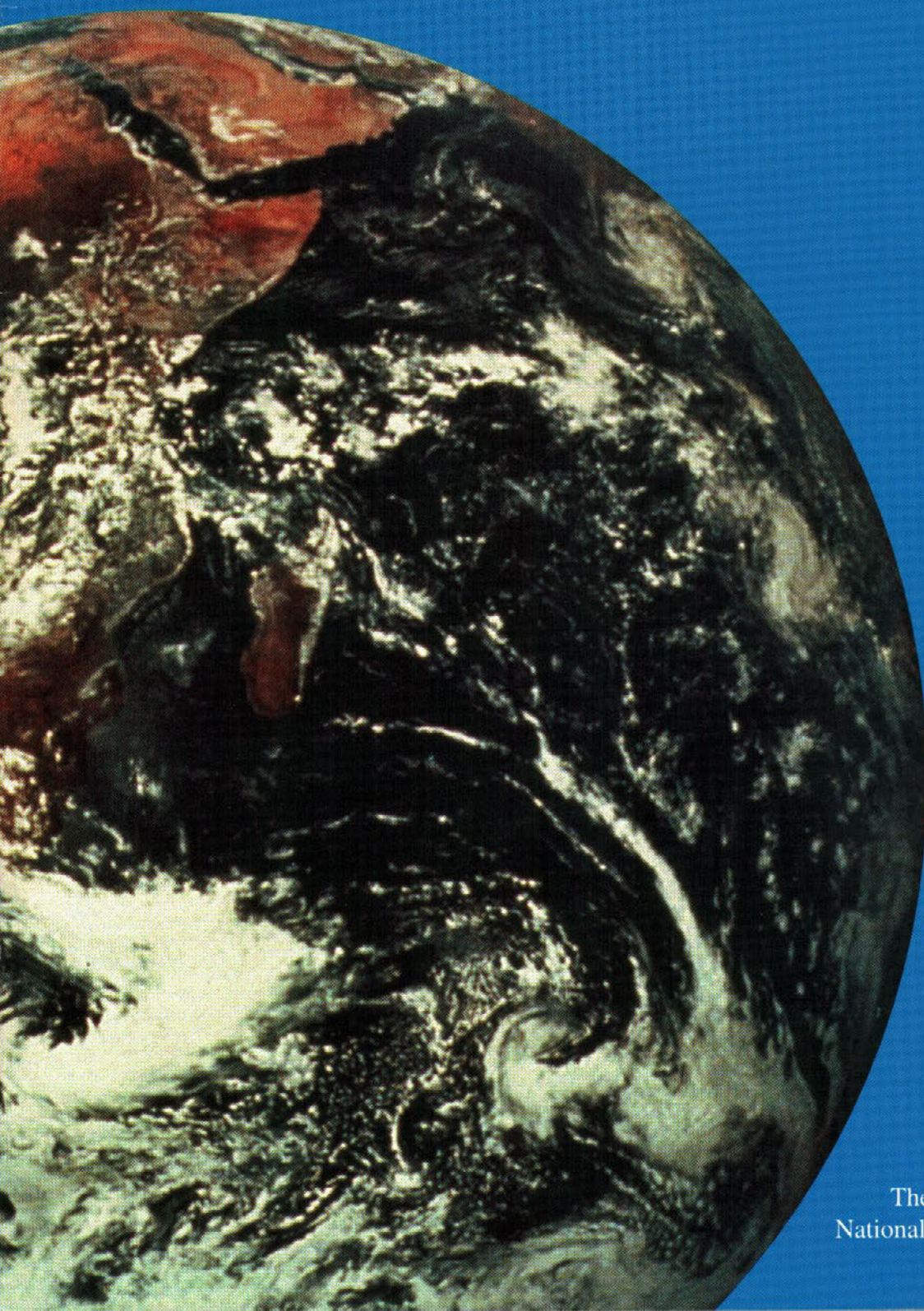
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It's God's World: **Christians, the Environment and Climate Change**

A five session study for congregations by Vera K. White



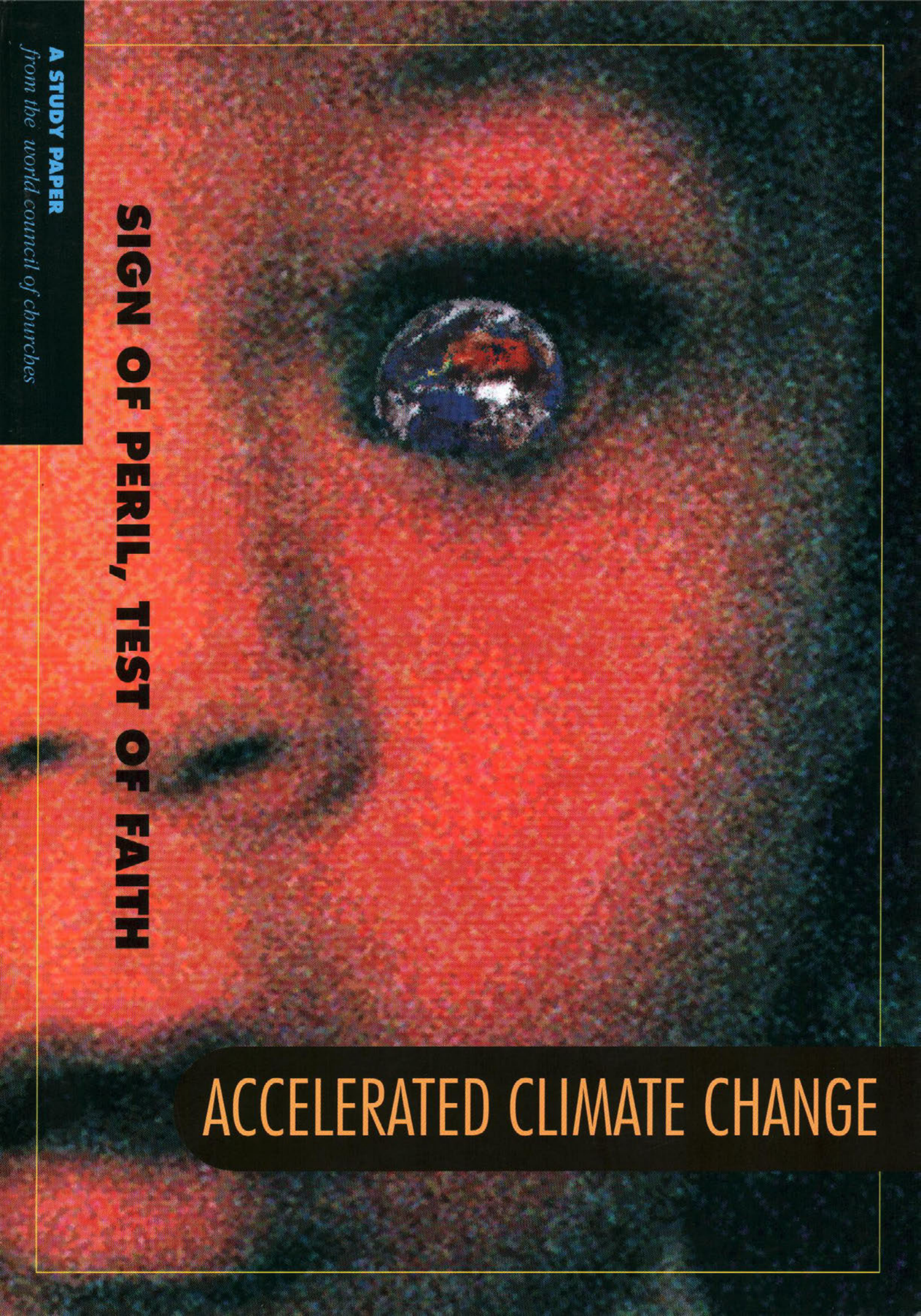
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ACCELERATED CLIMATE CHANGE

A STUDY PAPER

from the world council of churches

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