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Climate Justice? Theological, Spiritual, Political and Practical Dimensions

In this 5th series of the European Methodist Lecture Program (EMLP), we explore the theological, spiritual, political, and practical dimensions of the evolving climate crisis. The series is designed to enable ministry practitioners in Europe to reflect on the mission and ministry of the church in the light of the global implications of climate change and to engage with the big theological and spiritual questions that concern what it means to be human in relation to an increasingly volatile natural world; what it means to be justice-seeking in the context of uneven climate change resilience; and what we think God's purposes are for creation. The European Methodist Lecture Program is an online program (via video conferences). Speakers from various countries, Methodist traditions, theological expertise, and ecumenical contexts will give their insights and present their perspectives and research on "Climate Justice" from a theological perspective. The lectures are followed by discussions in groups and in plenary sessions. The EMLP brings together students, theologians, clergy, and lay persons from all over Europe and beyond – from different backgrounds and cultures. It offers a learning space on intercultural and international level.

1	14.10.2025 6:15 p.m. (CET)	Sarah B. Bach [UMC / University of Zürich, Switzerland]	Climate Change and Climate Justice: Theological, Spiritual, Ecumenical, Political and Practical Dimensions
2	21.10.2025 6:15 p.m. (CET)	Randy L. Maddox [Duke University, USA]	Anticipating the New Creation: Wesleyan Foundations for Holistic Mission
3	28.10.2025 6:15 p.m. (CET)	Tink Tinkler [Iliff School of Theology, USA]	The Rights of Nature: Water, Eagles, Trees and Worldview
4	04.11.2025 6:15 p.m. (CET)	Michael Nausner [Church of Sweden / University College Stockholm]	Participation and Theological Anthropology
5	11.11.2025 6:15 p.m. (CET)	Jane Leach [Wesley House Cambridge, United Kingdom]	Pilgrimage as "Creaturely Spirituality"
6	18.11.2025 6:15 p.m. (CET)	Richard A. Davis [Wesley House Cambridge, United Kingdom]	Preaching Good News into the Climate Crisis
7	25.11.2025 6:15 p.m. (CET)	Seforosa Carroll [Charles Sturt University, Australia]	Climate Change and Migration
8	02.11.2025 6:15 p.m. (CET)	Maaraidzo E. Mutambara [Africa University, Zimbabwe]	Climate Justice: Responses from the Perspective of the Poor
9	09.12.2025 6:15 p.m. (CET)	Susan Henry-Crowe [UMC: Church and Society, USA]	Enacting the Social Principles
10	16.12.2025 6:15 p.m. (CET)	Final Panel with Mark Y. A. Davies [Oklahoma City University, USA] and Maaraidzo E. Mutambara [Africa University, Zimbabwe]	Climate Justice? Theological, Spiritual, Political and Practical Dimensions

The sessions take place via video conference from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. (90 minutes). The language of the lectures and the discussions is English. The link for the video conferences will be provided to those registered at the beginning of October 2025.

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1. "Create new account" (first time users) or "Log in" at OpenCampus: Reutlingen School of Theology:
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2. Register for the "European Methodist Lecture Program" (1. Add your contact address; 2. Register for the course):
<https://th-reutlingen.opencampus.com/de/node/42020>.

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