



*The*  
**United  
Reformed  
Church**



# Introductory leaflet

Commitment  
for **Life**

## What is *Commitment for Life*?

We are the United Reformed Church's global justice programme. We support the work of our partners *Christian Aid* and *Global Justice Now*. We enable local congregations to pray, advocate, and take action for the most vulnerable people. By linking with the poorest regions, you can make a real difference.

## What happens when your church joins?

Your church chooses one or more of the three regions to support. You'll receive updates and resources about your chosen region.

- Bangladesh
- Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory
- Zimbabwe

We encourage you to hold an annual *Commitment for Life* service. Share more about the partners in your chosen region.

Your church appoints a *Commitment for Life* link person or contact, who will then receive from us our bi-monthly *Moving Stories* by email and three mailings per year.

### Mailings include:

- Posters and leaflets
- Go-with Greta/ #Connect2 materials
- Regional updates
- Info on campaigns and promotional items
- Ideas for prayer and worship services
- Links to further resources on our website.

## Giving

There are several ways your church can make a difference:

- Pray for your region 'without ceasing'
- Stand up for global justice through action and advocacy
- Hold an annual *Commitment for Life* service
- Use our Collection envelopes. Gift Aid can be added via your church
- Consider leaving a legacy
- Host social, educational and children's events.



75% of income goes to support *Christian Aid* partners in the three regions. 5% goes to *Global Justice Now* to support its brilliant work against poverty. 20% goes to education, grants, administration, and advocacy.

## Bangladesh

This region faces debilitating trade deals and unpayable debts. There is an over-dependency on natural resources. The impact of climate disruption is making things far worse. But you can help local communities to face climate disruption. You can support farmers to improve their harvest, and women to participate fully in vital decisions through our Christian Aid partners.



## Zimbabwe

Political instability is an ongoing concern in Zimbabwe. Most Zimbabweans face socio-economic crises and every year. Millions rely on food aid. Drought, floods, and erratic rainfall patterns are costly. Ruined infrastructure and a broken economy mean many cannot grow enough food. Church partners focus on food security, nutrition, HIV, health and gender equality.



## Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

The persistent failure to secure a lasting solution to the conflict deepens inequality and poverty. Violence and despair persist. *Christian Aid* has worked with the poorest people since the early 1950's. Today, our partners work with more than twenty Israeli and Palestinian organisations to protect human rights and build peace based on justice for all.





## Want to be part of the programme?

If you are interested in the programme we would love to hear from you.

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For more information, visit the  
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