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#### Our route

Zielona Góra - Forst (Lausitz) at the Germany-Poland border (~88km).

Forst (Lausitz) - Göttingen - Münster - Enschede at the Germany-Netherlands border (~777 km).

Enschede - IJmuiden. We take the ferry from IJmuiden to Newcastle upon Tyne (~222km).

Newcastle upon Tyne - Glasgow (~333km).

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**«If a lot of small people, in a lot of small places, do a lot of small things, they can change the face of the world»**

African saying

**4 countries · 1450 kilometres · 77 day trips**



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## About us

We connect to the 10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches, and we are inviting you to the "Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace", which focuses on climate justice.

We want to raise attention for the global dimensions of climate change through our pilgrimages to United Nations Climate Change conferences. Additionally, we want to accelerate the discourse on issues of justice (distributional justice, burden sharing).

We understand the Ecumenical Pilgrimage for Climate Justice as a spiritual pilgrimage encouraging political advocacy, as well as an invitation for all people to help to halt climate change through changing their behaviour. We are convinced that if we act together, we can reduce global warming and the world of injustice.

We are an ecumenical project from German evangelical national churches, catholic dioceses and aid organisations.



Registration and more information concerning the 5th Ecumenical Pilgrimage for Climate Justice can be found here: [www.klimapilgern.de](http://www.klimapilgern.de)



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The 5th Climate Pilgrimage connects the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2018 (Katowice/Poland) with the **United Nations Climate Change Conference 2021** (Glasgow/Scotland). On 14 August 2021, the official 5th Ecumenical Pilgrimage for Climate Justice starts in Zielona Góra in Poland. This starts with a sending off church service to see them on their way through Poland, Germany, the Netherlands and England to Scotland.

**The route** will take 77 days from Zielona Góra through Forst (Lausitz), Cottbus, Leipzig, Halle (Saale), Göttingen, Detmold, Bielefeld, Münster, Enschede, Borne, Goor, Apeldoorn, Amersfoort, Zeist, Amsterdam, IJmuiden, Newcastle upon Tyne, Edinburgh and Livingston to Glasgow. At the start of COP26 - the UN Climate Change Conference in 2021 - pilgrims from all over the world will come together to call on the international community to act.

On our journey, we will be **visiting places that provide good and bad examples of climate protection**.

For instance, parishes, environmental initiatives, schools and non-profit associations will inform us of their situation, **organise meetings** or prepare **themed events**. On excursions and through concrete actions and ecumenical devotions, we will seek to begin a dialogue and we want to give fresh impetus for climate protection and climate justice.

Starting on 1st November 2021, there will be negotiations about the implementation of the **Paris Agreement** in Glasgow.

## ***We can do it!***

Going to Scotland to the United Nations Climate Conference in Glasgow.

## ***We can do it!***

Under this motto, people of different confessions, religions and ideologies connect with joy through pilgrimage with commitment to climate justice and climate protection.

## ***We can do it!***

We want a compromising transport revolution and a change to sustainable agriculture and nutrition (healthier, more environmentally friendly and with highest animal welfare).

The countries are invited to present their long-term goals and to increase their efforts for the climate. The climate pilgrims carry their **claims for a transport revolution, as well as an agricultural and nutrition revolution** to Glasgow.

## ***Do you want to support the Ecumenical Pilgrimage for Climate Justice?***

**It is simple to become a part of the project:**

- Go on a pilgrimage for one or more days
- Offer food and shelter for the pilgrims
- Offer an event/ a devotion
- Follow the project on our website, via Facebook, Twitter or Instagram
- Tell others about climate pilgrimage

## **Our demands**

### **mobility revolution**

- Transport business: Reduce; handle necessary transport in a climate-friendly way; reduce climate-damaging subsidies
- Local public transport: Develop public transport as a mobility backbone
- Rail transport: Strengthen by investing in infrastructure and reducing costs; "Deutschlandtakt" based on the Swiss model from the ICE to the Regio bus
- Cycling: More space for cycling and pedestrians at the expense of private motorised transport
- Car traffic: Speed limit 120 km/h on motorways, 80 km/h on country roads

### **agricultural revolution**

- Everybody: buy regional, seasonal organic food and buy less meat; participate in food sharing and initiate it.
- Churches: buy regional, seasonal organic food and less meat; Church-land to be leased according to ecosocial criteria; offer education on the global impacts of nutrition behaviour; do not support loans for intensive livestock farming.
- Politics: Orient agricultural policy towards sustainable, fairly paid farming; reorient marketing of agricultural products towards the regional, national, European market; introduce livestock farming dependent on space; ensure global access to education and production factors (land, seeds, loans) for smallholder; facilitate pasture slaughter and do not allow livestock to be transported over 100 km; improve organic farming by at least 20% by 2030; establish an animal welfare label.

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**Come join our pilgrimage and discuss environmental injustice with us!**