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|  |  | **Title:** Church Fairtrade policy**Venue:****Date:**If we look to see what the bible has to say about trade justice (fairtrade) we can find lots of passages Leviticus 25:14 says, "When you make a sale or buy from your neighbour, you shall not wrong one another." (This includes slavery)Isaiah 1:16-17, calls for justice and righteousness in trade, **Deuteronomy 24:15,** requires that workers be paid their wages on time. So that’s why we need a policy.**But what is a fairtrade policy?** It’s a document that outlines the church's commitment to supporting farmers and their families in the third world by buying, using, and promoting Fairtrade products. The policy should include the following:* A definition of Fairtrade and an explanation of its benefits.
* A commitment to using Fairtrade products in all areas of church life, including coffee, tea, chocolate, and other products.
* A plan for educating the congregation about Fairtrade and its importance.
* A way to measure the church's progress in using Fairtrade products.

**Church Fairtrade Policy**The [name of church] is committed to buying and using Fairtrade products. Fairtrade is a trading partnership that seeks greater equity in international trade. It ensures that farmers and workers in developing countries receive a fair price for their goods, and that they work in safe and decent conditions.The [name of church] believes that Fairtrade is the right thing to do. It is a way to show our commitment to social justice and to help create a more just and sustainable world.The [name of church] is committed to using Fairtrade products in all areas of church life. This includes coffee, tea, chocolate, and other food products. We will also use Fairtrade products in our worship services, our educational programs, and our outreach ministries.We will educate our congregation about Fairtrade and its importance. We will provide information about Fairtrade products in our bulletins, on our website, and in our educational programs. We will also encourage our congregation to buy Fairtrade products for home use whenever possible.We will measure our progress in using Fairtrade products. We will track the number of Fairtrade products we purchase each year and the amount of money we spend on Fairtrade products. We will also survey our congregation to get their feedback on our Fairtrade policy.We believe that Fairtrade is a valuable way to live out our faith. It is a way to show our love for our neighbours and to care for the earth. We are committed to using Fairtrade products and to helping create a more just and sustainable world.Signed on behalf of PCC,[Name of church]Date:**How to Become a Fairtrade Church**Fairtrade is a movement that seeks to help farmers and workers in developing countries get a fairer price for their goods. By buying Fairtrade products, you can help to ensure that these farmers and workers are able to earn a living wage, have access to healthcare and education, and protect the environment.Churches and church schools can play a vital role in promoting Fairtrade. By becoming a Fairtrade school or church, your congregation can show their commitment to social justice and environmental sustainability. And be an example your community. Here are some steps you can take to become a Fairtrade church:**Learn about Fairtrade**.The Co-op, divine chocolate, Oxfam, Christian aid, The Fairtrade Foundation all have a wealth of resources to help you learn about Fairtrade, including fact sheets, sermons prayers videos, school assemblies and lesson plans.**Adopt a Fairtrade policy**. Your church pcc should adopt a policy that commits to using Fairtrade products whenever possible.**Promote Fairtrade**You can promote Fairtrade in your church by holding educational events, selling Fairtrade products, and incorporating Fairtrade into your worship services.**Get involved Fairtrade towns**There are many ways to get involved in the Fairtrade movement, such as volunteering for the Fairtrade Foundation, attending Fairtrade events, and signing petitions.By becoming a Fairtrade church, you can make a difference in the lives of farmers and workers in developing countries. You can also help to create a more just and sustainable world.Some additional tips for becoming a Fairtrade church:**Start small.** You don't have to do everything at once. start by making small changes, such as switching to Fairtrade tea and coffee.**Get everyone involved**.The whole congregation can be involved in the Fairtrade movement. Encourage your members to buy Fairtrade products for home, attend Fairtrade events, and get involved in Fairtrade campaigns.**Celebrate your successes**. When your church reaches a milestone, such as selling a certain amount of Fairtrade products, be sure to celebrate your success. This will help to keep everyone motivated. Becoming a Fairtrade church is a great way to show your commitment to social justice and environmental sustainability. It's also a great way to get your congregation involved in making a difference in the world. If you’re already a fairtrade church you may just need to recommit Fairtrade Products that are already available for churches to use Tea, coffee, juice, sugar, biscuits, communion wine, cotton clergy shirts, Easter eggs advent calendars to name but a few.<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/legacy/doc/Faith%20Groups%20-%20diocese_application_form.docx><https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/legacy/doc/Fairtrade%20Places%20of%20Worship%202020%20recommitment%20guide.pdf><https://poterionfairtrade.co.uk/> |
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