

COP30 and the Global Mutirão

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Mutirão is a Brazilian Portuguese word describing neighbours joining forces to harvest, build, or solve a problem for the good of all. It carries Indigenous wisdom about shared work and mutual care. As Brazil hosts the COP30 climate change talks in Belém, the heart of the Amazon, it has offered *mutirão* to the world as a way of responding to the climate crisis - not as a slogan but as an invitation to common action.

The Amazon's story highlights the vulnerability of the earth and the urgent need for action. The *Global Mutirão* calls not only governments but everyone (faith communities included) to take up the work of global repair. For the Church, this has deep biblical roots. The image of the body of Christ, with many parts working together, is itself a *mutirão*: we need diverse gifts joined for the healing of creation.

Eco Church, A Rocha UK's national programme, gives this shared calling shape. It helps churches reflect God's justice and care through worship, buildings, land, community life, and personal habits. A parish *mutirão* might mean restoring a churchyard for wildlife, cutting energy use, or hosting a *Churches Count on Nature* week with the local school. These acts may seem small, yet they hold moral weight.

Faith and cooperation together make hope visible. The Christian response to climate change is about understanding more deeply our relationship with God, our neighbours, and the earth. Climate justice means ensuring that the burdens and benefits of action are shared fairly, that the poor are not left behind, and that the voices of the vulnerable are heard.

Whether or not COP30 achieves its goals, our local work endures. To join the *Global Mutirão* is to resist despair and to affirm that God's Spirit still moves among us—calling neighbours and nations to labour side by side in restoring the earth.