



FAIRTRADE

IN YOUR FAITH GROUP

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
(Micah 6:8)

And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”
(Matthew 25:40)

By using Fairtrade products, you are fulfilling the command of Jesus to Love our Neighbours as we love ourselves.

WHAT IS FAIRTRADE?

Fairtrade empowers millions of farmers and workers around the world by tackling poverty and poor working conditions, as well as conserving the environment.

Connecting with your church

If fairness, sustainability and gender equality matter to you and your church then you have a lot in common with Fairtrade. All Fairtrade certified products are working hard on climate action, gender equality and the UN Sustainable Development Goals - and hard against modern slavery and child labour.

Fairtrade Minimum Price

Buying a Fairtrade certified product means you're covering the costs of sustainable production.

The minimum price is set to act as a safety net when market prices fall. This protection ensures that farmers and workers can have an assured and stable income and plan for their future.

Fairtrade Premium

You are also ensuring that an additional sum of money goes into a shared fund for farmers and workers to democratically use to improve their social, economic and environmental conditions.



BECOME A LEADER IN FAIRNESS

You're not alone

THE STORY OF ONE FAIRTRADE CHURCH: SPRINGWOOD UNITING CHURCH, NSW

Springwood Uniting Church has supported Fairtrade for more than a decade. We believe that our faith in Christ calls us to care for the poor and to work for justice.

Caring for the poor is far more than charity. It seeks to enable and empower others, and to challenge and change the systems that bring about such disparity in our world. In consideration of the supply chains of everyday consumer items such as tea, coffee and chocolate, we can make a difference. Similarly our shopping choices in other areas including fashion and household items, make a difference.

As a congregation we choose to:

- Purchase and serve Fairtrade tea and coffee after our church services and at other events
- Encourage congregation members to do the same in their homes
- Host an annual Fair Trade Fair in November
- Encourage members to support other associated organisations such as Stop the Traffik.
- At Easter encourage members to seek out Fairtrade Easter Eggs
- Keep in touch with a number of our Fair Trade stallholders through the year and support them primarily by sharing social media posts.



HOW TO MAKE THE SWITCH TO BEING A FAIRTRADE SUPPORTING FAITH GROUP

1 RAISE

Raise the proposal with your faith group leadership team. It only needs a push from one voice to set the ball rolling

2 EDUCATE

Educate your faith group about what Fairtrade means. Resources are available from [Fairtrade Australia and New Zealand](#), (fairtradeanz.org/get-involved). The [Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand](#) has an action guide (fta.org.au/resources), and the UK Fairtrade Churches program also has helpful ideas (fairtrade.foundation/fairtradechurches)

3 DECIDE

Decide to become a Fair Trade endorsed Faith Community, with the support of the Fair Trade Association (fta.org.au)

To become a Fair Trade endorsed faith group you will need to:

- Engage with Fairtrade on a theological standpoint through bible stories and sermon notes.
- Connect with Fairtrade suppliers of tea, coffee and chocolate for an ethical morning tea.
- Run a Fair Trade event in your community - eg. for markets, advocacy or educational nights.
- Connect with others on this journey.

