

## Message from Reclaiming Earth Committee – Jan. 23, 2019

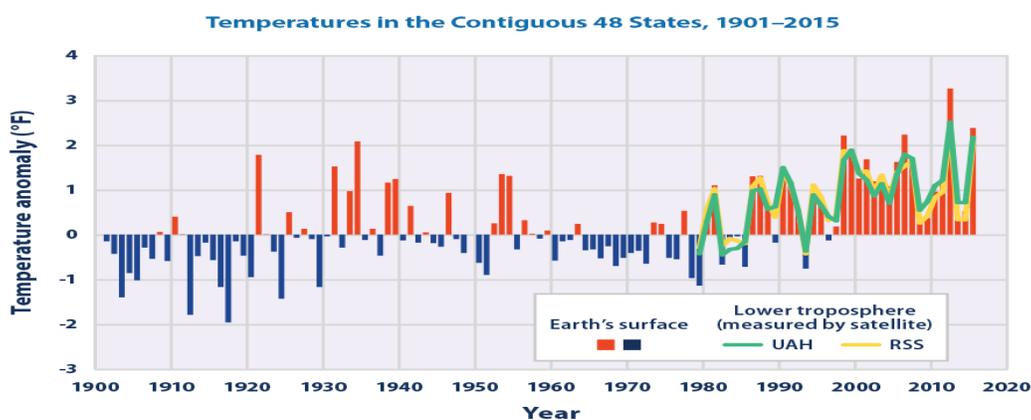
Climate change: a topic that keeps coming back to us. Could it be due to the fact that change is happening? We assume that climate change happens to those living on the other side of the globe, but wait!! Yes, there are plenty of examples of the global changes happening to the poorest of the poor but have we ignored the facts that affect this continent directly? Are we aware that what happens on the other continents impact us also? Can we afford to be complacent? Have we examined the opportunities to help make a change?

*The Effects of Climate Change in Zimbabwe* is an article found on the website for Catholic Relief Services. <https://www.crs.org/stories/power-climate-change-zimbabwe> ...”climate change is so powerful that in recent months it has affected the electricity supply, too....But while it’s strong, there’s something more powerful: the voices and the will of the people of Zimbabwe who want change and are working hard to make it happen, despite obstacles....[the drought] is actually making it hard for smallholder farmers to plan in terms of what they grow, and how they are going to manage whatever they would have grown.”

“Because agricultural productivity declined after recurrent droughts, El Nino and climate change, Zimbabwe has been importing a large amount of products from Zambia, South Africa and other countries”....Using US currency and that of other nations, banking and cash reserves are a problem but farmers come together for a Field Day to share ideas and have begun to diversify by raising more chickens and goats to have products to sell and to also feed their families.” This is an excellent article well worth reading.

“Climate changes-temperature increases, increasing CO2 levels, and altered patterns of precipitation- are already affecting U.S. water resources, agriculture, land resources, and biodiversity.”...It is very likely....”climate change will continue to have significant effects on these resources over the next few decades and beyond.” Executive summary pdf Sec 3.3 [www.usda.gov/oce/climate\\_change/SAP4\\_3/ExecSummary.pdf](http://www.usda.gov/oce/climate_change/SAP4_3/ExecSummary.pdf)

What are we doing as a nation to adapt? Think about it, then take action.



Data source: NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). 2016. National Centers for Environmental Information. Accessed February 2016. [www.ncei.noaa.gov](http://www.ncei.noaa.gov).

For more information, visit U.S. EPA's "Climate Change Indicators in the United States" at [www.epa.gov/climate-indicators](http://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators).