Climate Change

On a global scale, despite cold winters in Europe and the USA, 2010 tied with 2005 as the warmest year on record. Glaciers and sea-ice are melting fast, cyclones are increasing in intensity, droughts and floods ravage the poorest nations of the world. What can be the response of Franciscans? Do we shrug off the news as simply variations in the weather, or take on board the wider implications for our consumerist lifestyle? This issue of franciscan describes a world in incipient crisis, and asks for a response.