A Lament for our Housing Emergency

Today is a **Day of Lament**

Today we **remember**

every person who died over this last year because their home was damp and cold

those who were ill because their home could not deal with extreme heat

those who were forced to paint their walls black to hide the mould

the young children now developing respiratory problems

We keep a minute of silence as we remember

Today we **call** for

warm, healthy homes for everyone

less money to be wasted on energy inefficiency

a thriving environment for us all to live in

We call for these things with compassion and respect

Today we **commit** to

speak out about the everyday experiences of those living in the UK's unfit homes,

stand in solidarity with those affected by the housing emergency that now touches so many of us

demand an approach to home improvement which considers us as humans and not as problems

We make this commitment individually and collectively with determination and passion

We remember

We call

We commit

Revd. Ian Rutherford

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