Let us journey together towards social justice and reduce the harms of unjust trade systems. We can do this by reducing poverty, reducing unfair trade rules, and decorating our churches with Fairtrade products.

To take the next step, you can register your church by creating a display in your church showing your journey. You can also decorate your church with Fairtrade products and serve them to your congregation.

By doing this, you will be supporting Fairtrade and helping to create a more just world.
This new Church Action Guide is packed full of ideas for churches to take Fairtrade further. So that boys like Mariano can meet his needs, plus the co-operative benefits for the CONACADO co-operative. The Fairtrade Foundation is an organisation that is all about global trade that works for the poorest farmers and workers in the world. Each of these steps leads to a deeper understanding of the challenges that small farmers and producers in developing countries face. By taking these steps, churches can take a stand against unfair trade practices and support those who face exploitation in the global supply chain.

Your small steps for Fairtrade can add up to big changes for farmers across the developing world. Not only can Fairtrade work – it can empower local farmers and workers to improve the quality of their lives and their communities. Here are some ideas for you to take Fairtrade further.

1. **Make it a small step, like swapping your hot chocolate, fruit juices, fruit salad, muesli, honey, dried fruits and baked goods made with Fairtrade ingredients.** For example, you could start by offering fair trade coffee at coffee mornings or the whole congregation could resolve to always take a Fairtrade gift when they go to dinner parties – how about Fairtrade chocolate and banana filling. You could even show Father Christmas what you mean to go on and make a Fairtrade resolution? After all, every journey begins with a single step!

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4. **Put Jesus back into Easter.** Celebrate Easter by buying (and making) Fairtrade chocolate and Fairtrade eggs. If you think that Easter eggs are too much of a sugary indulgence, then why not try making your own Easter egg using Fairtrade chocolate and give it to someone who really needs it. You could even make your own Easter eggs using Fairtrade chocolate and give them away as gifts and then go to Amazon for your business comfort.

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Between the producer and the consumer, the middle man brings profit; between the manufacturer and the producer, the middle man adds his profit; and between the goods and the manufacturer, the middle man adds his profit. He who sells goods at a profit is receiving a share of the prosperity created by the producer. 

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That you can take this year along the journey of Fairtrade.

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• Agree to make all your church coffee morning tea and coffee, biscuits and chocolate. Hold the hands of economics and help others to understand that a difference to the lives of farmers and workers.

• Make your positive footprint for Fairtrade! Decorate a pair of blue wellies:

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Step by step, gathering others along, we can put the pieces together. We can lead journeys that can develop our church and our community.

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Consider your particular direction? Did you travel miles, improve skills, or change positions this year? Or perhaps the vision was clearer, but the travel plans were changed and a new destination was reached.

In the depths of night, the dream comes and the earnest plea for help. Day breaks, and travel begins. The ever-same steps any way you wish:

- What could your church do this year to travel along? Could your church cover one mile on your journey this year? Or perhaps another mile? You and your congregation could get involved in a bit of the Fairtrade story.

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