



Climate Justice Resources for Congregations

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The following sheet provides some resources for congregations to respond to issues of climate justice. Uniting Church members said they were looking for resources in the areas listed.

Talking about climate change in your congregation

- For the Sake of the Planet and All its People, Assembly Statement, 2006:
<https://unitingjustice.org.au/environment/uca-statements/item/481-for-the-sake-of-the-planet-and-all-its-people>
- Common Grace guide on talking about climate change:
<https://www.commongrace.org.au/truefacts>
- Anglican Board of Mission 'Climate for Change' resource 2020:
https://www.abmission.org/data/resources/2020/Climate_For_Change_5.pdf
Includes five studies, prayers and links to additional resources.
- Australian Religious Response to Climate Change resource kit on climate change:
<https://www.arrcc.org.au/climate-action-kits>
- Climate Council infographics about climate change:
<https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/resource/infographics/>
- Solutions to address climate change can be found at the Draw Down site:
<https://drawdown.org/>
- The documentary '2040' offered solutions to address climate change, see:
<https://www.madmanfilms.com.au/2040film/>

Questions and answers about climate change

- UnitingEarth (Synod of NSW.ACT) fact sheet about climate change:
https://www.unitearth.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/One-pager_CCIB.pdf
- Climate Council explainer resources about different aspects of climate change:
<https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/resource/explainers/>

Talking about climate justice from your faith

- UnitingEarth (Synod of NSW.ACT) sheet on why the Uniting Church is concerned about climate change:
https://www.unitearth.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Why-the-church-is-taking-action_CCIB.pdf
<https://www.unitearth.org.au/a-short-summary-of-ecotheology/>
- Common Grace resource on talking about climate change from your faith:
<https://www.commongrace.org.au/foundations>
- World Council of Churches resource for engaging children and youth on climate justice:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/publications/climate-justice-with-children-and-youth>
- World Council of Churches book 'Making Peace with the Earth: Action and Advocacy for Climate Justice':
<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/publications/making-peace-with-the-earth-action-advocacy-for-climate-justice>
- World Council of Churches book of essays on ecotheology from around the world and actions that churches are taking for climate justice 'Kairos for creation - Confessing hope for the earth'. The book is 362 pages and was published in January 2020:



<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/wcc-programmes/diakonia/climate-change/kairos-for-creation-confessing-hope-for-the-earth>

Liturgy materials on climate justice

- UnitingEarth (Synod of NSW.ACT) liturgy on climate change:
https://www.unitearth.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Climate-Change-Worship-Resource_CCIB.pdf
- More worship resources from UnitingEarth: <https://www.unitearth.org.au/worship/>
- UnitingEarth printable worksheet for congregations:
<https://www.unitearth.org.au/resources/printable-may-10-2020-worksheet-for-congregations/>
- World Environment Day 2016, UnitingJustice resource, including theological reflections, worship resources and stories of inspiration and hope:
<https://unitingjustice.org.au/environment/information-and-action-resources/item/1172-wed2016>
- UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer Prayer for Season of Creation 2020:
<https://uniting.church/ready-for-action/#deidre>
- Songs and hymns for worship related to climate change:
<https://www.unitearth.org.au/eco-songs-and-hymns/>
<https://www.brethesla.com/downloads/singing-prayers-for-the-earth/>
- The World Council of Churches has provided links to a wide variety of liturgical resources on climate justice from around the world that can be accessed from here:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/what-we-do/climate-change/time-for-creation/time-for-creation>
- Australian Religious Response to Climate Change sermon, homilies and talk outlines for services:
<https://www.arrcc.org.au/sermons-homilies-and-talk-outlines>
- Common Grace prayer resources on climate change:
https://www.commongrace.org.au/climate_pray
- Australian Religious Response to Climate Change prayer resources:
<https://www.arrcc.org.au/reflect-prayers>

Creating a climate justice action plan for your congregation

- UCA Assembly Climate Action Plan: <https://uniting.church/zero-emissions-church/>
- Five Leaf Eco Awards: <https://fiveleafecoawards.org/>
- Living the Change: Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) resource for making a personal commitment to live more sustainably with examples of what faith organisations have done https://www.arrcc.org.au/living_the_change
- World Council of Churches Roadmap for Congregations, Communities, and Churches for an Economy of Life and Ecological Justice:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/wcc-programmes/diakonia/economy-of-life/roadmap-for-congregations-communities-and-churches-for-an-economy-of-life-and-ecological-justice>
- US churches 'Cool Congregations' resources to take action on climate justice as a congregation:
<https://www.coolcongregations.org/>
- The UK Church of England has produced an easy online guide for congregations to develop a plan to act on climate justice:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/how-you-can-act#na>