

Resources for Diakonia During Climate Change



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Contextual Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation Options

The following fact sheets have information about the effects of climate change on specific regions and issues.

North America:

https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/downloads/outreach/IPCC_AR6_WGII_FactSheet_NorthAmerica.pdf

Small Islands (Caribbean):

https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/downloads/outreach/IPCC_AR6_WGII_FactSheet_SmallIslands.pdf

Central and South America:

https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/downloads/outreach/IPCC_AR6_WGII_FactSheet_CentralSouthAmerica.pdf

Human Settlements:

https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/downloads/outreach/IPCC_AR6_WGII_FactSheet_HumanSettlements.pdf

Food and Water:

https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/downloads/outreach/IPCC_AR6_WGII_FactSheet_FoodAndWater.pdf

Health:

https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/downloads/outreach/IPCC_AR6_WGII_FactSheet_Health.pdf

Theological Reflection

Antal, Jim. *Climate Church: Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2018.

Beros, Daniel, Eale Bosela, Lesmore Ezechiel, Kambale Kahongya, Ruomin Liu, Grace Moon, Marisa Strizzi, Dietrich Werner (Lead), eds. *International Handbook on Creation Care and Eco-Diakonia: Concepts and Perspectives from the Churches of the Global South*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2023. PDF version accessed for free online at: <https://www.ocms.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Handbook-of-Creation-Care-and-Eco-Diakonia-PDF-for-distribution-A.pdf>

Francis. *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*. Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2015. PDF version in numerous languages accessed for free online at: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Kim, Grace Ji-Sun and Hilda P. Koster, eds. *Planetary Solidarity: Global Women's Voices on Christian Doctrine and Climate Justice*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2017.

Macy, Joanna and Chris Johnstone. *Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in with Unexpected Resilience & Creative Power*. First revised edition. Novato, CA: New World Library, 2022.

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Pope, Mick. *A Climate of Justice: Loving Your Neighbor in a Warming World*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2017.

For the Love of Creation (website for Canadian faith bodies and faith-based organizations). "Resources: Advocacy, Faithful Climate Conversations, Self-Care as Creation Care, Worship and Prayer Resources, and More." <https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/resources/>

For the Love of Creation. *Climate Action Discernment Process: A Tool for Established Groups or Communities*. PDF version accessed for free online at:

https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/FaithfulClimateConversations_ClimateActionDiscernmentProcess_PROOF2.pdf

The document is a manual for the three, small group, conversation guides listed below, which are for different types of groups.

- *Creation, Climate and You* - Designed for people who have rarely, if ever, talked about climate change in a group setting before, this guide focuses on gently surfacing peoples' emotions and underlying thoughts about climate change. <https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CreationClimateAndYou.pdf>
- *From Concern to Action* - For people who may have a basic understanding of climate change or are concerned about the effects of climate change, but remain uncertain about the best ways to act in light of this reality. <https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/FromConcernToAction.pdf>
- *Build a Better Future* - Meant for people who have already been involved in climate action at some level, this guide focuses on enacting political and systemic change to address the climate emergency. <https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/BuildABetterFuture.pdf>

Organizations

For the Love Creation (Canada): <https://fortheloveofcreation.ca>

Blessed Tomorrow (USA): <https://blessedtomorrow.org/>

Interfaith Power & Light (USA): <https://interfaithpowerandlight.org/>

UN Environment Programme's Faith for Earth Initiative (Global): <https://www.unep.org/about-un-environment/faith-earth-initiative>

Many denominations have a creation care or climate webpage. If you have difficulty finding yours, contact Eric or Katrina.



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