

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Some readers will recall the 'Renewing the Earth' programme which CAFOD ran in the 1980's in the days when recycling, composting and low-energy light-bulbs were novel ideas. Now environmental concerns seem to be everywhere with plenty of encouragement on offer for us to reflect and act in ways that live in greater harmony with the natural world - the home of all humanity.

STOP CLIMATE CHAOS

is the initiative of a coalition of organisations from environment, development and faith backgrounds which have come together to organise a rally to be held in London on 4 November.



Their key requests are:

- **Action for Justice:** Provide all necessary assistance to developing countries to both adapt to climate change and, in the longer term, have access to sufficient clean energy to meet their developmental needs.
- **Action internationally:** Ensure that global greenhouse gas emissions are irreversibly declining by 2015.
- **Action in the UK:** Deliver annual reductions in greenhouse gas emissions of 3% through the creation of a comprehensive Carbon Budget, as well as providing proper support for developing countries.

For information about Christian activities during the day, see the Christian Ecology website www.christian-ecology.org.uk or phone 01524 338558. If you can't get to London you can find details of actions you can take from home in support of the campaign on its website www.icount.org.uk.

For Reflection ...

In its Autumn Eco-Congregation newsletter, Coordinator Jo Rathbone urges us "to develop space in your churches where people can be nurtured in a different set of values: shalom principles, such as sharing, justice, seeing ourselves as part of creation rather than lording ourselves over it, inclusivity, wholeness, equality and right living". Eco-congregation exists to 'encourage churches to weave creation care into their life and mission' and its website www.ecocongregation.org/ engandandwales is a valuable source of resources for ideas, action, funding, prayers etc.

One World Week Service - Gathering Prayer


- Leader** We join with the Earth and with each other
All to celebrate the life and love of God
Leader We join with the Earth and with each other
All to confess that we have degraded our planet and have been divided one from another
Leader We join with the Earth and with each other
All to commit ourselves to work for justice, peace and healing
Leader We will 'mind the gap'
All until that time when God's will is done and God's kingdom has come

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MERSEYSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

has organised an open discussion to take place in Liverpool on Saturday 18th November at 10.30 a.m. with Professor Sam Berry. To book your (free) place, contact MET on 07074684135 or email theroost@tesco.net.

Professor Berry is an animal ecologist, geneticist and was Professor Emeritus of Genetics at University College London and a former President of the British Ecological Society, the European Ecological Federation, and the Mammal Society. Professor Berry is also Moderator of the Environmental Issues Network of Churches Together in Britain & Ireland.

God calls us to live simply is the radical idea at the heart of an initiative launched by  Catholic organisations to mark the fortieth anniversary of a document 'On the Development of Peoples' (Populorum Progressio) written by Pope Paul VI. The project calls us to look hard at our lifestyles and choose to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor. Packs containing a simplified version of the document, an advent liturgy, and other material can be obtained from CAFOD for £5.00. Let us know what living simply means to you. Sue Bownas (CAFOD) and Joan Sharples (J&P) may be able to offer help and support.

