

# Looking Ahead Creation Care 2023



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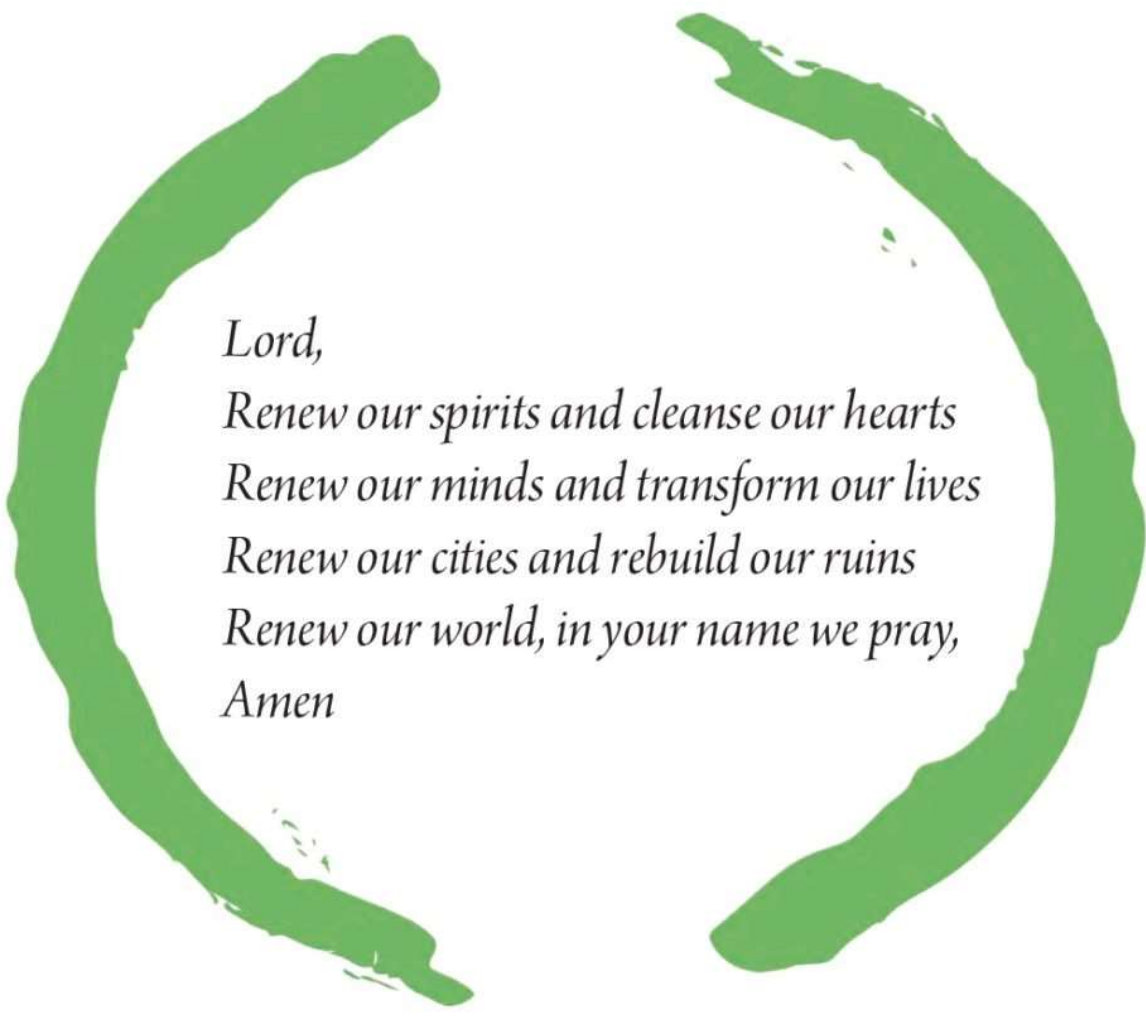




# Matthias Boehning

World Evangelical Alliance Sustainability Center





*Lord,  
Renew our spirits and cleanse our hearts  
Renew our minds and transform our lives  
Renew our cities and rebuild our ruins  
Renew our world, in your name we pray,  
Amen*





# Paul Cook

Tearfund



# 2023 for environment - Climate

- COP at the end of last year – Loss and Damage win, only thing, rest terrible, compared with Glasgow previously
- Growing fossil fuel lobby in COP – we knew it would be a big issue for Egypt and UAE
- 12 Jan – Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, appointed chief of COP 28 in Dubai, minister of industry in the Dubai gvt, CEO of the national oil company
- Sep 2023 – UN Sec Gen convening climate ambition summit
- Sep – SDG Summit – SDG mid-point meeting
- 30 Nov – 12 Dec – COP in Dubai



# 2023 for environment - Plastics

- UN plastics negotiations (“sessions of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution” - catchy title)
- May - INC plastics negotiations in Paris
- End Nov/early Dec - INC plastics negotiations in Kenya



# 2023 Tearfund Plans

- 1 Mar – Rubbish Campaign launches (for ROW as well as TF)
- Continued climate campaigning





# Chris Elisara

**World Evangelical Alliance Sustainability Center**



- UN Water Summit (March)
- UN-HABITAT Assembly (June)
- COP28 & CCOP (Nov.): <http://www.ccopclimate.org>
- Climate Vigil Songs: <https://www.climatevigil.org/album>
- Global collaborative annual end of year report.





**LOOKING AHEAD:  
CREATION CARE 2023**



Lausanne Movement

# Mission Agencies & Creation Care Network (MACC)



Lausanne Movement

# Lausanne 4<sup>th</sup> Congress - Seoul 2024/ L4

<https://lausanne.org/gatherings/seoul-2024>



Lausanne Movement

# Collaboration – Prayer & Action

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# Dave Bookless

A Rocha International



# COP15



- 30% of earth for biodiversity
- \$200 billion more finance
- nature-based solutions
- cut global food waste
- BUT lack of clear timelines / finance flows / accountability

<https://arocha.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/CBD-COP15-A-Rocha-Response.pdf>

# A Rocha turns 40!

## I am a conservationist

January 17, 2023



# Friends of A Rocha Network

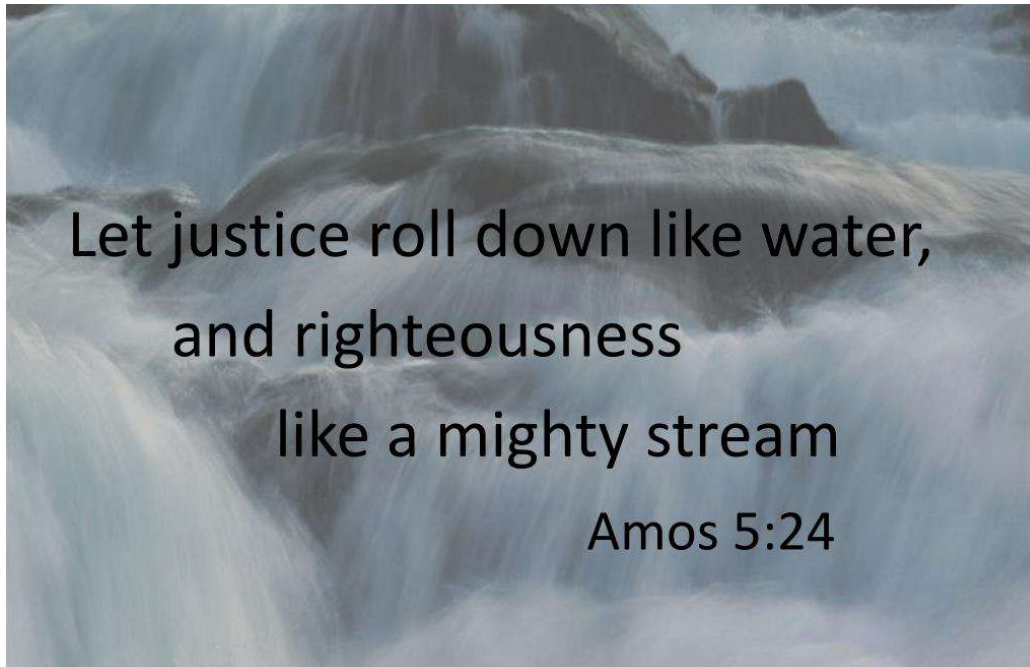




# SEASON OF CREATION

1<sup>st</sup> September  
- 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## “Let Justice and Peace Flow”





# Rachel Mash

Green Anglicans



ANGLICAN  
COMMUNION  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
NETWORK



# Fifth Mark of Mission

STRIVE TO SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY  
OF CREATION, AND SUSTAIN AND  
RENEW THE LIFE OF THE EARTH

▶ 1<sup>st</sup> of September to the 4<sup>th</sup> of October



**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

About

## About the Season of Creation

**Theme for 2023 – Let justice and peace flow**

Amos 5: 24 “let justice flow down like a river”

Psalms 85:10 – justice and peace have kissed

Preaching for God's World

## Sermon Suggestions

Notes to inspire clergy  
and lay preachers

### Sermon Notes

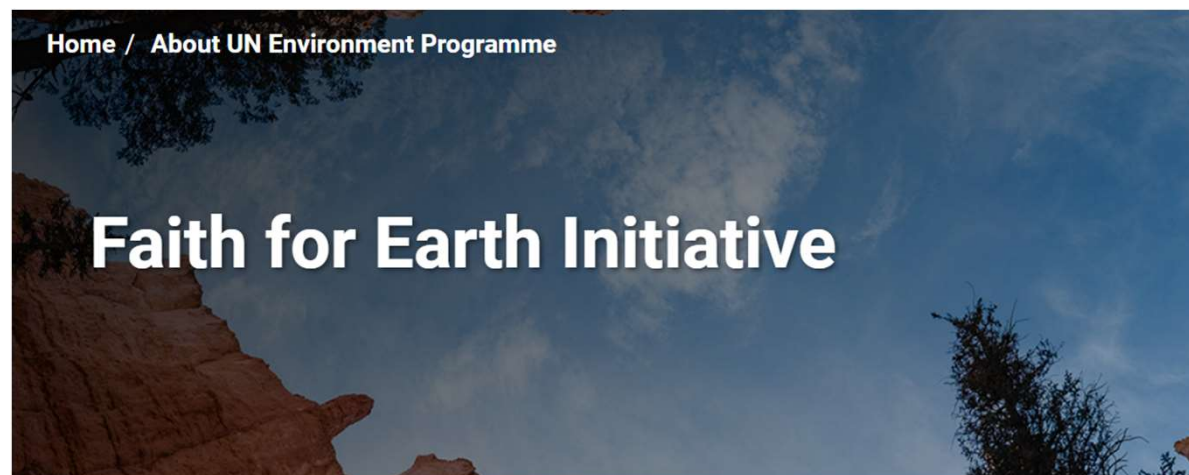


**PREACHING FOR GOD'S WORLD**

<https://preachingforgodsworld.org/>

# Faith for Earth/UNEP

- ▶ Global Plastic Treaty: “the Paris agreement for Plastic”



► Hubs in  
Nairobi,  
Lilongwe,  
Johannesburg  
, Milan





# Nicholas Pande

Anglican Alliance





# THE COMMUNION FOREST

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Renewing the life of the earth across the Anglican Communion

A shared commitment to the  
Anglican 5<sup>th</sup> Mark of  
Mission “To strive to  
safeguard the integrity of  
creation, and sustain and  
renew the life of the earth.”



# What is the Communion Forest?

Is a *global* initiative comprising *local* activities of forest protection, tree growing and eco-system restoration undertaken by Provinces, Dioceses and individual churches across the Anglican Communion to **safeguard creation.**

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- ★ **To plant is to hope**
  - ★ **To restore is to heal**
  - ★ **To protect is to love**

# Aspects

1. **Practical** – increase the number of diverse and locally-appropriate creation care initiatives across the Anglican Communion.
1. **Spiritual** – Communion Forest activities to be woven into the spiritual and liturgical life of the Church, helping people better connect their faith with the natural world, repairing an often-broken relationship.
1. **Connection** – doing something *together* as the faith community—sharing knowledge and experiences, seeing our diverse activities contributing to the whole.

## Action taken can;

- ✓ Help to protect habitats and biodiversity
- ✓ Provide food
- ✓ Green spaces
- ✓ Prevent erosion, environmental destruction
- ✓ Reduce pollution
- ✓ Contribute to peace building



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# To plant is to hope To restore is to heal To protect is to love

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GROW THE COMMUNION FOREST

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# Kuki Rokhum

EFICOR



## Jharkhand inching towards drought-like situation, agriculture department to hold review meet

JAIDEEP DEOGHARIA / TNN / Updated: Jul 16, 2022, 09:30 IST

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### ARTICLES

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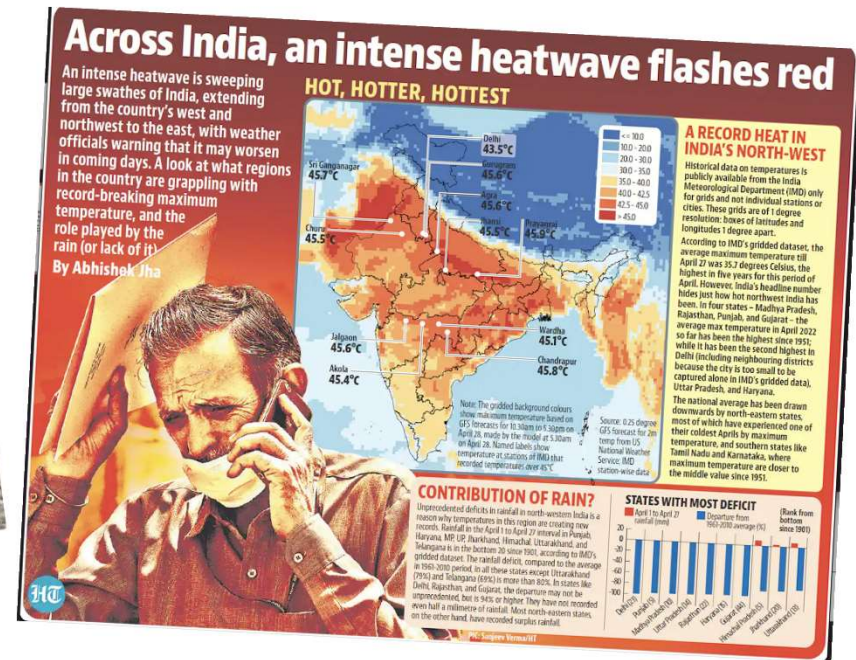
65-year-old killed on charges of witchcraft in Jharkhand

Panel submits report on NEP curriculum framework to...

Dhanbad railway underpass deaths: Panel to probe accident

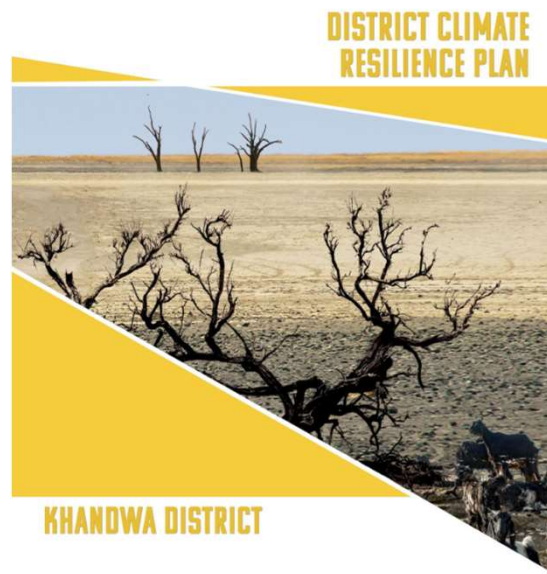
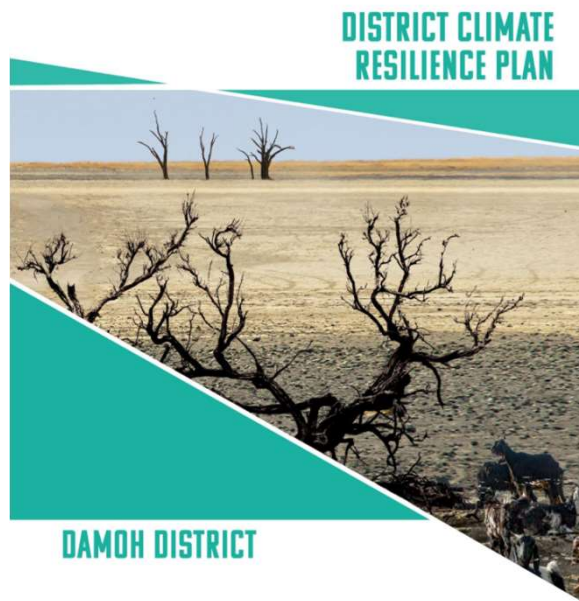


Farmers are a worried lot as they face dry fields and wilting paddy seedlings



At least 197 people died due to the extreme weather events in October. This roughly works out to six deaths a day for the month. While on all 30 days, some parts of the country recorded heavy rains, floods and landslides, on October 4, 2022, Uttarakhand witnessed an avalanche that killed at least 16 people. (Down To Earth)

## Networking with Governments





Engaging with churches for local action





# Joe Bonga

**Africa 4 SDGs**





AFRICA FOR SDGS PRESENTS

# CLIMATE WARRIORS

A CLIMATE JUSTICE ADVOCACY NETWORK



## BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG

Don't be left out, all individuals and institutions  
are welcome to register!



Children are the least responsible for climate change, yet they will bear the greatest burden of its impact.

UNICEF approximates that there are 650 Million people in Africa who are 17 years and younger

Africa Climate Warriors is a network of individuals working with children, teens and youth in learning institutions to drive climate actions and advocacy in their learning institutions and communities.

*Without action now, climate change will exacerbate the inequalities that children already face, and future generations will suffer- UNICEF*

Africa Climate Warriors objective is to Support Innovative educational approaches with learning institutions to provide an audience that will understand, address, mitigate, and adapt to the impacts of climate change, in order to put Africa on a more sustainable development path and build a generation that is climate aware with a strengthened capacity for appropriate advocacy and campaign response strategy.



## Expected Outcomes

Facilitate Climate Action that allows the youth to take actions in different areas that will tackle climate change and benefit the entire planet locally.

Food and Farming

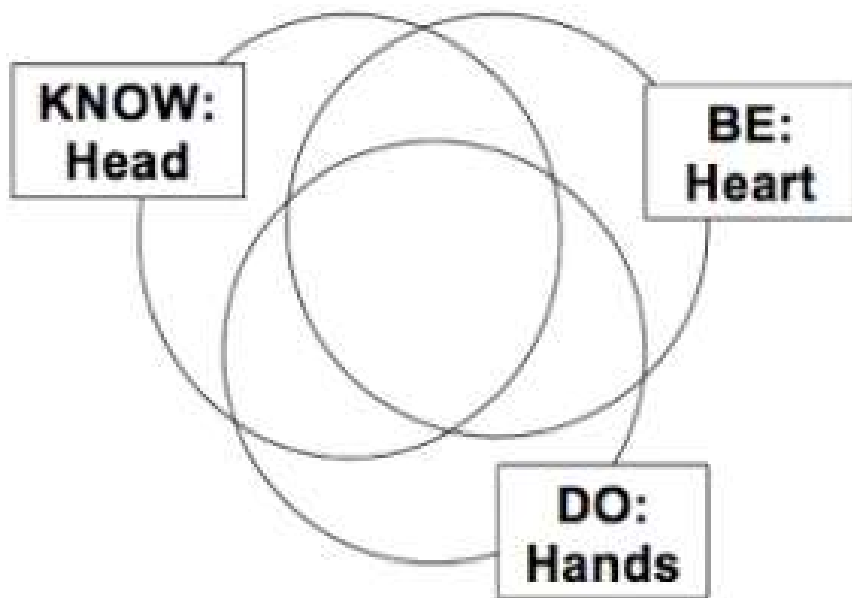
Energy and technology

Oceans

Land

Health and Happiness

# Build capacity for Climate advocacy and campaign



# Celebrate and award youth initiatives that make Climate impact





# Ben Niblett

Renew Our World Campaign





## **A movement of Christians for a fairer, more sustainable world**

- Global emissions are still rising.
- We have a promise of a new Loss & Damage fund; and of \$100b of climate finance.
- Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds (Rom 12:2a)

# Renew Our World plans for 2023



- COP28, Dubai, December, and lobbying beforehand
- Booklet explaining the climate and nature crises for local church leaders
- Rubbish Campaign for a Global Plastics Treaty, launch 1 March

# Open Discussion



# Thank you for joining today's Virtual Forum!



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