



METHODIST MISSION AND ECUMENICAL NEWSLETTER - June 2022

BUILDING A CLIMATE OF HOPE: E tū te mana o Te Ao

The Religious Diversity Centre is pleased to announce the Programme: 'E tū te mana o Te Ao: Building a Climate of Hope'. This is the RDC Climate Action Workgroup's 2022 programme.

The RDC is a national centre that was established to foster understanding and respect for the religious diversity in our country. The Centre hosts an annual forum of religious leaders from across the diverse religions. One of the shared concerns the leaders named at their first meeting five years ago was the care of the environment.

The 2022 Programme fully supports the programmes already active in the religious communities. 'E tū te mana o Te Ao: Building a Climate of Hope' is a call to each local religious community in Aotearoa New Zealand to share the story of an action they have taken in the face of the climate crisis.

Extreme weather events have become more frequent. The threat to our shoreline is greater than we had thought. People in our neighbouring Pacific nations already experience serious impacts of rising sea levels. Recent research shows that much of coastal New Zealand will also be under threat within the next few years.

As people of faith seeking to respond to the climate challenge we draw comfort and insight from the rich traditions and teachings of our religious communities. They call us to act justly, tread gently on the Earth, and care for one another. The Programme invites each local community to take some action together and to send their story to admin@rdc.org.nz so it can be shared with other Climate Stories on the website www.rdc.org.nz.

Planting trees, cleaning a stream, building a bicycle rack - every action - large or small - matters. Sharing our stories will encourage each other. Together we will make a difference. Together we will 'Build a Climate of Hope: E tū te mana o Te Ao'.

E TŪ TE MANA O TE AO BUILDING A CLIMATE OF HOPE A CALL FOR CLIMATE ACTIONS



Our faith traditions call us to act justly, tread gently on the earth, and care for one another.

A call for climate actions from our local faith communities!
Share your story: www.rdc.org.nz



This poster is the first in a series about our climate crisis for all our faith communities:
building awareness, encouraging action and building a climate of hope

NATIONAL DIALOGUE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - Annual Forum on 1 June 2022

The Annual forum of the National Dialogue for Christian Unity (NDCU) was recently held on 1 June 2022. This was held online, and intentionally during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The gathering of 30 people representing the member denominations (Roman Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Society of Friends), as well as 'observers' from the Salvation Army, Orthodox churches, and ecumenical organisations such as Christian World Service and the Tertiary Chaplaincies.

With the impact of the COVID pandemic on the work and projects of NDCU, discussion included how to re-set and re-launch its work. The Chairperson, MCNZ President Rev Andrew Doubleday helped ground the conversation in an 'African Bible Study' or 'Lectio Divina' on the text John 17:20-26.

The Forum also discussed how NDCU further affirm and express bicultural partnership with Maori including with Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga i Nga Hāhi O Aotearoa, and reflecting the multicultural diversity of the denominations. Projects that will continue include: enhancing Aotearoa adapted resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and growing its observance; growing education on ecumenism; meetings of the chairperson of the various bilateral dialogues; a further trilateral dialogue on the ordained diaconate; and developing expressions of 'receptive ecumenism'.

REFUGEE SUNDAY RESOURCES

Refugee Week is observed ecumenically and internationally. With a focus on Ukrainian refugees in Europe, The European Methodist Council has created a set of liturgy and slides in order to make it easy to conduct a service marking World Refugee Day on June 20th.

You can find them here <https://www.methodist.eu/resources> along with other useful resources.



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