

Climate Actions!

‘E tū te mana o Te Ao: Building a Climate of Hope’.

The Religious Diversity Centre is pleased to announce the Programme:

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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 invites our diverse religions to support this call for each local religious community in Aotearoa New Zealand to take some action in the face of the Climate Crisis and to share their story on a dedicated website.

The Programme is aware that there are already programmes underway in religious communities, and intends this Programme to fully support them. By sharing the stories about actions we have taken, we will all be encouraged that efforts are being made across the diverse religions right across the country - that together we can make a difference and build a climate of hope!!

This Climate Actions Programme invites each local religious community to send their climate action story, maybe with a photo, to admin@rdc.org.nz so it can be loaded onto the website.

Planting trees, cleaning a stream, building a bicycle rack - every action - large or small - matters. The stories will be added to a Climate Actions section on the RDC website, www.rdc.org.nz

Together we will ‘Build a Climate of Hope: E tū te mana o Te Ao’.

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.

Attached is the first of a series of posters. They are intended to raise our awareness and help us all to care for our world - together. We anticipate sending these e-files to the religious communities at regular intervals over the next few months.

May we ask you about them being distributed to your local communities and organisations. Please let us know the person or organisation we should be in touch with about this request.

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