



CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT

September 16, 2023

Thank you for joining the Bishop's Commission on Climate Change this Creation Care season for our first Summit

*Learn more about the Commission at
www.diocesela.org/commission-on-climate-change*



Event Schedule

- 9:30am - Fellowship and coffee in the Great Hall
- 10am - Opening meditation and land acknowledgement with Summit Chaplain, Payton Hoegh
- 10:15am - Welcome by the Rev. Canon Melissa McCarthy, Convening Chair of the Bishop's Commission on Climate Change
- 10:30am - Morning plenary session and breakout groups with Dr. Lucy Jones
- 12pm - Lunch break
- 12:30pm - Video message from Sen. Ben Allen
- 12:35pm - Climate Change 101 with Kate Varley Alonso
- 1pm - "Climate Connections" Disaster Resilience Plan and breakout groups with Dr. Lucy Jones
- 1:30pm - Group discussion facilitated by Lisa Markus
- 2:15pm - Closing remarks
- 2:30pm - Adjourn

Opening Meditation

Creator God, you formed this world in your loving hands. With a resonant word you brought forth life: beautiful plants and beloved creatures you called good. From the soil, you shaped humankind and breathed the spark of life into our lungs. Placing our feet on this Earth, our home, your desire has always been for us to walk alongside you, mindfully engaging with, tending to, delighting in, and caring for creation.

All too often, we have failed to live into this call. We have not loved as you love. We have been selfish and shortsighted. We have been blind to the consequences of extraction, consumption, waste, and pollution. Forgive us these shortcomings and open our eyes once again to the beauty of this world you have created.

Set our hearts and guide our hands this day to move once more into balanced relationship with Earth so that all you have touched and stirred into life might be loved as you have taught us to love.

Amen

Breakout Session #1

1. When you comprehend that climate change really is this serious and hear the consequences, how does it make you feel?
2. What are some ways to combat a sense of nihilism and not wanting to talk about climate change?
3. Have you seen/experienced real world examples of how science and faith fit together?
4. Do you agree we should hold ourselves morally responsible for acting?

Breakout Session #2

1. What role should churches and the diocese play in the climate crisis?
2. What actions are you/your churches and congregations already undertaking; what can we do together?

Breakout Session #3

1. Emission reductions and adaptation are both required of us. How can “Climate Connections” fulfill both at your parish/in your congregation?
2. What is the best way to incentivize fast implementation of all these measures?

69 We Limit Not the Truth of God

1 We lim - it not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind by
 2 Who dares to bind to their dull sense the or - a - cles of heav'n for
 3 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, send us in - crease from a - bove; en -

no - tions of our day and sect, crude, par - tial, and con - fined. No,
 all the na - tions, tongues, and climes, and all the a - ges given? That
 large, ex - pand all Chris - tian souls to com - pre - hend thy love, and

let a new and bet - ter hope with - in our hearts be stirred— the
 u - ni - verse, how much un - known! That o - cean un - ex - plored! The
 make us all go on to know, with no - bler pow'rs con - ferred, the

Lord hath yet more light and truth to break forth from his word.

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 Fr. tr. F. Augé-Daullé, 1875–1972
 Music: Louise Hills Lewis, 1887–1948

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God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens 349

G D C G D7 G

1 God, who stretched the span-gled heav - ens, in - fi - nite in time and place,
 2 We have con-quer-ed worlds un-dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new,

G D C G D7 G

flung the suns in burn-ing ra-diance through the si - lent fields of space,
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un - chart - ed realms of space;
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon'r - ing you.

G D Em G D7 G Bm Cmaj7 G D7

we, your chil - dren, in your like-ness, share in - ven-tive pow'rs with you.
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - im - ag - ined power,
 May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise, each en-deav-or well be - gun.

G D C G C D7 G

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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HOLY MANNA

For alternate arrangement see 100

Do It Now

Based on Bella Ciao

Dm Gm Dm A Dm Dm

We need to wake up! We need to

7 Dm Dm A Gm

wise up! We need to o - pen our eyes and do it now! now! now! We need to build a bet-ter

11 Dm A Dm Dm Dm

fu-ture and we need to start right now! We're on a pla-net that has a

16 Dm Dm A Gm

prob-lem We need to solve it, get in-volved and do it now! now! now! We need to build a bet-ter

20 Dm A Dm Dm Dm

fu-ture and we need to start right now! Make it green-er! (Make it green-er) Make it

25 Dm Dm A

clean - er (Make it clean - er) Make it last, make it fast, and do it now! now! now! We need to

28 Gm Dm A Dm Dm

build a bet-ter fu-ture and we need to start right No point in wait-ing Or hes-i -

34 Dm Dm A

tat-ing! We must get wise, take no more lies and do it now! now! now! We need to

37 Gm Dm A Dm

build a bet-ter fu-ture and we need to start right now!

SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Lyrics from lukewallacemusic.com/lyrics

Get your kids to a garden, with the garden they'll grow
They'll learn to go easy and learn to live slow
Just get your kids to a garden, with the garden they'll grow
They'll learn to go easy

To go easy on the earth, lightly on the water
Remember this place is for your sons and daughters
Easy on the earth, lightly on the water
Remember who this place is for

Get your kids to a river, with the river they'll flow
It'll teach em' how to paddle, teach em' how to row
Get your kids to a river, with the river they'll flow
It'll take em' where they need to go

To go easy on the earth, lightly on the water
Remember this place is for your sons and daughters
Easy on the earth, lightly on the water
Remember who this place is for

Ima' go easy, easy, I'm going easy yea
Let em' see their reflection wherever they go
In the rain water, flood water, sleet, hail, snow
Let em' see their reflection wherever they go

Get your kids to a garden, with the garden they'll grow
They'll learn to go easy and learn to live slow
Just get your kids to a garden, with the garden they'll grow
They'll learn to go easy

To go easy on the earth, lightly on the water
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Easy on the earth, lightly on the water
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Ima' go easy, easy, I'm going easy yea
Go easy on the earth, lightly on the water
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Easy on the earth, lightly on the water
Remember who this place is for

Additional Resources

- Bishop's Commission on Climate Change
www.diocesela.org/commission-on-climate-change
- Resolutions passed at Convention 2022
www.diocesela.org/convention/resolutions
- Episcopal Covenant to Care of Creation
www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/02/CC-creation_care_covenant_action.pdf
- The Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy
www.tongva.land
- UCLA's Mapping Indigenous LA Project
www.mila.ss.ucla.edu
- *Love God, Love God's World* curriculum
www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/love-god-love-gods-world-curriculum
- The Dr. Lucy Jones Center
drlucyjones.com

Notes