Season of Creation - Take Action

The Climate Action Group is encouraging actions to help the congregation to understand the need to "love our neighbour" and particularly our neighbour in the form of members of the Pacific Island nations who are most vulnerable to the effects climate change.

Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

The establishment of this treaty is a key demand of Pacific Island nations to be incorporated into the United Nations COP 31 meeting to be held in Türkiye in November. Australia must be a good neighbour to Pacific Island nations who are bearing the brunt of the struggle against climate change. This is in response to Jesus' call to love our neighbour. A supplementary message is that governments and businesses in Australia are failing the people in the Pacific, particularly through the increasing exports of fossil fuels (coal and gas). This Treaty will be raised at the pre-COP31 meeting to be held in Fiji – Tuvalu from 5 to 8 October 2026.

A **letter of support for Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty** will be made available online and as a physical petition every Sunday. Paper copies will be sent to ARRCC for inclusion on the overall list of signatories. Volunteers will be available during morning tea to assist with signing the petition and to talk about climate change.

Tower Room Window

The installation will feature the theme of 'Loving our Pacific neighbours - phase out all Fossil Fuels'.

Actions for the Season of Creation

Pick up a postcard on 6th September or visit the post to choose which of six suggested actions you will commit to during September to personally Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in September.

Each Sunday we will be invited to take action in a variety of ways

Week 1 - 6th September

UCA President Rev Charissa Suli visited Tuvalu earlier this year. **Watch the video** - Tuvalu's call: A partnership of faith, hope and action.

A letter will be **sent to our member of Parliament, asking to meet a delegation** from the congregation in relation to phasing out fossil fuels to protect the Pacific and Torres Strait Island from rising sea levels. The intention is to have Rev Cath James as part of the delegation. Rev Ron Rosinsky, Coburg UC will also be invited.

Week 2 - 13th September

Write **prayers for people carrying responsibility for climate decisions**. Prayer post cards will be handed out during the service. These will be collected and sent to The Hon Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Climate Change and Energy PO Box 6022, House of Representatives, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600. A letter will also be sent to the member for Wills, Peter Khalil, informing him of our action.

An invitation to **Save the Date for a Vigil to pray for justice for vulnerable communities** in the Pacific and Australia facing imminent danger from climate change. The vigil will take place at BUC on **Saturday 3rd October** just prior to the pre-COP 31 meeting.

Week 3 - 20th September

Continue writing **prayers for people carrying responsibility for climate decisions**. The prayers will be sent off after this service.

Week 4 - 27th September

A reminder of what has happened with details of future events and actions

Saturday 3rd October

pre-COP 31 Vigil at BUC from 5 pm to 10 pm

Week 5 - 4th October

4 October is the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, the final day of the Christian Season of Creation, and the **day before the pre-COP climate summit** begins in Fiji. On this day, the Pacific Conference of Churches will hold a service in Fiji as part of the opening of the pre-COP. People across Australia are encouraged to mark this important moment through prayer, meditation, reflection or another appropriate spiritual practice, holding our Pacific neighbours and the pre-COP in our hearts. ARRCC will be sharing more information soon.

Tuesday 6th October

Save the morning! Faith communities across Australia will come together for a **major national moment of public action**. A major media moment is being planned, with giant banners and large gatherings of people of faith standing together with our Pacific neighbours and calling for a Fossil Fuel Treaty. The exact times and locations are still being worked out, but being there in person will be important. More details will be shared as soon as they are confirmed.

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