

Climate for Change

The COVID 19 pandemic has created a climate for change. It has laid bare inequality and provided a dress rehearsal for what awaits if we fail to address **Climate Change** and cut our carbon emissions.

What should we do about *Climate Change*? Is it really urgent? Where lies our Hope in Christ for a better world? Explore these questions and links in a new set of five discussion studies: *Climate for Change*.

Written specially for ABM as a contribution to the global ecumenical *Season of Creation*, the studies are **available for free download from** www.abmission.org.au

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family around the world celebrates the *Season of Creation* in prayer and action to protect our common home, God's creation.

Rich in thought provoking quotes, links to videos, questions for small group discussion and suggested actions for parishes, *Climate for Change* is a timely and challenging call for us all to make out hope real through common action.

What others say:

This series of five studies is an excellent introduction to the interconnected challenges facing humanity in the 21st century - climate change, pandemics, the degradation of the biosphere, and the growing inequalities within and between countries. There is much to be learned from exploring ourselves and our contemporary societies - values, behaviours, systems, communities and responsibilities. Will Steffen, Emeritus Professor, Australian National University and Councillor, Climate Council of Australia

"We start by exploring our experiences living through the Covid 19 pandemic together but need to look into our grandchildren's future and what we, the people in the pews, can do to change it for the better. We need to act now.": Kathy Kozlowski, Parishioner St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne.

The writer of the last book in the Bible sat on an island in the Mediterranean in the dying days of an empire. He pictured two alternative cities, one which featured frivolous consumption and was about to collapse, and one made from diamonds with a tree of life and a river of life. The diamonds appear to be human work, crafted into a beautiful gem that can last generations. Climate for Change is a diamond. Treasure it! Peter Newman AO, Professor of Sustainability, Curtin University, Co-ordinating Lead Author in IPCC, and a member of St Pauls Beaconsfield, Perth WA.

"What could be a blistering attack on our human selfishness, neglect and abuse, instead there is the encouragement and assistance for each person to contribute in some way, however small, to bring about change." The Reverend Kaye Pitman OAM, St George's Anglican Parish Maleny, Queensland.

"As it happens, I read these important ABM Studies on climate change the day after a new grandchild was born. Like those reading this, as a matter of faith and love, I want to ensure everything I do brings well-being to her and all God's children. Please read together and apply the insights of these brilliant Studies." **Bishop Philip Huggins**, President, National Council of Churches in Australia.