

3 MARCH 2021

11 MARCH 2021- A DAY OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF FAITH UNITE TO FACE THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY!

March 11, 2021 at 11am will mark a global time of action in response to worsening climate change. People of faith across the world are offering their prayers, meditations, and advocacy across the different time -zones.

Many of our Australian Churches will be participating. People of all faiths are speaking with one voice from our shared value of compassion.

In Australia, we are calling on our Prime Minister to facilitate a multi-party agreement to a target of net zero emissions by 2050. We note that reaching the target earlier, by 2030, is the request of developed nations like Australia in the Paris Agreement.

We are urging Australia's most imaginative and generous national contribution to the crucial UN Climate Change Conference of Parties (UNCOP 26) that is occurring this November in Glasgow.

We know we need a bold vision and cooperative leadership to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement and to thus contain the rise in global temperatures.

Visionary leadership now, as with our national response to the pandemic, will inspire our young people.

As our young people follow their education and employment pathways, the goal of creating jobs and a safer environment will give them hope, meaning and purpose.

They are our future nation-builders and just need inspired leadership now!

Like President Joe Biden, our young people need to hear our PM saying:" When I think of the climate, I think of jobs." We all need to see further investment in clean jobs and industry plans for those in coal/gas communities so that everyone is looked after.

We have the innovative expertise to ensure our economy flourishes, our climate is safe, and we are good neighbours in the Asia-Pacific region!

Hence our call to our Prime Minister on March 11, as our Church Bells ring and our prayers are offered.

Set the target; inspire our best!

BISHOP PHILIP HUGGINS, NCCA PRESIDENT.

For more information regarding events on March 11, go to <u>Sacred People Sacred Earth Global</u> <u>Multi Faith Climate Action</u>