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# Justice, Peace, Care of Creation

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# NCCA - Justice Network



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# Special Acknowledgement – Jill Ruzbacky



# Justice, Peace and Care for Creation – Highlights

- Ecumenical Networking and Sharing
- What do Churches say about ... Peace?
- Roundtables – Eco Justice and Domestic and Family Violence
- Consultations - Sudanese and South Sudanese Church Leader Gatherings May and March 2019

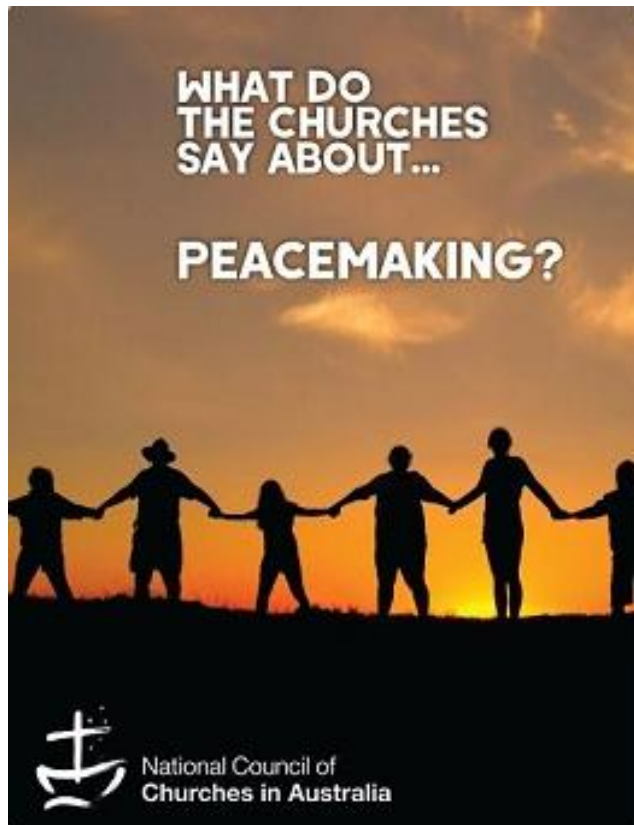
# Ecumenical Networking and Sharing

This is an opportunity of each church to highlight and update some of the key areas of priority and work that they are currently undertaking in that space.

Through this process, there are connections made across the churches of common themes or areas of interest that different churches can collaborate or work together on.



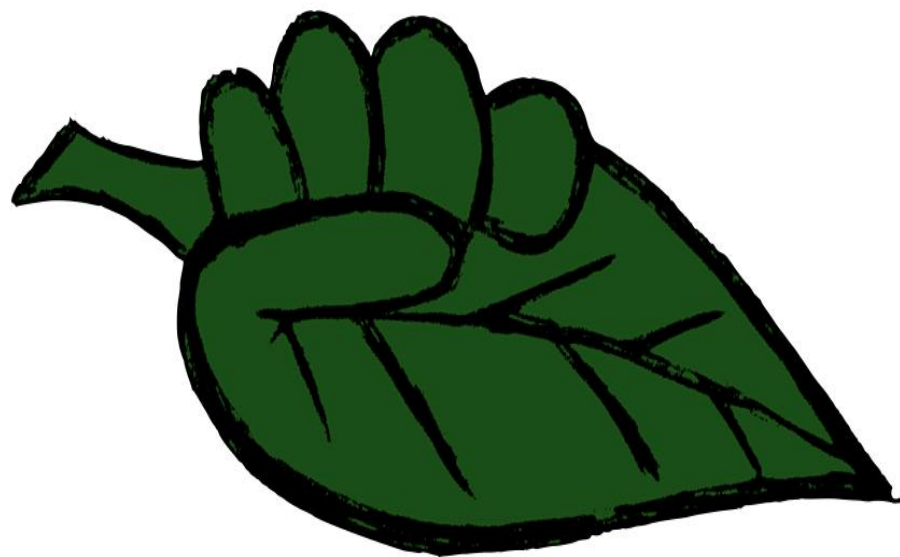
# What do Churches say about ... Peace?



- For Peace in the Community
- For Peace with the Earth
- For Peace in the Marketplace
- For Peace among the Peoples



# Roundtables – Eco Justice and Domestic and Family Violence



Eco Justice, July 2018



Domestic and Family Violence , May 2019



# Consultations - Sudanese and South Sudanese Church Leader Gatherings



May, 2018



March, 2019

# Lessons Learnt – Justice Network



- Network's focus and way of working changed
- Reliance upon individuals to attend bi-monthly meetings
- Without proper resourcing and support, the network is unable to fulfil its mandate.

# Proposed Work plan

2019 - 2022

- Roundtables identified by the Network.
- Closer relationship with Faith and Unity Commission
- Ecumenical sharing
- Holiness and Social Justice: Dialogue Report (2018)
- Current and emerging issues
- Identify, where possible, areas of common work
- Roadmap for Congregations, Communities, and Churches for an Economy of Life and Ecological Justice

# Recommendations

- That the Report of the Justice, Peace and Care for Creation Report be received.
- That member churches continue to speak out against injustice, violence and oppression; and work to uphold the dignity of all people and the flourishing of all creation.
- That member churches be encouraged to study the online NCCA document What the churches say about... Peace?, and to promote it among their congregations.
- That member churches take the opportunity to evaluate their own church's engagement with the Justice Network and available resources for study and engagement of congregations and groups, especially young adults.
- That the Work Plan for the Commission be endorsed.