

## Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island

### Reading/Viewing List – Faith and Climate Action

#### 1. Websites and organizations relating faith to environmental/climate issues

*Anglican Communion Environmental Network:* <https://acen.anglicancommunion.org/> A Network for those who care for God's creation. Guided by the fifth Mark of Mission members of the Anglican Communion Environment Network strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the earth. To sign up for their newsletter click [here](#).

*For the Love of Creation:* <https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/> under "Faithful Climate Conversations" <https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/resources/> some excellent materials. And for public actions: <https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/advocacy/>

*A Rocha* [www.arocha.org](http://www.arocha.org) an international Christian organization that is "inspired by God's love, engages in scientific research, environmental education and community-based conservation projects." Their Canada-based website is: <https://arocha.ca/>

*The Center for Environmental Leadership* [www.center4leadership.org](http://www.center4leadership.org) is "devoted to two things: helping individuals, institutions and communities act on their convictions to care for creation, and educating the next generation of Christian environmental leaders."

*World Evangelical Alliance/Creation Care* <https://www.weacreationcare.org/> and their "Sustainability Center" <https://wea-sc.org/en/home-2> and the *Lausanne/WEA Creation Care Network*: <http://lwccn.com/about/>

*Faraday Institute for Science and Religion* <https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/> The website contains many resources on science and religion, including a number of papers and lectures on Christianity and the environment that are all free to download. Numerous climate-related downloads can be found here: <https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/?s=climate>

#### 2. Videos:

"The Magnitude of All Things" 2021. NFB. The trailer can be viewed now at: <https://www.themagnitudeofallthings.com/> We offered this video to kick-start our climate crisis discussions. It will be free to stream online after Earth Day 2022 April 22; however, John (Metzger) can provide a copy anytime on a flash drive – just let him know ([jfmetzger@gmail.com](mailto:jfmetzger@gmail.com)).

"10 years to transform the future of humanity -- or destabilize the planet" Johan Rockström 2020 TED talk: <https://youtu.be/8SI28fkrozE>

"Breaking Boundaries: The Science of our Planet" 2021. David Attenborough, Johan Rockström <https://www.netflix.com/title/81336476> on Netflix.

#### 3. Books:

*Let Creation Rejoice: Biblical Hope and Ecological Crisis.* J.A. Moo and R.S. White. 2014. <https://www.ivpress.com/let-creation-rejoice>. The authors are both scientists and biblical scholars. After introducing us first to the basic climate crisis science (available elsewhere too) they then delve into the

scriptures focussing on our basis for hope and responsibility for action notably Luke 4:18-21 citing Isaiah 61:1-2; Romans 8; 2 Peter 3; and Revelations; with a lot of other references thrown in!

#### 4. Salt Spring Island and other local resources

Transition Salt Spring: <https://transitionsaltspring.com/> and from there “100 things you can do to help in the climate crisis”: <https://www.sarahl.com/poster>

Local author and speaker **Guy Dauncey** lives in Cedar – not far from us here in Salt Spring Island! He has written extensively about ways in which our society can transition to low carbon - it's fun stuff. Other materials by him and worth exploring are on his website: [www.journeytothefuture.ca](http://www.journeytothefuture.ca)

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## Glossary of key climate change terms - from the IPCC

For the full glossary of IPCC terms see: <https://www.ipcc.ch/srocc/chapter/glossary/>

### 1. “Mitigation” - of climate change

A human intervention to reduce emissions or enhance the sinks of greenhouse gases. This encompasses carbon dioxide removal (CDR) options.

➔ mostly about reducing “carbon” and other greenhouse gas emissions, and implementing ways to extract carbon dioxide (e.g. planting more trees) from our atmosphere

### 2. “Adaptation” – to a changing climate

In human systems, the process of adjustment to actual or expected climate and its effects, in order to moderate harm or exploit beneficial opportunities. In natural systems, the process of adjustment to actual climate and its effects;

- human intervention may facilitate adjustment to expected climate and its effects
- ➔ mostly about improved “water” management – e.g. flood protection, drought management, storage for irrigation, etc.

### 3. “Sustainable Development”

Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs and balances social, economic and environmental concerns.

### 4. “Resilience”

The capacity of social, economic and environmental systems to cope with a hazardous event or trend or disturbance, responding or reorganising in ways that maintain their essential function, identity and structure, while also maintaining the capacity for adaptation, learning and transformation

### 5. “Climate Justice”

Justice that links *development* and *human rights* to achieve:

- a *human-centered approach* to addressing climate change,
- safeguarding the *rights of the most vulnerable people* and
- *sharing the burdens and benefits* of climate change and its impacts *equitably and fairly*.