

Registration Form

Personal Details

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Congregation / faith Community / other:

Dietary Requirements

Payment Details (please tick box)

\$30 Metro Participants

\$25 Concession or non Metro Participants

I have enclosed a cheque for \$ _____

(cheques payable to the Uniting Church in Australia)

or

Please debit \$ _____ from my

Mastercard

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Expiry Date ___/___

Signature

**Please post to: Cath James
130 Lt Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000**

About the Presenters

Rev. Elenie Poulos is the National Director of UnitingJustice Australia and author of the Assembly document, *An Economy of Life: Re-imagining human progress for a flourishing world*.

Rev. Alistair Macrae is the National President of the Uniting Church in Australia. He has been a long-term & passionate advocate of environmental issues.

Rev. Dr. Paul Chalson leads EcoFaith in Mt Martha where he is currently the minister. His D.Min is on worship as a response to climate change.

Rev. Andrew Boyle is the Minister at Templestowe UC and was instrumental in establishing A GRANDSTAND for the Environment Inc. This group explores through forums, film and other public events, issues of human identity and how these relate to the climate crisis.

Rev. Dr. Ji Zhang has a background in the solar industry and was formerly the Minister at Bentleigh UC where they installed a 6kW solar system.

Mr. David Evans is a member at Bentleigh UC and was instrumental in the installation of their 6kW solar system. He currently monitors the data.

Ms. Cath James is the Environment Project Officer for the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania and has worked with churches on sustainability projects for over 15 years.

Rev. Dr. Robin Pryor has led wilderness retreats for over 20 years, as well as Labyrinth meditation days. His D.Min. was in this field of developing retreat ministry in the Australian landscape.

Ms. Leeanne Keam is the Peace project Co-ordinator at Warrandyte UC. The church has received the "Basic Certificate" and the "Eco-Worship" awards as part of the Five Leaf Eco-Awards for churches.

Ms. Christina Rowntree is the Vic/Tas Synod's Artful Faith Coordinator and also a member of A GRANDSTAND for the Environment Inc.



Commission for **Mission**

JUSTICE & INTERNATIONAL MISSION

God's Earth, Our Care Faith for a Planet in Peril

Saturday 2 June
Centre for Theology and Ministry
29 College Cres Parkville
9.30 - 4.30
Cost: \$25 / \$30
Lunch provided

About

Decisions as basic as what we wear, what we eat, how we travel, how much and what type of power we use are becoming key questions for Christian disciples. **Alistair Macrae, UCA National President**

This will be an exciting day of tackling the hard environmental and social questions of our time, learning from those who've been working and thinking in this area and inspiring and encouraging each other to be part of the solutions.



- Find out what is happening in the Uniting Church around environmental issues and how you can be involved

- Experience art and worship that seeks to respond to the environmental crisis

- Meet and learn from others who are doing things in this area

To register and for more information, contact:

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Program

- 9.15 Registration
- 9.30 Worship
(Please bring warm clothes as this will be held outside)
- 10.00 Rev. Elenie Poulos
"Re-imagining human progress for a flourishing world"
- 10.20 Panel of Speakers to respond:
Rev. Ji Zhang
Rev. Paul Chalson
Ms. Cath James
Rev. Andrew Boyle
- 11.00 'Planet in peril or flourishing world? What can the church offer?'
Q&A facilitated by Rev. Alastair Macrae
- 11.30 Morning tea
- 12.00 Discussion groups or personal reflection through art and prayer
- 12.45 Lunch
- 1.45 Reflective gathering
- 2.00 Sharing stories of green initiatives
- 2.30 Workshops
- 3.30 Short break
- 3.45 Where to from here?
- 4.15 Closing worship

Workshops

1. Powered by the Sun

- **Ji Zhang & David Evans**

In this workshop you will learn about the practical ins and outs of installing solar in your church - what size system, what are the costs, what do you need to be aware of before embarking on such a project.

2. Community gardens & other ways of churches being green

- **Cath James**

What are churches doing as expressions of their environmental concern? How have they overcome opposition? What are their secrets of success?

3. Spirituality and Ecology, worship & work

- **Robin Pryor**

What is the interface between what we say we believe and how we live? How can we incorporate our understanding of eco-theology in our shared worship, and prayerful responses in daily life? Participants are invited to share something they have found helpful in their eco-responsible discipleship.

4. Five leaf Eco-Awards for churches

- **Leeanne Keam**

The Five Leaf Eco-Awards are an ecumenical church greening awards program. Learn about practical things your church can do and the benefits of the awards.

5. TableTalk

- **Christina Rowntree and A GRAND STAND for the Environment**

Come and experience TableTalk - a hosted conversation that helps people get in touch with their own connections to earth, and talk about their own responses and life choices.