



Living in harmony  
with the Earth:-  
Combating  
climate change  
and ensuring  
sustainable use of  
natural resources.

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# Context

- White/ Pakeha (non-Māori); cultural heritage of Irish, Scottish and English (essentially a Celtic spirituality background)
- Aotearoa New Zealand (ie developed/wealthy country of Asia Pacific / western country)
- Woman
- Vowed religious



# Outline

- Living in harmony with the Earth: What does that look like?
- Climate Change: the reality and how do we live with this new reality, including the sustainable use of resources.
- Ways forward:
  - What Pax Christi Aotearoa are envisioning in terms of future action.
  - What are possible ways as a region we could move forward?



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# Greed...

## Synonyms

- Avarice
- Excess
- Gluttony
- Hunger
- Longing
- selfishness

## Antonyms

- Apathy
- Dislike
- Distaste
- Indifference
- Benevolence
- generosity

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# Harmony...

## Synonyms

- Conformity
- Consensus
- Consistency
- Cooperation
- Friendship
- Goodwill
- Kinship

## Antonyms

- Disagreement
- Discord
- Dislike
- Hatred
- Incompatibility
- Cacophony
- Clash

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*'Garter of Eden' - Ann Richmond.*



# Climate Change

- the reality of climate change
- how do we live with this new reality, including the sustainable use of resources?



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# Facts...

- We can't turn back the clock...we are all living in new reality.
- The London school of Economics believe that up to 1.7 million people in the Pacific could be displaced due to climate change by 2050. (The Pacific Islands are home to 10 million people).

Source: <http://newsroom.unfccc.int/cop-23-bonn/how-fiji-is-impacted-by-climate-change/>



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# Resources & Climate Change..

For all species...the biggest impact of climate change...will be on:

- Water quality
- Food security





Pax Christi Aotearoa New  
Zealand

*Envisioning a way forward in  
response to this new reality...*

## The Pax Christi Model:

Prayer

Study

Action

### Within Aotearoa New Zealand:

- Work with existing groups who have climate change as their main focus
  - examples are:
    - Climate Justice Network
    - 350.org
- Advocate on behalf of vulnerable nations...at national level through submissions (on policy), petitions...



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## The Pacific Region (Oceania)

There are no Pax Christi groups within the Pacific Island Nations...

We would like to offer support in helping to form possible groups in the Pacific and bring the Pax Christi model into communities as another way to build resilience in living with the reality of climate change.



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## The Asia- Pacific Region:

How do we work/collaborate together to bring about collective change?

Sub groups?

Building on/strengthen relationship with Pax Christi Representative at UN etc.  
...so that we have effective global/national/local action



The final word...

***Whakawhanaungatanga***

Living in right-relationship.