

Ash Wednesday Climate Justice Forum

**Wednesday 10th February, 2016
Melbourne, Australia**

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people.
(Joel 2.15-16)

The Ash Wednesday Climate Justice Forum is a gathering of Anglicans from throughout Australia and our Region to discuss how the Anglican Church is responding to the challenges of climate change.

Parts of the Anglican Church are already confronting people forced to leave their homes, food and water shortages, and increased risk from natural disasters. Other parts of the church are working to increase awareness and understanding of climate change in order to build consensus for a shared response.

The Ash Wednesday Climate Justice Forum will be facilitated by the Anglican Alliance. Outcomes from the forum will be directed to the 2016 meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council.

This is an invitation to anyone interested in the conversation about Climate Justice who is connected with the Anglican Church. We are particularly seeking to gather people involved with Social Responsibilities groups and anyone active around issues of public theology within their diocese or local mission context.



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Old Warden's Lodge, Trinity College, Royal Parade, Parkville

The Ash Wednesday Climate Justice Forum is open to anyone associated with the Anglican Church. The forum is organised by the Anglican Alliance, the global Anglican coordinating body for Development, Relief and Advocacy. It is supported by the Anglican Church of Australia Public Affairs Commission, the Anglican Board of Mission – Australia, Anglican Overseas Aid and Trinity College Theological School.

Registration is required and places are limited. There is no cost for attending. Lunch will be provided.

To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ash-wednesday-climate-justice-forum-tickets-19943313989>

- 8.30am Registration
- 9.00 A Liturgy of Lament
- 9.30 Introduction to an Anglican Alliance Forum
Rev'd Andy Bowerman, Anglican Alliance Executive Director
- 9.45 Roundtable Session – voices from the front lines of climate change
- 10.30 Roundtable Session – theology and climate change
- 11.00 Break
- 11.20 Roundtable Session – voices from the front lines of climate change
- 12.00 Roundtable Session - Laudato Si': engaging with the Papal encyclical
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 Forum participants share how their local church is engaging with the fifth mark of mission (including reports from Social Responsibilities Committee representatives)
- 2.15 Current responses of the Anglican Church to Climate Change
- 2.30 World Café: 'What should the Anglican Church do to respond to the challenge of climate change?'
- 3.30 Break
- 3.50 Rapporteurs summarise the day and present outcomes to be considered by ACC16 in Lusaka
- 5.15pm Life in Abundance Conference begins



Many of the participants in the Ash Wednesday Climate Justice Forum will be in Melbourne for the Life in Abundance Anglican Conference on Mission and Evangelism which begins at 5.15pm on Wed 10th February (there is also a special event for young Anglicans on Tuesday 9th February). For more information about the Life in Abundance Conference visit:

<http://www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/learning/theological-school/anglican-conference.html>

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