

## **CSR Theology Resource File**

**When CSR did the climate change survey with MCI leaders, some asked for us to provide a theology of climate change. Our research showed that there is a huge amount of information and theological papers written on climate change, each drawing on expert opinion from across the globe and the church and we were unlikely to be able to add to that body of knowledge. On reflection CSR felt that it may be more useful to the Connexion to review and recommend theological study materials which could be used in local congregations or by individuals who wish to better understand the biblical context for caring for God's creation. A resource file is created in the CSR section of the web site and will be added to periodically.**

### **Hope in God's Future: Christian Discipleship in the Context of Climate Change**

A report of a joint working group on climate change and theology convened by the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church Study guide reflections, sample group sessions, prayers and a list of follow-up resources have been added to the report to aid engagement with it. The report is structured in five sections;

1. Approaching God in the context of climate change.
2. Encountering the Word of God.
3. Responding to God's Word.
4. The body of Christ in the World.
5. Sending out

This report is very comprehensive and therefore quite long however it is quite accessible and suitable for individual use and with facilitation, group use.

### **A Brief Theology of Creation Care    Prepared by Rick Faw of A Rocha**

This brief and very useable resource is based around 6 Principles;

1. God loves all of creation.
2. Creation reveals God.
3. People are an inseparable part of creation
4. People have a special role within and unique responsibilities for creation
5. In our fallen condition, we are alienated from creation
6. God's plan of salvation includes the restoration and redemption of creation

Suitable for individual study or group study. Also suitable for ministers preparing a taught study or sermons on Creation Care.

### **Caring for Creation: A resource pack for Christian youth.**

Developed by Church of Ireland Youth, Tearfund and Christian Aid Ireland

This pack will help Christian youth leaders and groups to understand the climate and biodiversity emergencies and how we can rise to the challenge to 'Care for Creation'. This pack provides resources to inform and inspire youth groups to take action on the environment – to extend God's Kingdom on earth. It provides activities for worship, Bible study, prayer, activities and action structured into 4 session headings;

- 1 Christians and Climate Change, why should we care?
- 2.The Web of Life: Exploring Biodiversity
- 3.Real Stories: The Human Impact of Climate Change
- 4.Throwaway Culture: why should we watch what we waste

Suitable for youth fellowship groups.

### **Tenants of the King by Operation Noah**

Four small group studies to inspire hope for God's creation

These studies are accompanied by 4 short videos which are available on Youtube. Each Session starts with a scripture passage, then video on the theme, followed by discussion and concludes with reflection and prayer. The titles of the sessions are; My property; Creation Groans, Do not fear and Speak up. Tenants of the King Notes for Group Leaders 2021 are downloadable.

This resource is visual, encourages engagement with scripture and discussion in the group. It is easy to use and the leaders notes are very helpful