

Collaborating as Evangelical Mission in Creation Care

There is a global environmental crisis affecting over seven billion people on planet earth. This crisis poses a direct challenge to the global church. In light of this crisis, and the challenge it poses to the church, this session addresses four questions; (a) what is Creation Care all about, (b) why should we collaborate (c) what happens if we don't, and (d) how do we collaborate as Evangelical Mission. The session seeks to strengthen the evangelical witness of the church and advance its global impact in the Mission of Christ.

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1. What is creation care all about? – **TRIPPLE A**

- A. Awareness
- B. Analysis
- C. Action

2. Why collaborate?

- A. Obedience to Christ
- B. Gospel Witness
- C. Prevention of injustice
- D. Facing the Environmental Challenge Together

3. What happens if we don't?

- A. Increase rate of warming the earth
- B. Increase rate of natural disasters
- C. Increase risk of health pandemics
- D. Increase loss of biodiversity
- E. Impact on agriculture
- F. Threat to global security

4. How do we collaborate? – A Practical Guide to Collaboration

There are many ways to collaborate in creation care programs and many opportunities for partnerships. For example:

- A. Arocha. This is an international Christian NGO focusing on conservation and hope. <http://www.arocha.org/en/>
- B. Tear Fund. This is an evangelical NGO, based in the UK, that is ‘passionate about ending poverty’. <http://www.tearfund.org>
- C. World Vision. ‘World Vision is a global Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families, and communities to overcome poverty and injustice’.
<https://www.worldvision.com.au/global-issues/work-we-do/climate-change/why-world-vision-cares-about-the-environment>
- D. Lausanne/WEA Creation Care Network. The Lausanne Movement and the World Evangelical Alliance partnering together on creation care. <http://lwccn.com>
- E. JRI/Churches Together UK. The John Ray Initiative is an educational charity in the UK that encourages research and advocacy on creation care.
<http://www.jri.org.uk>
- F. Mennonite Creation Care Network. A network that helps congregations and local parishes care for God’s creation. <http://www.mennocreationcare.org>
- G. 100 cities. A pan-European sustainable cities collective gathering 100 cities in a drive towards creating low carbon cities of the future.
<http://www.sustainablecitiescollective.com/david-thorpe/1006481/100-cities-sign-climate-change-adaptation-program>

Suggested Reading:

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Paul Douglas, Mitch Hescox (authors). *‘Creation for Creation: The Evangelical’s Guide to Climate Change and a Healthy Environment’*. (2016)

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