



We extend our warm greetings. We represent the world's family of spiritualities, faiths and religions who share a profound gratitude for our precious planet. Human actions now threaten the delicate balance of life on Earth, as climate change poses a most grave danger to many communities, often the poor and vulnerable.

The Paris Agreement affirmed limiting temperature rise to well below 2°C. Yet we are currently headed for over 3°C, perilously beyond a far safer limit of 1.5°C.

Faith leaders and communities from all over the World are invited to join in a new global climate initiative Living the Change: (<https://livingthechange.net>),

We invite you to take steps towards a more sustainable lifestyle and to encourage your community to also do what they can. We hope you will make a personal pledge by the **Global Week of Commitment 7-14 October 2018** in one or more of these three core areas:



Food:

Current research shows that eating a more plant-based diet and less meat is more efficient use of land and water, and far better for environment, climate and our health.

Energy:

Being more efficient with our electricity use and switching to renewable energy wherever possible, we can make a major reduction in our greenhouse emissions.

Transport:

Reducing our use of fossil fuels (petrol and diesel in air and road transport) can help to cut air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

We are looking for faith leaders around the world willing to take action:

Make a personal pledge in the Global Week of Commitment in one or more suggested lifestyle areas (online link is here <https://livingthechange.net/commitment-tool>)

Speak to your faith community about how the beliefs and values of your tradition call for us to care for the earth, and encourage others to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions

Attend one of the Living the Change Events planned across the globe to celebrate our collective achievements in the **Global Week of Commitment (7-14 October 2018)**.

Write/share articles on the Living the Change initiative in your community's newsletters

Implementing Partners of Living the Change include:

Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

(Multi-faith) arrcc.org.au

The Bhumi Project (Hindu) bhumiproject.org

Global Catholic Climate Movement (Christian)

catholicclimatemovement.global

Global Muslim Climate Network (Muslim)

muslimclimatenetwork.org

GreenFaith (Interfaith) greenfaith

Hazon (Jewish) hazon.org

One Earth Sangha (Buddhist) oneearthsangha.org

World Council of Churches (Protestant & Orthodox Christian)

oikoumene.org/en

World Evangelical Alliance (Evangelical Christian) worldea.org

Please contact us with any queries and for any assistance on **Living the Change**.

Thank you in advance for considering assisting with this wonderful Initiative!

Warmest best wishes

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