

Care of Creation Blog – July 2019

It may be time to change the form of this blog. Telling people of this Auckland Diocese what some of their number are doing is all very well, and needs doing, but these people are few and great numbers of our people are not able to join with them. We all need to understand the basic issues – how our use of fossil fuels, strong chemicals, plastics, ploughs, and allowing in pest creatures and weeds have all interfered with the natural order. But what can we be aiming for when the young complain that we are asleep at the wheel? I used to show pictures of machines used for generating clean energy, and now the more successful of these are in wide use. But now one finds people with advanced ideas trying things which might have seemed impossible. Sometimes too the secret is in building on something already occurring in nature. Take a look at where the real dreamers are at work.

Nuclear fusion is the top one. Tree planters should look ahead to making biochar. Some are making fuels from wood, or smoke, or roads, or charging batteries with power from footsteps, or painting jellyfish goo on to surfaces to make them glow. And did you hear on the news of a vaccine which will save millions of women from cervical cancer?

Also look to see what God is doing - Phillip Donnell starts from the idea that God's New Creation includes animals and plants – the whole world. Nicola says I should add Wesley Webb when mentioning this way of seeing things.

A Rocha people in Auckland add planting at Matuku wetlands to their other activities and are working on who might go the Raglan in August for the annual hui of NZ leaders.

Anglicans Climate Change Action Network continue to have Rod Oram keep the issue before Auckland Synod and General Synod and ask Auckland to finance the time of John Allen as he produces material to help families check on their carbon footprint and demonstrates in Pukekohe and other places things that a parish can do.

NZChristians In Science, meeting at the Maclaurin Chapel, continue to provide a place for visiting scientists and theologians to meet with us, the latest being a man who puts the case for animals in their relationship with people. In August Dr. Andy Gosler will be a speaker here on his way to Dunedin for a conference. He is an ethnologist and conservationist, a secular Jew who turned to the Christian faith after reading Richard Dawkins. Sounds like a man who thinks for himself.

And now I want to include Phillip Donnell and his New Creation New Zealand <https://www.facebook.com/NewCreationNZ/> as an organization asking for support from well wishers and providing illustrated lectures or help with discussion groups and literature.

Other churches and other religions, as well as secular groups around the city and in other places and in schools promote action on climate and creation care. The more the better. It is urgent even though so many put off any action.

May I once again ask for some person or persons to help me keep track of what the various groups are doing and make this blog useful.

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