

Care of Creation Blog – June 2019

I am used to reporting on three groups in Auckland in which Anglicans are involved. Now I find a fourth.

A Rocha Auckland, people sharing with Christian folk of over twenty countries following a group who went to a place of that name in Portugal where scientists were studying the migration of birds between Africa and the northern hemisphere. See <https://www.arocha.org.nz/practical-action> for something about what members do here.

ACAN (Anglicans Climate Action Network) a group who work within the Auckland Diocese and with one member on General Synod, asking the Diocese and on occasion the whole NZ church to work towards reducing Climate Change, and asking the Diocese to support a person each year who will take an active part in teaching parishes what can be done. See Cherished Earth <https://cherished-earth.org.nz>.

NZCIS (Christians in Science) is a group centred on the Maclaurin Chapel, part of the Auckland University, where Dr. Nicola Hoggard-Creegan working alongside the University Chaplains, arranges discussions and invites speakers who also go to other centres. See www.nzcis.org or email Nicola on hoggard.n@gmail.com.

And now I have met Phillip Donnell of New Creation New Zealand. Phillip is an Anglican belonging to a church in Tauranga, but is ready to present the care of creation message wherever he can. His argument is that Christians amount to 25% of the world's population and should be able to influence what is done, and that right from the beginning Christ's resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit introduced a process of change towards a new creation. The group asks for donations to support its work. See <https://www.facebook.com/NewCreationNZ/>.

Other churches have their programmes like the Roman Catholic Pax Christi and when I meet with CCJ and CCM and Interfaith groups I challenge them about this present situation as against differences going back thousands of years to Isaac and Ishmael. There are many things we can do together even if our faith traditions differ. Science tells us the dangers we are in and science shows us a great many ways we can obtain the energy we need without using fossil fuels.

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