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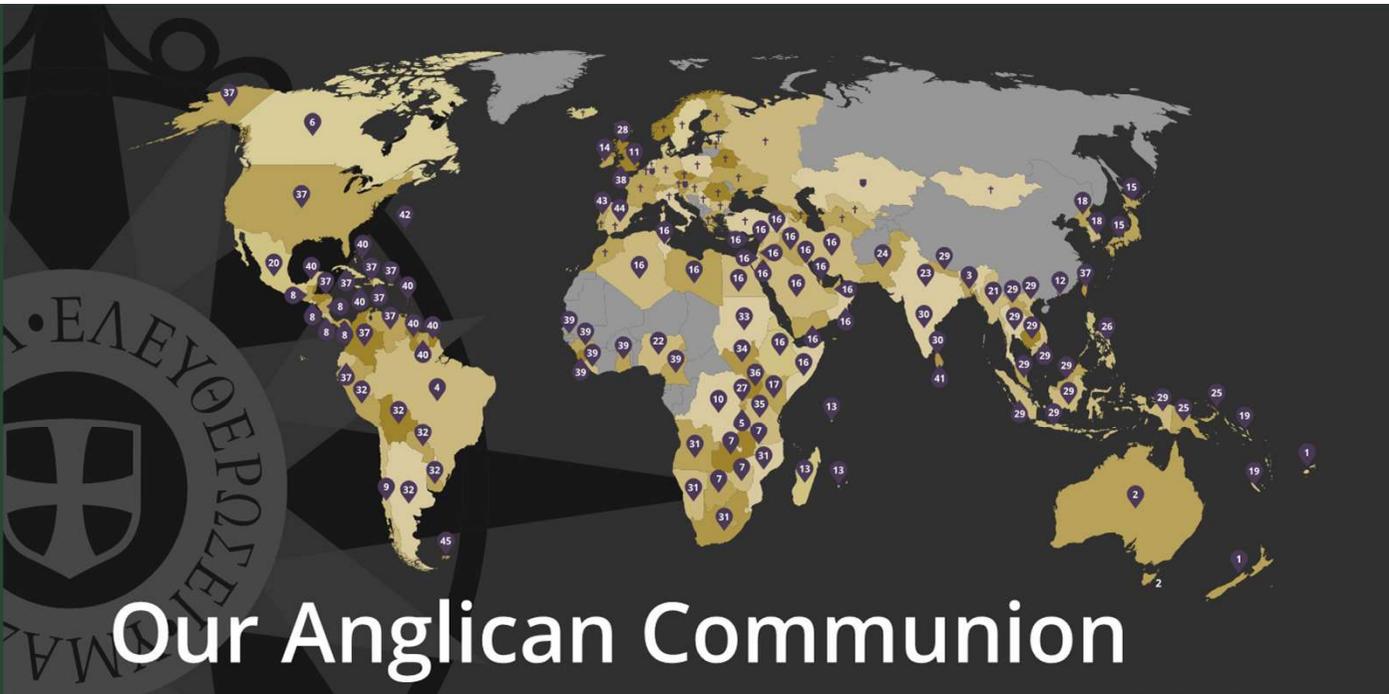
RENEWING THE LIFE OF THE EARTH
ACROSS THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The Communion Forest is an exciting initiative of the Anglican Communion to join together in tree growing and ecosystem conservation, protection and restoration throughout the world.

It could become one of the most ecologically diverse and geographically widespread environmental initiatives in the world.



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* These provinces also have a presence in countries marked with a † (Church of England), ‡ (The Episcopal Church)





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TO PLANT IS TO HOPE TO RESTORE IS TO HEAL TO PROTECT IS TO LOVE



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“The Communion Forest is a symbol and an act of hope, something we can do together as God’s Church for God’s World as we journey on from the Lambeth Conference.”

Archbishop of Canterbury
Justin Welby



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The Communion Forest was launched during the Lambeth Conference in August 2022 as one of the legacies of the conference

The Communion Forest is a sign of the Anglican Communion's commitment to the Anglican Fifth Mark of Mission.



Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

The Anglican Fifth Mark of Mission



The Communion Forest is a practical, spiritual and symbolic response to the environmental crisis...



...and an act of Christian hope for the well-being of humanity and all God's creation.



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WHY A COMMUNION FOREST?



We have been gifted a world of breath-taking beauty, astounding abundance and intricate interconnection. It is a world God declared good and loves.

BUT...

God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good

Genesis 1:31



The integrity of creation is under threat and at risk of collapse.

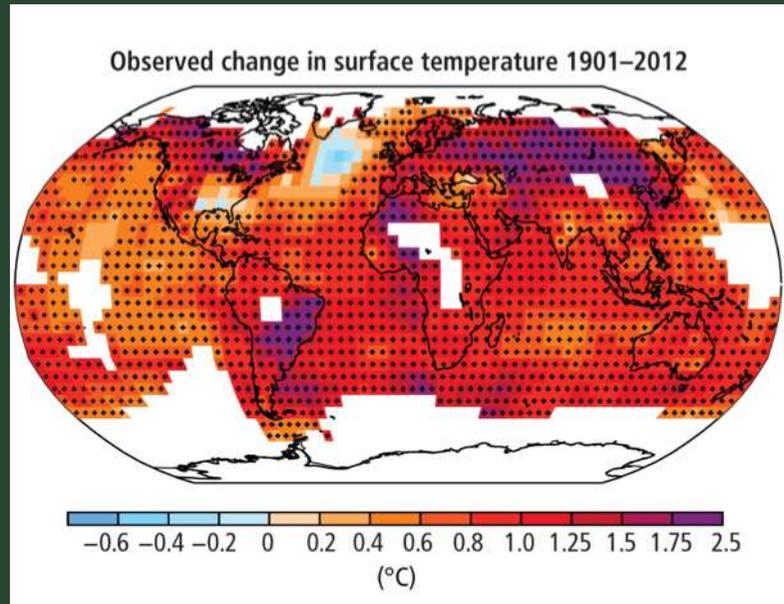


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The life systems of the earth are under severe strain from the triple environmental crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.



The world's forests and other plant communities are imperilled, along with the great diversity of species which rely on them, and humanity itself.

We are in a climate and ecological crisis.

We are at a crisis point for the future of humanity and our common home, the earth.



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The environmental crisis is an existential threat to millions of people and species of plants and animals across the globe.

Its impacts take lives, destroy habitats and homes, devastate livelihoods, cause food shortages, force migration, disrupt communities and break up families.

The impacts of the crisis are costly, both financially and in terms of the trauma they create.



Standing amidst the wreckage caused by Cyclone Freddy, Mozambique.
Photo: Diocese of Zambesia.

A survey in 2021 of 10,000 young people in ten countries found:

- ❑ 59% were very or extremely worried about climate change and 84% were at least moderately worried.
- ❑ More than 50% reported each of the following emotions: sad, anxious, angry, powerless, helpless, and guilty.
- ❑ More than 45% of respondents said their feelings about climate change negatively affected their daily life and functioning,
- ❑ 75% said that they think the future is frightening



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Climate anxiety in children and young people and their beliefs about government responses to climate change: a global survey

[Caroline Hickman, MSc](#)   • [Elizabeth Marks, ClinPsyD](#)  • [Panu Pihkala, PhD](#) • [Prof Susan Clayton, PhD](#) • [R Eric Lewandowski, PhD](#) • [Elouise E Mayall, BSc](#) • et al. [Show all authors](#) • [Show footnotes](#)

“Humanity is waging war on nature. This is senseless and suicidal.

The consequences of our recklessness are already apparent in human suffering, towering economic losses and the accelerating erosion of life on Earth.”

António Guterres
UN General Secretary



Drought in Nicaragua. Image: ACT Alliance / Sean Hawkey

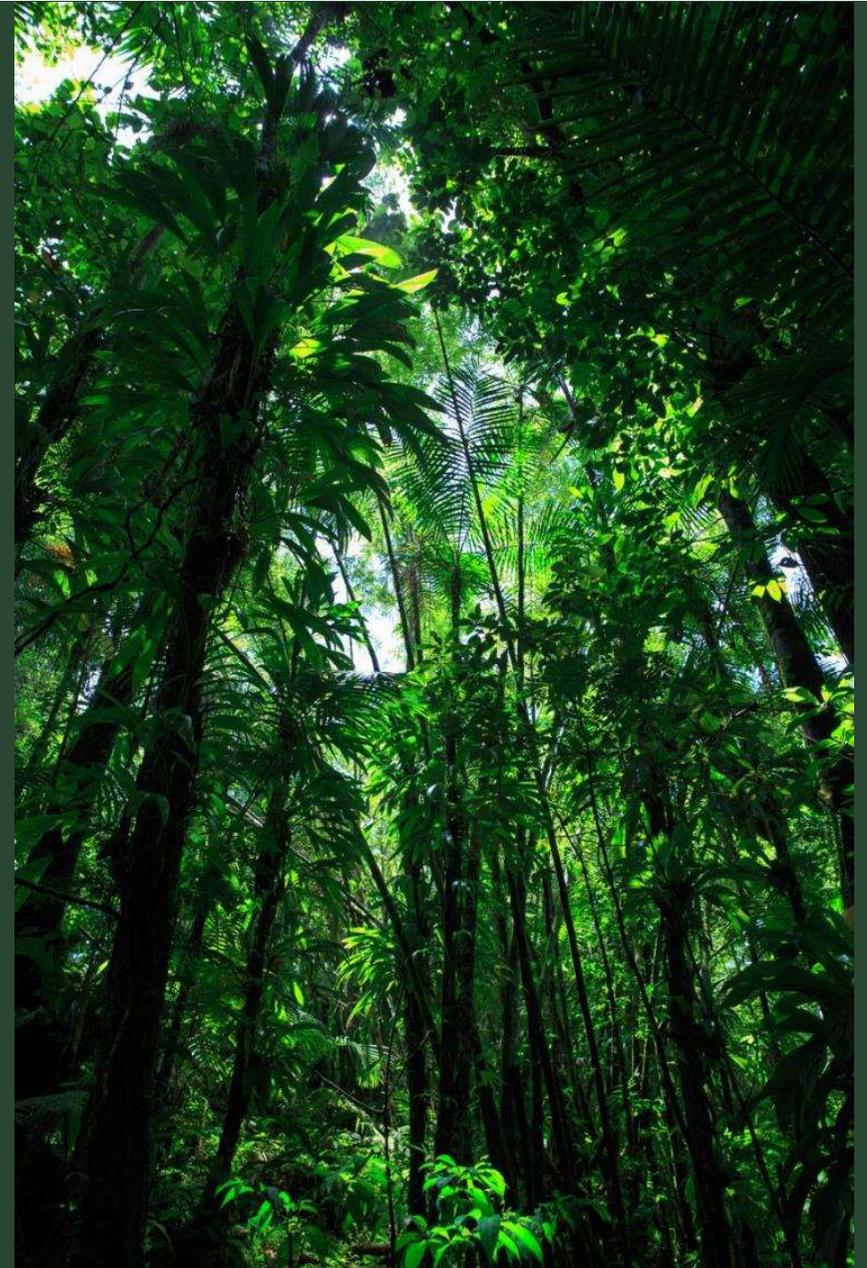


“The world is at a decision point; the planet is heating up, the vital biodiversity that protects and connects life on the planet is crashing, and the risk for economic instability for millions of people is increasing.

These challenges are interconnected, and forests can provide a vital nature-based solution to help address this triple challenge.

Forests are not the only solution, but we can’t succeed without them.”

[Trillion Trees guide to investing in forest restoration.](#)



THE COMMUNION FOREST AS A RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEM



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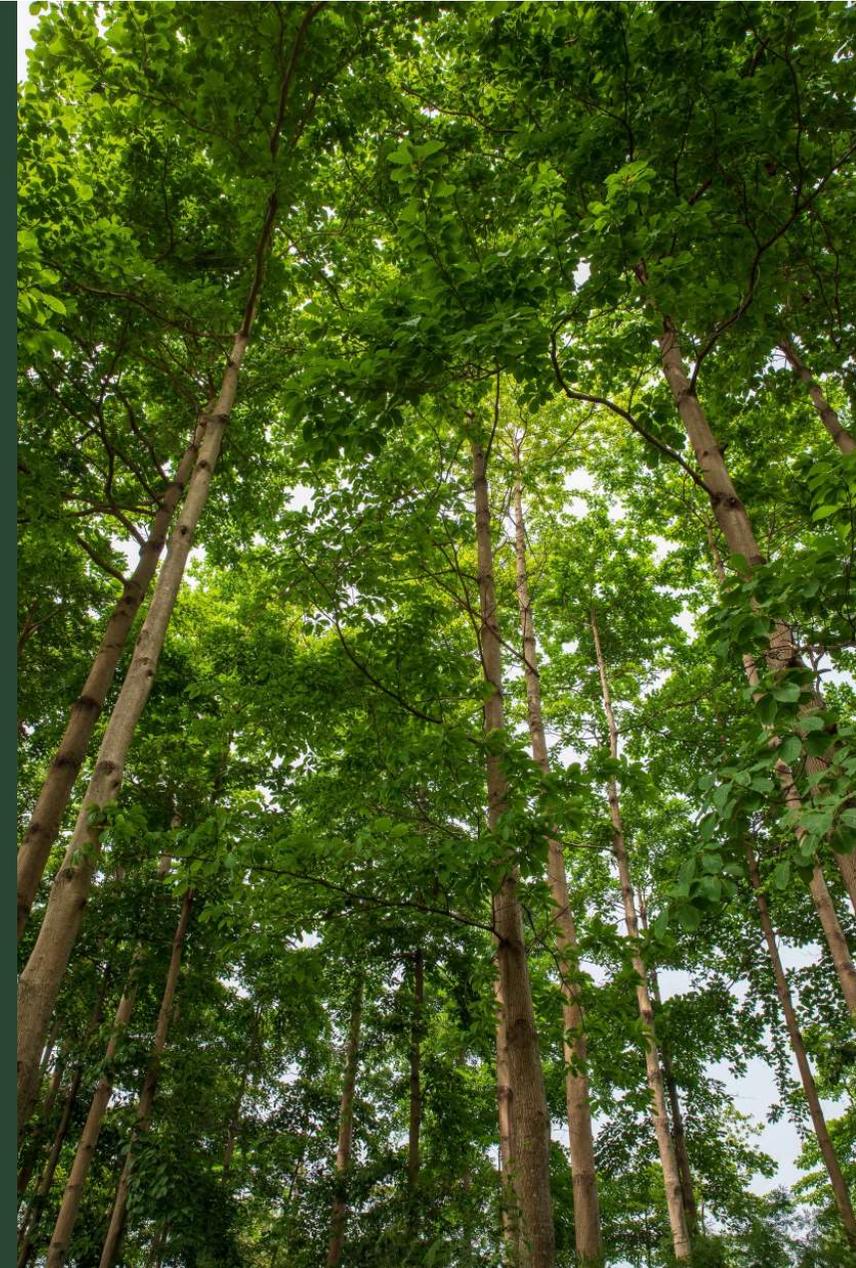


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Trees and forests :

- stabilise the climate
- protect from flooding
- sequester carbon (remove it from the atmosphere)
- sustain biodiversity
- generate food and livelihoods





“In addressing climate change, few actions are as critical, as urgent, or as simple as planting trees.”

“This ancient carbon-absorbing technology needs no high technology, is completely safe and is very cheap.”

“It literally reverses the process that has led to climate change, in that as trees (and all other biomass) grow, they absorb CO₂ from the air, release oxygen and return carbon to its rightful location: in the soil.”

*Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac
in The Future We Choose*



AIM



Overall aim
To significantly increase Anglican tree growing and ecosystem conservation, protection and restoration around the world and deepen care for creation within the life of the Church.

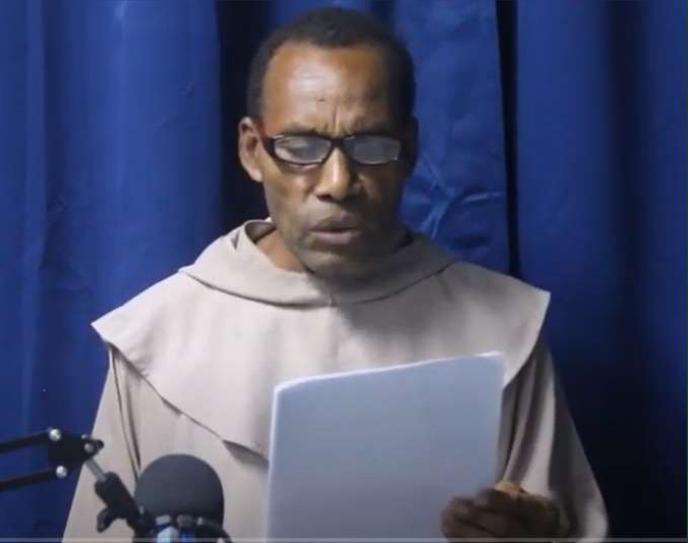


The Communion Forest builds on the extensive creation care work that is already happening in the Communion.



The Church of South India – Green Schools

The Franciscan brothers of the Solomon Islands testified to the UN about human rights impacts of logging



Diocese of Kansas, prairie grass



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Trees for confirmation candidates, Norwich UK



Mangrove restoration and forestation for carbon sequestration, Philippines



Installing a solar farm
Diocese of Central Zimbabwe



Indigenous tree nursery, Amazonia



PRACTICALITIES



Communion Forest activities are chosen locally, so that they are geographically and environmentally appropriate.



Local expressions might be about planting a new forest, but could equally be about:

- planting trees along boundaries, roads, or on church land
- restoring a piece of waste land in a town
- creating a tiny city garden
- making your churchyard a wildlife corridor
- setting up a tree nursery
- getting involved in a local conservation project
- advocating to prevent the destruction of a habitat.

The possibilities are endless!



Actions churches can take

- Conservation – get involved in looking after a local ecosystem.
- Protection – advocate and take action to stop deforestation or prevent the destruction of other habitats.
- Restoration - restore a piece of waste land or other degraded environment.
- Growing - start a forest initiative on church land or support a project in the wider community. Right tree, right place, right purpose.
- Multiplying – set up a tree or plant nursery to enable wider participation in afforestation.



Practical actions of conservation, protection and restoration might include...

Landscapes

- Forests
- Urban green spaces
- Grasslands
- Deserts

Coastal & marine ecosystems

- Coral reefs
- Mangrove forests
- Estuaries
- Seagrass

Freshwater ecosystems

- Rivers
- Lakes
- Wetlands
- Streams

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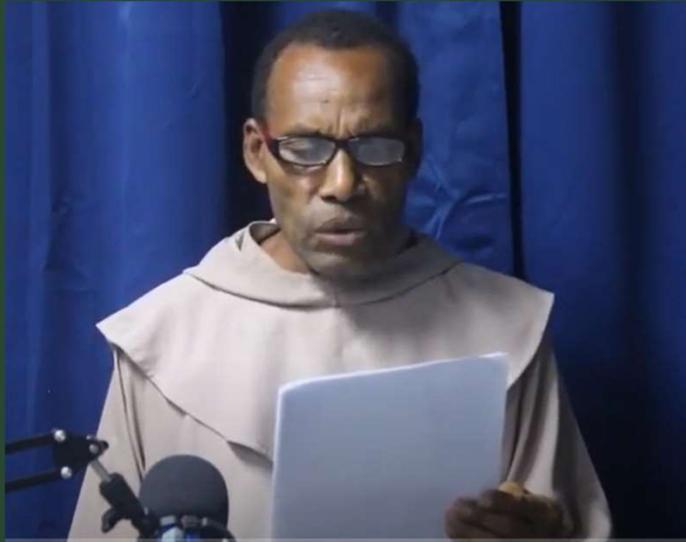
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Advocacy: using your voice to deliver solutions for nature.



- Speaking against forest encroachments and illegal logging.
- Monitoring implementation of national conservation strategies/plans.
- Community awareness creation on environmental degradation.
- Challenging extractive and unsustainable economic activities



Actions bishops can take



- Promote the Communion Forest initiative in your diocese.
- Give confirmation candidates a seedling or sapling to plant or care for as a symbol of spiritual growth.
- Encourage tree growing in your diocese to celebrate occasions and services, for example birthdays, marriages, births and baptisms.
- **Use your voice and influence to protect, conserve and restore ecosystems.**
- Set aside a plot of land to grow appropriate indigenous seedlings so that the diocese and community have a source of inexpensive tree saplings.
- **Engage with young people.** They are often already involved in taking environmental action. Encourage them, amplify their voices, involve them in Communion Forest activities and help them to connect their environmental activism with their faith.
- Use the Season of Creation as a special period for promoting this initiative and creation care.



Actions national churches can take

- **Church-owned land.** How are current land assets being managed? Identify and extend good practice. Could land be bought for sustainable solutions?
- **The Church as a climate finance pioneer.** Can national church funds be used to support Church ecosystem restoration, either locally or across the Communion?
- **The Church's commitment to Net Zero.** What Net Zero methodologies are your National Investing Bodies using? Is there a source of income (investment) for Communion Forest activities at home or abroad through their allocation to climate solutions?
- **Partnerships.** Can you forge intentional collaboration with current national restoration initiatives (eg WWF)?
- **Mosaic planting for pollinator pathways.** Select and target diocese(s) who are willing and able to sustain a project using church land.

ADVOCACY



What is the next thing God is calling you to do, where you are, with the unique assets you have?



Be ambitious but focus on quality as well as quantity!



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SPIRITUALITY



*And the leaves of the tree
are for the healing of the
nations.*

Revelation 22:2



WHY SPIRITUALITY TOO?

The environmental emergency is not just a physical crisis, it is also a spiritual one. Humanity needs a spiritual and cultural transformation.

We must see the world differently: repenting of and rejecting an extractive world view and embracing instead a relational one.

aroha

to love

1. (verb) feel concern for, feel compassion

mauri

vital essence

1. (noun) life force

tapu

sacred

1. (stative) set apart



How?

- Encouraging tree growing to celebrate special occasions such as confirmations, marriages, baptisms, birthdays etc
- Holding outdoor services
- Seminaries and leadership development
- Sermons: Preaching for God's World
- Prayers
- Wider worship materials
- Celebrating the Season of Creation
- Bible studies
- Discipleship materials



THE COMMUNION FOREST TEAM AND APPROACH

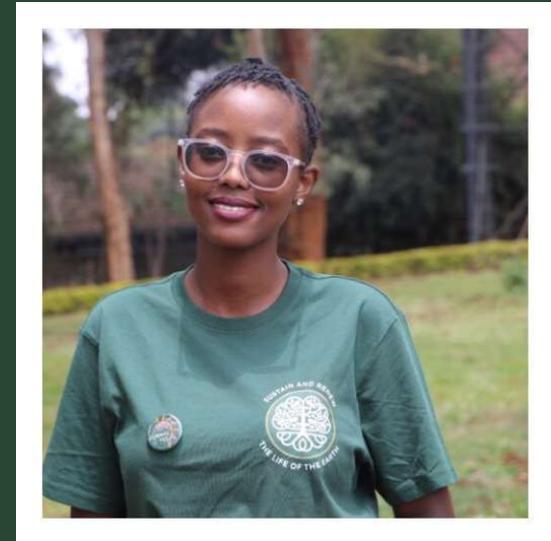


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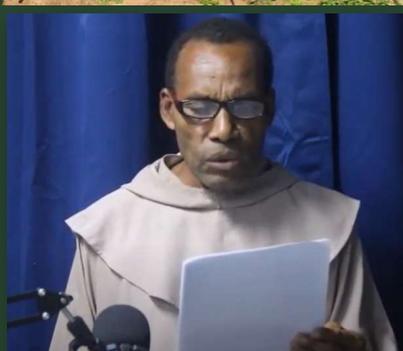
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There are two part time facilitators:
Irene Sebastian-Waweru for Africa
Nicholas Pande for the rest of the world.



The Communion Forest provides a platform to celebrate and share what is already happening so we can learn from one another and be inspired to do more.



The initial focus of the Communion Forest team is on **connecting, equipping and inspiring** churches across the Anglican Communion in four areas:

- **Practical action**
- **Spirituality**
- **Advocacy**
- **Community building**

We are also building partnerships and working towards the Communion Forest being able to broker funding for local projects.



- The work of connecting, equipping and inspiring is happening through:
- the facilitators reaching out to provinces and making connections
 - webinars



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Le invitamos cordialmente al seminario web:
**Recogida de datos en proyectos de conservación
y por qué es importante**

¿Cuáles son las herramientas, los métodos y las oportunidades
de que dispone la Iglesia?

Jueves 25 de mayo
8H UTC (GMT) - con interpretación al francés y al árabe*
16H UTC (GMT) - con interpretación al español y al portugués*
*Si desea interpretación, inscribise antes del 18 de mayo.

Consulte a continuación los enlaces de inscripción



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You are warmly invited to a webinar on:

**Data collection in conservation projects
and why it is important**

**What are the tools, methods and opportunities
available to the Church?**

Thursday 25th May
8AM UTC (GMT) - with French and Arabic interpretation*
4PM UTC (GMT) - with Spanish and Portuguese interpretation*
*please register by 18th May if you would like interpretation

Registration links below



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CONNECTEZ-VOUS, PARTAGEZ ET PRIEZ
avec la communauté de Forêt de la Communion (Communion Forest).

Jeudi 27 avril
8H UTC (GMT) - avec interprétation en français et en arabe*
16H UTC (GMT) - avec interprétation en espagnol et en portugais*
*Veuillez vous inscrire avant le 20 avril si vous souhaitez une interprétation.

Liens d'inscription ci-dessous

Sujet : Faire pousser des arbres pour célébrer des occasions spéciales.
Un événement d'une heure pour se connecter, partager et prier.
Venez apprendre et partager dans un dialogue ouvert sur ce sujet.



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CONNECT, SHARE & PRAY
with the Communion Forest Community

Thursday 27th April
8AM UTC (GMT) - with French and Arabic interpretation*
4PM UTC (GMT) - with Spanish and Portuguese interpretation*
*please register by 20th April if you would like interpretation

Registration links below

Topic: Growing trees to celebrate special occasions.
1 hour event of connecting, sharing and praying.
Come learn and share in an open dialogue on this topic.



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 - resources on the Communion Forest website



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GROW THE COMMUNION FOREST

Register for updates and resources

Email

Name

[Sign up](#)



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 - web stories
 - newsletters



WELCOME!



Greetings of peace in this season of Lent.

Thank you for being part of the growing Communion Forest community. In this newsletter are:

- Dates for your diary: upcoming Communion Forest events
- 2023tree Lent resource
- New initiatives in the Anglican Communion
- Other great pre-existing initiatives we have heard about
- The Communion Forest at the Anglican Consultative Council
- A link to the recording of the Communion Forest webinar

Please share your stories of tree growing and ecosystem conservation, protection and restoration with us, so we can continue to map and share what is happening across the Anglican Communion - and so we can learn from, encourage and inspire one another. Please get in touch: communionforest@anglicancommunion.org.

Tree growing with School children – Green Anglicans Rwanda

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The Anglican Church of Rwanda launched the Green Anglicans Movement Rwanda. While there is tree growing and capacity building around it, they have children at the center of it. During the launch and the days ensuing, the Church and Rural Development Inter-diocesan Service (RDIS) have been training amongst members of the community, primary school children on the importance of tree growing.

The children receive tree seedlings afterwards to plant and care for within the school and also carry some home to plant and care for with their families. Involving school children creates opportunities for the children and youth to explore environmental issues, engage in problem-solving, and take action to improve the environment.

The launch of the Green Anglicans Rwanda took place on November 16, 2022 during the annual Bishops and Clergy conference presided over by Archbishop Laurent Mbanda.



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- newsletters
- social media posts
- presentations and talks

2022		L'ANNÉE DE L'ARBRE				
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
ÉDUCATION Utilisez le moteur de recherche Ecosia (www.ecosia.org) pour trouver ce que vous cherchez. Premier des moteurs de recherche à planter des arbres et à faire du bien à la planète.	22 FEBRUARY MICROCEN DES CENDRES - Les cendres sont riches en nutriments et peuvent être utilisées pour enrichir le sol.	23 COUVREZ FORÊSTIER - Découvrez la portée de la couverture forestière en cliquant sur le lien.	24 QU'EST-IL ARRIVÉ À LA FORÊT? - Découvrez les causes de la déforestation en cliquant sur le lien.	25 OÙ EST PASSÉ L'AM ? - Découvrez les impacts de la déforestation en cliquant sur le lien.	26 LECTURE BIBLIQUE Deutéronome 20:19	
ÉCONOMISER UN INTÉRIEUR Imprimez en recto verso des deux pages.	27 ÉCONOMISER POUR UN AUTRE JOUR - Considérez chaque usage pour essayer pour les courtoisies des enfants ou la préservation.	28 FINI LES SACS EN PLASTIQUE - Dites non aux sacs en plastique.	29 DITES NON AU PAPIER - Organisez des réunions en ligne.	30 RECYCLER - Assurez-vous que votre papier, votre verre, votre métal, etc. dispose d'un bon recyclage et que celui-ci est correct.	1 DISTRIBUER EN LIGNE - Envoyez des lettres, prenez des photos, faites de nouvelles vidéos.	2 LECTURE BIBLIQUE Psaume 74:1-2
CULTURE DES ARBRES VOIR LA VISION - Découvrez ce que la vision signifie pour la communauté.	3 CULTIVER DES ARBRES - Commencez à planter des arbres.	4 QUE PUIS-JE CULTIVER? - Découvrez les arbres indigènes de votre région.	5 DEVENIR PLANTEUR D'ARBRES - Rejoignez l'équipe.	6 PLANTATION D'ARBRES 101 - Découvrez la manière de planter un arbre.	7 ARBRES DE FÊTE - Découvrez des arbres indigènes dans le jardin de votre région.	8 LECTURE BIBLIQUE Esaïe 61:1-2
RESTAURATION DE L'ÉCOSYSTÈME RESTAURATION DE L'ÉCOSYSTÈME - Pour en savoir plus sur les écosystèmes et les façons de les restaurer.	9 CRÉER VOTRE PROPRE COMPOST - Découvrez comment créer votre propre compost.	10 PLANTES ENVASIVANTES - Découvrez comment les éliminer.	11 ARBRES, ARBRES, ARBRES - Découvrez comment les planter.	12 NOURRIRE SAVOUREUX - Découvrez comment utiliser les déchets alimentaires.	13 LE JARDIN DE L'ÉCART - Découvrez comment créer un jardin de l'écart.	14 LECTURE BIBLIQUE Job 14:7-9
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“Churches on the Front Lines of Climate Change,”
April 25 at 9:00 a.m. CDT (15:00 BST/ 14:00 GMT)

A webinar led by Dr. Andrew Thompson, professor of theological ethics and the Rev. Simon Kinono, T’21 who serves in the Anglican Diocese of Buye in Burundi. The webinar examines the effects of climate change and how churches can respond.... [See more](#)



CHURCHES ON THE FRONT LINES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

JOIN THE WEBINAR
APRIL 25
9 A.M. CDT

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Restor

The screenshot displays the Restor website's main interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Restor logo, menu items for 'Explore' and 'About Restor', a search bar, and buttons for 'Login' and 'Join Restor'. Below the navigation, a 'Welcome to Restor' section features a video player and a text block stating: 'Restor is the largest network of restoration and conservation sites across the globe.' It lists 'Restor helps:' with four bullet points: connecting funders with projects, increasing transparency through monitoring and data sharing, decision making with scientific insights, and sharing knowledge with other experts. There are 'Sign up' and 'Take a quick tour' buttons. The central part of the page is a world map showing the number of sites in various countries, with categories like 'Sites', 'Tree nurseries', 'Botanical gardens', 'Seed banks', 'Offices', and 'Suppliers' at the top. A chat bubble from 'Eman from Restor' is visible in the bottom right corner, saying: 'Hey there 🌱 Welcome to Restor 🌱 Take a look around! If you have any...'. The bottom left corner shows '13689 Sites' and a 'Filters' button. The bottom right corner includes 'Keyboard shortcuts', 'Map Data ©2023 Google, INEGI Imagery ©2023 NASA, TerraMetrics', and 'Terms of Use'.



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THINGS WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT SINCE THE LAUNCH



Where are we now? Post Lambeth Conference initiatives include...

Iowa (USA), Swaziland (Eswatini) and Brechin (Scotland)



The Diocese of Central Zimbabwe has committed 105 hectares of church land for the Communion Forest Zimbabwe.



Lesotho prayer walk
and orchard creation
with MU



Where are we now?

Trees as part of confirmations etc really taking off:

Trees at confirmation, Brisbane, Australia



Wildflower seeds and trees in Cork, Cloyne and Ross, Ireland



Saplings given to the congregation at the installation of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, England



Saplings at the Chrism Mass, False Bay, South Africa

Where are we now?

Pledges of support, including from:

- Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- Episcopal Church of the Philippines (plus joint project with IFI)
- At least three dioceses of The Episcopal Church: Virginia, North Carolina and Washington. Part of a wider commitment of The Episcopal Church to the Communion Forest, made at the 2022 Episcopal Church General Convention
- Diocese of Ballarat in Australia has made the CF its project for the year



“When it comes to climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss, the vast majority of us have a learned reaction of helplessness, we see the direction the world is headed and we throw up our hands. Yes it is terrible, but it is so complex and so big and so overwhelming. We can’t do anything to stop it.

“This learned response it not only untrue, it is fundamentally irresponsible.

“Know that you are incredibly lucky to be alive at a time when you can make a transformative difference to the future of all life on earth. You are not powerless. Your every action is suffused with meaning and you are part of the greatest chapter of human achievement in history.”

Christiana Figueres in The Future We Choose



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