Virtual Green Living Fair

Christians and Climate Change
(2 videos by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, Christian and Scientist from her series titled, Global Weirding)

Go to:  YouTube.com

Search:  Religion has nothing to say about climate change, right?  6 ½ min.

Before watching the video, read each of the statements below and decide if you agree or disagree. After viewing the video, re-visit the statements again.

Religion has nothing to say about climate change, right?
1. Religion has nothing to say about climate change.
2. Climate change is not just a scientific issue, but a question of right and wrong.
3. Faith and science are not in competition.
4. Science gives us facts, but can’t tell us the moral thing to do.
5. We are called as people of faith to help others who are suffering.

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The Bible doesn’t talk about climate change, right?
1. Genesis tells us we are caretakers of creation.
2. If all the ice on earth melted, one-third of humanity would need to move to dry land.
3. Concern and care for others is love in action.
4. Climate change disproportionally impacts the poor of the world.
5. Christians who doubt climate change really do it based on political rather than for religious reasons.

For more climate change articles, go to presbyterianmission.org
and click on What We Do,
then click on Advocacy and Social Justice.

Click on the blue words in middle of the second paragraph, environmental justice.

There you will find stories related to climate change and our actions as Christians. Recommended for your reading is Addressing climate change requires reconciliation with indigenous communities.

At the bottom of the Environmental Justice page are two other resources you might find interesting:

- 15 Steps is a resource that walks you through steps for effective climate communications.
  Developed by Blessed Tomorrow, a program of ecoAmerica, and shared with PC(USA), this resource provides a necessary process and flow for creating and delivering successful climate change communications that resonate with others.
• *Let’s Talk Faith and Climate* is a communication guide for faith leaders to talk with others about faith and climate.

Finally, go to presbyearthcare.org, the website of the Presbyterians for Earth Care. PEC is a national eco-justice network that cares for God’s creation by connecting, equipping, and inspiring Presbyterians to make creation care a central concern of the church. You can read their Blog and sign up for biweekly e-mails.

**Prayer for the Earth**

God of creation, we come before you to pray for the wellbeing of the planet. We pray for the people in your world who suffer because of environmental damage. We pray for the defenseless creatures harmed by our selfishness. We pray for the oceans, air, mountains, plants, and soil, that life and health may again pulse in them. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we may have the passion and wisdom to work effectively to restore your creation. Give us strength to continue on when the work is difficult and requires sacrifice. Amen.