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Some examples of faith-based websites

This is an outline list illustrating some of the work already underway within some faiths on climate change. Many have passed resolutions and are signing up to campaigns such as 10:10. This list includes Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Inter-faith material. Please email us at info@capacity.org.uk if you think that there is other material that we should highlight or link to here.

CHRISTIAN-BASED

Shrinking the footprint

The Church of England's National Environmental Campaign
www.shrinkingthefootprint.cofe.anglican.org

This resource contains toolkits, environmental statements, downloadable simple audits/checklist and links to further help. Information is also available to groups through their Diocesan Environmental Officer. The Church of England has developed a 7 year plan of action to meet the UN/ARC initiative on climate change (www.arcworld.org).

Eco-Congregation – an environmental toolkit for churches

An Arocha UK project but open to all.
<http://ew.ecocongregation.org>

The independently-assessed Eco-Congregation Award is designed to affirm good practice in environmental stewardship and help churches witness to the importance of caring for God's creation. The website contains a series of 12 themed work modules. Eco-Congregation is popular with Methodist, Baptist, URC and Quakers.

Christian Ecology Link

Multi-denominational organisation
www.christian-ecology.org.uk

This is a UK network for Christians concerned about the state of the environment. The informative website is a mine of information including a daily prayer guide, Green sermons and hymns, policy news, climate change resources, events and links to other campaigns (e.g. Operation Noah).

Eco-CELL is a toolkit (downloadable) linked to living a simpler lifestyle, with practical modules and theological reflection. (www.christian-ecology.org.uk/ecocells.htm)

Operation Noah

www.operationnoah.org

This Christian organisation seeks to understand climate change from the perspective of faith. It campaigns on reducing emissions and transforming lifestyles. Its website is another resource containing church resources, policy statements on climate change and access to media.

It has developed a 7 year plan of action to meet the UN/ARC initiative on climate change – Faith’s Long Term Commitments for a Living Planet. (www.arcworld.org).

Christian Aid

This environment and development agency works with people of all faiths and none.

www.christianaid.org.uk

With its strong emphasis on climate justice this organisation has a variety of policy papers (useful for frequently asked questions) and individual responses that churches or faith-based organisations can take. It produced a range of Copenhagen-linked materials (e.g. ‘Climate Crunch’), theological perspectives and some hard-hitting advertising on climate impacts.

CAFOD

www.cafod.org.uk

This Catholic agency is a strong supporter of climate change action and promotes ‘Simple Living’ campaigns around Lent.

ISLAMIC RESOURCES

Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences (IFEES)

This Birmingham-based organisation promotes Muslim environmental perspectives.

www.ifees.org.uk

A growing resource of information, including the ‘Eco-Islam’ newsletter and a downloadable version of ‘Muslim Green Guide to Reducing Climate Change’ produced by IFEES, Lifemakers UK and Muslim Hands (Sept 2008). This 20 page booklet explains the impact of climate change using Islamic references and what Muslim households can do.

Wisdom in Nature

Pioneer of local Islamic ecological activism in the UK (formerly known as LINE)
www.wisdominnature.org.uk

A growing resource and network guided by Islamic principles and open to people of all faiths and beliefs.

JEWISH

Big Green Jewish Website – an online resource educating about climate change
www.biggreenjewish.org

MULTI-FAITH

ARC – Alliance of Religions and Conservation

www.arcworld.org.uk

A secular body that helps the major religions of the world to develop their own environmental programmes, based on their core teachings, beliefs and practices. A series of 7 year plans were released by many faiths in November 2009 as part of the ARC/UN Faiths' Long Term Commitments for a Living Planet. This includes the Church of England's 7 year plan, and a new Jewish Climate Change Campaign.