

## **#1. 16th June...IS CLIMATE CHANGE OUR WORLD WAR THREE?**

I cannot believe that I am using the word “War”, I am an avowed Pacifist!

However, compared to the disastrous results of all the wars from the beginning of the 20th Century, **I believe that our current Climate Change Crisis will dwarf the results of war by putting the whole future of life, of every kind, at an imminent risk of wholesale destruction. UNLESS WE ACT NOW!**

You know that I am an Eternal Optimist, but feel that I need to say that **I am very concerned for myself, my children, my grandchildren and all creatures and plants that share this wonderful planet of ours.** At the very least we can expect a great deal of our land to be lost to the oceans and we will not be able to support potentially **10 Billion people with their needed Air, Water, Food and Shelter.** The millions of refugees currently migrating from their homes gives us a first glimpse of what can be expected in the next 20 years...**IF WE DO NOTHING!**

At a recent Cluster on Worship and Christian Education, **I proposed that this crisis requires RHUC to consider how we can pay real attention and take action NOW.** There are some very committed people and groups that are working on this right now...but the sessions with our Community are at days and evenings of the week when not everyone can attend. **I earnestly ask that we recognize the largest gathering of members is on Sunday and that we acknowledge the importance of this challenge to all of us by devoting time on One Sunday per Month, or equivalent to Climate Change.**

**Some potential areas to Learn, Discuss and Take Action are (not in priority order)**

- 1. Learn the basics,** which we may think we already know?
2. What does the **Scientific Community** tell us
3. **Celebrate** the good things that are already being done around the world.
4. What can we learn from **Indigenous Peoples** on how to live WITH Mother Earth.
5. Learn what **Personal Actions** we can take, which we may already think we are doing.
6. Bring our currently **engaged groups and other interested groups and parties,** RHUC and the wider community to **collaboratively join together for maximum energy and Action.** There are already several groups that have been working with RHUC, so the beginning is already in place.
7. Create a **Groundswell of pressure on every level of Corporations and Governments** to continue and expand a concerted effort to save Our Planet.
8. As we head into a **Federal Election,** which has **Climate Change Platforms from all parties,** invite representatives to share their Party Plans.
9. **Demand that the elected government Immediately start the measures they have proposed,** in collaboration with the best ideas from all parties and scientific authorities.

**Let this not be a promise that begins three years after the election!!**

**Dear Friends, I urgently urge you to consider this message and let the people on the Worship Committee, James Ravenscroft, Governance Structure Members, Esther Collier, Peter De Vita or myself know that you are ready to go to “War” to save Our Beautiful Planet.**

Sincerely in Gratitude for this Planet, Love, Joy, Hope and Determination

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