

Let's get serious about climate change: knowing can help us in doing

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. (Genesis 2.15) *The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens;* (Proverbs 3.19)*

God did not tell the first human to use up creation as he wanted



for his own benefit, but to keep it; that is, to sustain it, to steward it.

Yes, God made humans in God's image and gave them all they needed for their flourishing; but in the Lord's wisdom, everyone and everything thrives when everyone and everything is thriving together.

We, too, are called to be

wise in our use of all we have been given, and wise about the things we want and do that have an adverse effect on our climate and environment.

INDIVIDUAL ACTION:

Educate yourself – watch a documentary, read a book, subscribe to a blog. I recommend reading Katharine Hayhoe — her book *Saving Us* and/or her weekly *Talking Climate* newsletter are good places to start.

Katharine is a Canadian Christian climate scientist who considers the climate change problem from the perspective of hope rather than fear and

suggests lots of little things we can each do.

PARISH ACTION: Educate your congregation – have a parish screening of a documentary on climate change, conduct a sermon or study series on the 5th Mark of Mission (*Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth*), or the 2022 Lambeth Call on Environment and Sustainable Development.

RESOURCES (links and more resources at nb.anglican.ca/GreeningUp):

- Katharine Hayhoe,

Christian climate scientist: website (katharinehayhoe.com) with lots of resources on the FAQ page, Talking Climate weekly newsletter (subscribe from website), Facebook ([katharine.hayhoe](https://www.facebook.com/katharine.hayhoe)), book: *Saving Us*.

- Documentaries: Years of Living Dangerously (The Years Project), Behold the Earth, 2040, Merchants of Doubt
- Anglican Communion Environmental Network (acen.anglicancommunion.org)
- Lambeth Calls Phase 3 Resources (www.lambethconference.org/phase-3)