

PLENARY SESSION THREE

Tu'u Hake in Taiiao

Healing the Earth

**ARISE:
BE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
TO ALL**

Colossians 1:15–20 | Reflection ·
Conversation · Commitment



OUR SHARED CALL

Christ holds all things together

Creation care is faith, justice and reconciliation lived out.

IDENTITY

Called by Christ

We begin with who we are and where our care for creation takes root.

JUSTICE

Light for the world

We listen to people and places bearing the greatest environmental burdens.

CREATION

Healing the Earth

We turn prayer into practical care for land, water, communities and future generations.

Planting • See and listen

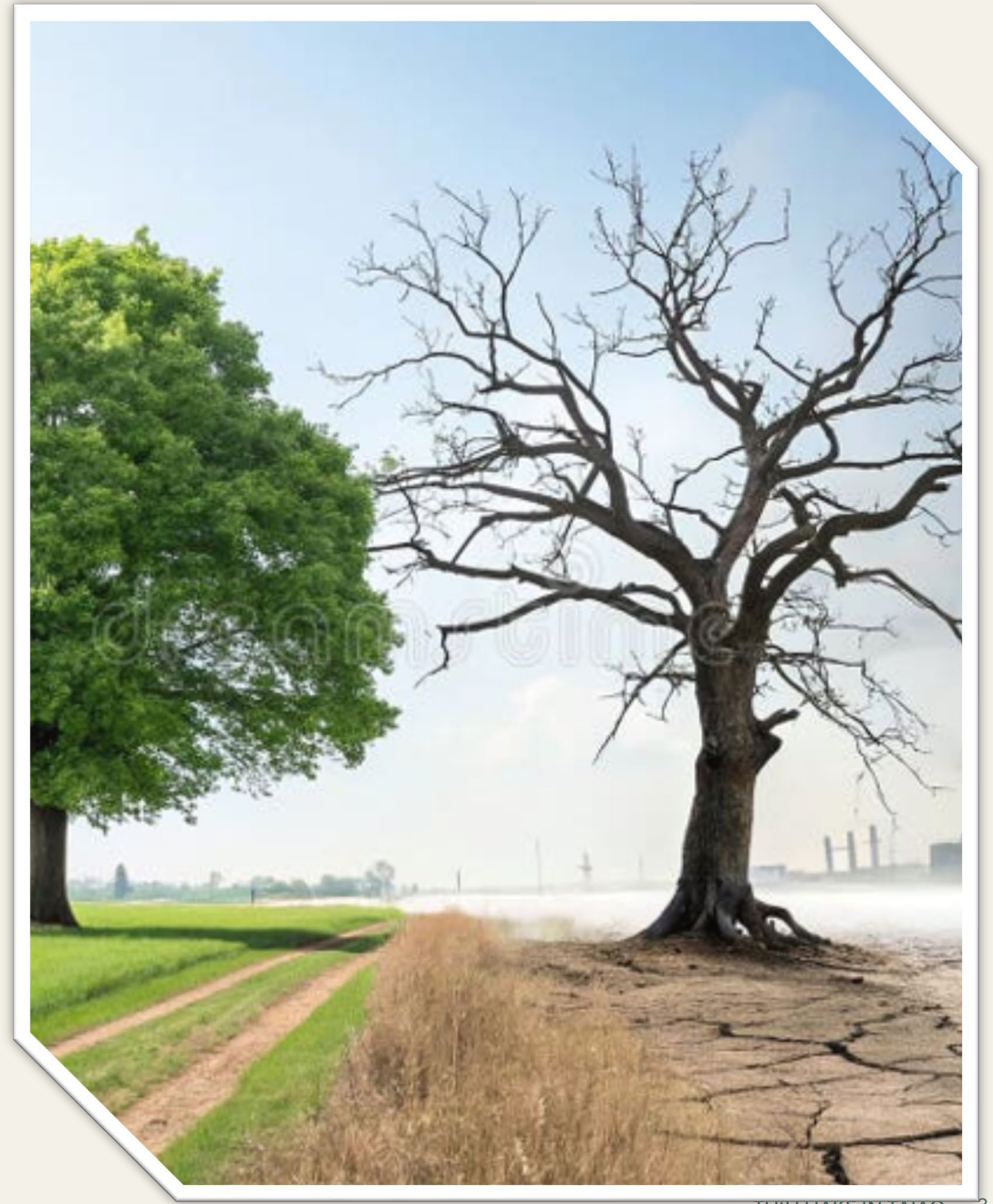
A group conversation shaped by faith, listening and action.

1

Where do we see environmental harm affecting the land, waters or people in our communities?

DISCUSS

- Whose **experiences and knowledge** should guide our response?
- What **needs healing in the places** where we live?
- How **does listening help Christ's light** become visible?



Nurturing · Grow a culture of care

A group conversation shaped by faith, listening and action.

2

What would help care for creation grow as part of our Church's everyday discipleship?

DISCUSS

- Consider worship, prayer, teaching, buildings and land.
- How can we strengthen relationships with tangata whenua and local communities?
- What support, resources or partnerships do congregations need?



Harvesting • Commit to action

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3

What one practical and achievable action can our Church take together?

DISCUSS

- What can **we offer as congregations**, rohe and Conference?
- Who is **already doing this work**, and how can we stand alongside them?
- Complete: **“To arise in care for creation, we believe the Church should...”**



**“To arise in care for creation,
we believe the Church
should...”**

GROUP RESPONSE

From conversation to commitment

Capture one clear response that can be carried forward after Conference.

1

LISTEN

Name the place,
people or
relationship that
needs healing.

2

DISCERN

Identify what Christ
may be calling the
Church to change or
strengthen.

3

COMMIT

Agree one practical
action and record it
in a single
sentence.

“To arise in care for creation, we believe the Church should...”

ARISE

**Be the light of
Christ to all**

Arise with gratitude.
Arise with ears open.
Arise with humility.
Arise with courage to act.

CLOSING COMMITMENT

***“Send us out to care for
your creation and to be
the light of Christ to
all.”***

In Christ, all things hold
together.

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