



UnitingWorld
connecting communities for life

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5 MARCH - 17 APRIL 2025

40 days of faith-filled
action for God's Creation

Week 4: The church in a changing climate

"The scientists will talk about climate change, and people might move. But when the theologians tell their stories, people take action. That's why the government always looks to the church leaders and asks them - what shall we do? The Church are the powerful leaders at the grassroots level - people listen to them." Rev Makoni Pulu

Our church partners in Tonga are faithful, wise and deeply connected within their local villages. When they talk, people listen.



Working with them means helping give them the training, guidance and financial resources to make the most of their excellent natural skills and connections to get things done: planning projects and making sure the right voices are in the room; mobilising people to take action like building seawalls, planting mangroves or cleaning up plastics; preparing evacuation centres and disaster routes; mapping where vulnerable people are located; moving building equipment after a disaster – the list goes on.

The church can do it because people trust them, and they've got people located everywhere! [Watch the story of the church stepping up to respond to changing climate and disaster here.](#)

Prayer spotlight

- Pray for first responders in disaster situations all over the world. In many communities, these are ordinary people called upon to go above and beyond in the provision of care for others, often in extremely traumatic situations.
- Pray for networks of disaster and emergency chaplains trained in Tonga and other places through the Uniting Church in Australia, and for those here in Australia who play these critical roles in the midst of bushfire, flood and other calamity.
- Pray for those in power who have the authority to make decisions about how international aid is used. Much aid in our region is dedicated to emergency response, but our partners also long for genuine investment into longer term strategies that can greatly reduce the impact of disasters and speed recovery efforts. Give thanks for policy makers in Canberra who are dedicated to seeing Australian Aid used to build resilience in our region.
- Give thanks for the generosity of those who have helped UnitingWorld stock centres that enable our partners to respond quickly and efficiently, saving lives.

Ideas for personal action this week

[Read and share our daily Lent devotional series](#) – find it on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

In a world where resources are limited, [thinking about how much we really need](#) makes a big difference. Cutting our consumption, even for a short time, can highlight sustainable habits, decrease our long-term carbon footprints and promote a circular economy.

Could you avoid new purchases for 40 days? This would:

- Cut demand for raw material extraction and thus energy production and emissions - producing one cotton T-shirt, for example, uses 2,700 litres of water.
- Lower global production and transportation, which account for over 20% of carbon emissions.
- Reduce e-waste and microplastic pollution from electronics and fast fashion.

Suggestions to help your church to take part in Lent Event

Put it in your news sheet and socials

Lent Event. Join UnitingWorld for 40 days of faith-filled action for God's creation from 5 March-17 April, to stand with people fighting on the frontlines of climate change in the Pacific, Africa and Asia. www.lentevent.com.au

Promotional assets are shared on the [resources page](#), including PowerPoint slides, social tiles, a video thumbnail and a banner for your newsheet.



Show the videos during your worship services and pray for the work of UnitingWorld and our partner churches (you can follow the Prayer Spotlight provided here).

Share our **daily Lent devotional series** on your church socials – [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

If you received **Lent Event brochures** in the mail, distribute them to your members. Let us know if you want more.

Help us reach our fundraising target by **making a donation** or taking up a special collection.

Set up a **team fundraising challenge** through our new 40 for the Future platform. Find out all about it and register at www.40forthefuture.com.au.



There's a global challenge driving poverty, inequality and injustice.

Climate change.

It affects every one of us, but not equally. Those who contribute least to climate change are the most affected.

The only way to tackle it is together – we all have a part to play.

Register now to take on a 40 day challenge.

Transform the way you eat, shop, travel or use energy. Set a fundraising goal and inspire your family and friends to sponsor you.

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