

Draft Position Description:

Creation and Climate Justice Coordinator

Purpose of the Role

The Creation & Climate Justice Coordinator will build the capacity of Christians, Churches and Christian communities to faithfully follow Jesus in a time of climate disruption, enabling the wider Common Grace movement to pursue a safe climate for all Creation through the protection and restoration of God's beautiful Earth.

This role draws on the strength of the Common Grace core team and staff members, Common Grace Creation & Climate Justice consulting group and the wider Climate Action Network Australia to develop strategies to listen, equip, mobilise and activate a prophetic voice in the public sphere. This role is energised by environmental and theological passion, and focuses practically on networking, community building, and campaign planning.

This role will be embedded in the broader Common Grace strategy undertaking action for Creation and Climate justice across the breadth of the church including the pastoral care conference, marches and digital spaces etc.

Desired Criteria:

- An ability to reflect theologically on complex issues, with knowledge around environmental issues.
- Strong theological calling and understanding for creation and climate justice from a Christian perspective.
- An openness to continued reflection and learning.
- Ability to develop resources appropriate to churches and various Christian groups.
- Oral communication, presentation, reporting, negotiation and discussion skills.
- A team player who can manage their own activities and time.
- Have previous experience in working in diverse teams to achieve outcomes.
- Strong personal awareness, in relation to interactions with others.
- Ability to build relationships, to collaborate positively with diverse internal and external stakeholders.
- Capacity to build shared vision and direction with stakeholders.
- Ability to read how people are going, particularly those from other backgrounds, and to pace initiatives appropriately.
- Have a good sense of Cultural Awareness and experience and practice in working with culturally diverse peoples and communities.

- A commitment to growing/harnessing the capacities and agencies of others, beyond making their own contributions.
- An awareness of the pastoral and support needs of people of diverse ages and backgrounds who are working for creation and climate justice.
- Demonstrated capacity to deliver projects in a timely way, in line with their aims and objectives.
- Recognizes the importance of attention to detail and follow through on commitments.
- An ability to keep a number of activities on track at the same time.
- A capacity to evaluate outcomes of projects to review their effectiveness.
- Willingness to work with Creation & Climate Justice consulting group in direction-setting and evaluation.
- Adaptable and flexible, with a can-do attitude, energy and drive.
- High levels of self-confidence and personal integrity.
- An optimistic spirit and an ability to foster hope among others.
- A willingness to work with the ethos of Common Grace.

Responsibilities

Coordinate the Common Grace Movement's initiatives to listen, equip, mobilise and raise a generous Christian voice in the public square pursuing a safe climate for all Creation through the protection and restoration of God's beautiful Earth.

A Justice Coordinator role at Common Grace generally involves:

- Liaison and coordination of consultants and contributors
- Supporting the development of campaigns strategy and tactics
- Producing and commissioning reactive and planned content
- Coordinating the production of resources and campaigns
- Building the wider network of those involved in championing Creation & Climate justice
- Working with the wider sector movements to ensure coordinated advocacy and mobilisation activities
- Coordinating meetings and volunteers
- Managing communication with members and church communities to enable participation & deeper engagement

Key Priorities for 2021

1. Build relationships with the Creation & Climate Justice Consulting Group, developing strategy, theological messaging and vision for 2021
2. Build relationships with faith based organisations and leaders working for climate justice especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, young people and those in our partner network CANA.
3. Maximise the capacity building impact of the Knit for Climate Action and Christians Together for Climate campaigns working with existing volunteers
4. Strengthen Church Engagement and build relationships and opportunities, particularly through the delivery of the Season of Creation Church toolkit
5. Commission and develop generous theological timely content championing climate and creation justice at key reactive moments and in delivery of scheduled initiatives such as Earth Hour Prayer Vigil and Season of Creation.
6. In partnership with Jess Morthorpe explore the development for late 2021 of the Climate Pastoral Care Conference and future roll-out of the Five Leaf Eco Awards Program across Australian churches

Working with Common Grace

Common Grace is a diverse, grassroots movement of people pursuing Jesus and justice. By listening to stories of injustice, equipping individuals and communities, mobilising Christians to undertake meaningful action, and raising a generous Christian voice in the public conversation, we are seeing people answer Jesus' call to love our neighbours.

We collectively envision and work towards a world where we are led by our Aboriginal Christian Leaders to see friendship and Reconciliation in our lifetime. Where those who come to our shores for safety and asylum are welcomed with compassion. Where there is an end to the epidemic of violence against women, and churches and faith communities are safe places for victims of domestic and family violence. Where, even in the midst of the climate crisis, God's beautiful Creation is restored and protected.