



SEPTEMBER 24, 2019  
9:00 - 16:00 ET

# CLIMATE EMERGENCY: FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS RAISING AMBITION - LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

*The Salvation Army*  
*221 East 52nd Street*  
*New York, NY 10022*

ABOUT THE ARTWORK: The outdoor mural "Muralmorphosis" honors the cultural, political and social contributions of its neighborhood while also recognizing that change, while inevitable, presents opportunities (from culturenow.org). The photographed panel is found in Harlem on a Police Athletic Association wall, created through the Creative Art Works' Public Art Youth Employment Program.

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# AGENDA

## MODERATORS

*Jillian Abballe, UN Advocacy Officer and Head of Office for the Anglican Communion Office at the United Nations, and  
Gopal Patel, Director of the Bhumi Project*

- 9:05 *Welcome* *The Rev. Amy E. Reumann, Director of Advocacy, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*
- 9:10 *Opening prayers* *The Rev. Dr. Cornelia Füllkrug-Weitze, President, Brot für die Welt  
Mindahi C. Bastida Muñoz, Director, Original Caretakers Program  
Center for Earth Ethics, Union Theological Seminary*
- 9:15 *Youth leader report on mobilization efforts*
- 9:35 *Report from UN Climate Change Summit 2019*
- 9:40 *Introduction of attending organizations*
- 9:55 *“Faith and Forests” video by the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative*  
*Introduced by Audrey Kitagawa, Chair, Board of Trustees,  
Parliament of the World’s Religions*
- 10:00 *Breakout sessions*
- OPTION 1 *Climate Justice*
- OPTION 2 *Climate change Loss and Damage*
- OPTION 3 *Climate Migration*
- OPTION 4 *Climate emergency declarations*
- OPTION 5 *2019 and beyond*
- 11:30 *Lunch (on your own)*
- 12:10 *INVITATION: Eucharist Service* *at the Episcopal Church Center,  
815 Second Avenue  
Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, Canon to Presiding Bishop for Evangelism,  
Reconciliation and Stewardship of Creation, The Episcopal Church*
- 13:30 *Breakout sessions reconvene to prep report-out*
- 14:10 *Report-out from breakout session groups*
- 15:35 *Remarks* *Ruth Ivory-Moore, Program Director for Environment & Corporate Social  
Responsibility, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*
- 15:40 *Meditation* *Julia Grindon-Welch, U.N. NGO representative for the Brahma Kumaris  
World Spiritual University*
- 15:45 *Closing prayer* *Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi, Theravada Buddhist monk and scholar*



# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## OPTION 1 *Climate Justice*

*FACILITATORS: Jasmine Huggins, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, Church World Service, and Elizabeth Chun Hye Lee, United Methodist Women's Executive for Economic and Environmental Justice and Climate Justice Lead*

Everywhere in the world, impoverished, marginalized, vulnerable and at risk groups who are the least responsible for causing climate change, are being most affected by it. They are also often absent, or excluded from the rooms where climate policy is being planned. Faith groups, many who include those from front frontline communities, are increasingly calling out this injustice. But how are different faith traditions articulating their concerns about, and their vision for a transformative Climate Justice? Within our own faith traditions, what challenges and opportunities exist? How do we turn these into strategy and concrete next steps forward? In this workshop we will explore faith groups perspectives on Climate Justice and outline steps needed to realize it.

## OPTION 2 *Climate change Loss and Damage*

*FACILITATOR: Sabine Minninger, policy advisor on climate change, Brot für die Welt*

The Climate is changing, and the impacts are already being felt all across the world. Existing mitigation commitments and actions are essential to limit the scope but will not prevent all dangerous climate change related impacts. Moreover, not all climate change impacts can be successfully adapted to, be it due to financial, technical or physical constraints. Hence, climate change will lead to unavoidable losses. Vulnerable countries, like Small Island Developing States, Least Developed Countries or many African countries, already experience L&D and the scope will increase over the next years. This breakout session explains the concept of loss and damage and its emergence within the climate regime. It further takes stock of the most pressing climate related impacts for poor and vulnerable countries, such as sea level rise, tropical storms and ocean acidification and looks at options to deal with them in order to protect the poorest populations. It concludes with expectations on world leaders and policy recommendations how to further strengthen the issue of loss and damage within and outside the UN regime.

## OPTION 3 *Climate migration*

*FACILITATORS: Christian Wolff, Migration and Displacement Program Manager, ACT Alliance; Andrew Fuchs, Senior Director for Global Migration, Church World Service; and Moderator Jillian Abballe*

Climate Migration: As average global temperatures continue to rise, climate change is increasingly intertwined with human mobility. We see this in the form of intense weather-related disasters that cause large-scale displacement, as well as emergencies that unfold more slowly such as drought, desertification, and sea level rise. Even in best case scenarios for mitigating climate change, communities at risk of climate-induced displacement must be supported in climate resiliency and adaptation in order to lead lives of dignity in the present. In the not-so-distant future, the global community must extend welcome and radical hospitality in the face of permanent displacement of many communities, particularly those in small island states. This breakout session will consider how responses to climate migration can be rooted in justice, and the role of faith-based organizations and communities in responding to this crisis, including through collective action to strengthen protections for individuals and communities experiencing climate-induced displacement, whether internally or across national borders.

## OPTION 4 *Climate emergency declarations*

*FACILITATOR: The Rev. Fletcher Harper Executive Director*

GreenFaith is coordinating an international, multi-faith organizing process through which diverse communities of faith and spirit will declare a climate emergency, committing to take concrete steps within their own congregation and in civil society, and in partnership with the growing number of NGOs, cities, regions, and even countries that are making similar declarations. The multi-faith process will include a resource toolkit, religious educational materials, organizing training and support, and a global community of practice. In this workshop, participants will learn more about this process and how they can get involved.

## OPTION 5 *2019 and beyond*

*FACILITATORS: Kusumita P. Pedersen, Board of Trustees, Parliament of the World's Religions; and Patrick Carolan, Executive Director, Franciscan Action Network*

This Breakout Session of the Consultation will explore interfaith unity as a spiritual response to our communities who will be facing the results of Climate Change in the immediate future. We will draw upon the energy, wisdom, foresight and demands of our youth to operationalize the Consultation theme: "Climate Emergency: Faith-based Organizations Raising Ambition - Leaving No One Behind." The global leaders will discuss, suggest, and devise innovative and engaging methods to catalyze mobilization of our denominations and the communities and countries that we serve in order to spur concrete, replicable actions to assure achievement of carbon neutrality. The group will develop a roadmap of actionable events that reach into 2030 with periodic milestone checks. Ideas for these include: individual and denomination wide carbon footprint monitoring; policy suggestions; participation in future UNFCCC COPs; denomination specific mobilizations; and calendaring of events to coincide with specific national and global events such as Earth Day; the fifth Anniversary of Laudato Si; denomination structures akin to the C40.



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