MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. COLUMBAN IN BRITAIN

TIME TO ACT FOR JUSTICE, PEACE & ECOLOGY

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A passion for justice, a desire for peace and a concern for the integrity of God's creation are all essential to the living out of the Gospel. They are not optional extras, but core components of Christian faith.

The SEASON OF CREATION (September 1 to October 4) is the time of year when the world's 2.2 billion Christians are invited to pray and care for creation. Columbans see close-up the devastating impacts of diminished biodiversity, the collapse of ecosystems, and climate change on communities who contribute least to these problems and whose natural resources are exploited and destroyed for the benefit of others. Columbans live in coastal communities suffering from sea-level rise, in deserts where communities live with water scarcity, and in communities suffering from massive logging and deforestation.



WALK TO COP27... VIRTUALLY

Join in the 45-day virtual journey between Glasgow (COP26) and Egypt's Sharm el-Sheikh (COP27), which will showcase how climate change is impacting each location and the solutions that are being deployed. Lobbying points will be brought to the attention of politicians involved.



LEARN FROM PODCASTS AND WEBINARS

View and share some of the available material, including the second season of Columban podcasts, <u>Jubilee for the Earth: Biodiversity and Our Sacred Story</u> and webinars from the <u>Scottish Laity Network</u>.



PROMOTE THE SEASON OF CREATION

Useful resources include <u>materials from Columban Charles Rue</u>, from <u>Laudato Si'</u>
Animators and Eco Groups-Scotland, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and the international Season of Creation steering group.

God faithfully works to fan the flame of commitment to peace for humanity and Earth as its common home. Timid hearts grow in confidence to witness to peace by the way they live, celebrating each new step with joy.

Fr Charles Rue SSC





