



Creation Care

(1) The 15th General Assembly of the Christian Conference of Asia has focussed its attention on the theme ‘God, Renew Us in Your Spirit, and Restore the Creation’.

(2) Rev. Dr Jerry Pillay, the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches in his keynote address described the:

... polycrisis that is prevalent in the world today. Hunger, poverty, economic discrepancies, inequalities, ethnic, political, religious and gender violence, to name a few. Countries all over the world are riddled with conflicts, factions and tensions. We are living in the context of war. In the Asian context, there are the challenges of migration, human trafficking, religious fundamentalism, struggles of minority faith communities and the quest and protection of religious freedom, among the other things mentioned of global concerns. There is a struggle for peace and justice that affects the stable order of societies and threatens creation at large.

(3) We focused not only on the crises being faced but also gave attention to the prayer ‘God renew us in your Spirit and Restore Creation’. Thematic speakers and Bible Studies leaders from across Asia have helped us reflect on the ways that churches and people of faith can engage in the work of transformation and restoration.

(4) We invite the member churches and councils to continue to give increased priority to advocacy and strategies that directly address the sources of the polycrisis being faced, by:

- Educating and equipping member churches and councils to understand and appreciate the crises being faced.
- Develop resources that encourage, support and build hope for those directly affected by the crisis we are all in – experiencing the struggle for peace and justice.
- Advocating for actions and strategies that can be implemented locally in ways that renew people in God’s Spirit and so seek to restore creation.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we realise that our hope and trust is in the Triune God, who continues to inspire and call us to be agents of hope. The restoration of creation happens only with a renewed Spirit, leading to a metanoia (transformation) in the hearts, minds, and actions of people and communities. That will assist us to reconcile and live in harmony with each other and our environments.