

**Why should I attend this
course?**

We read in newspapers and hear on the news about climate change, global warming, increased poverty and species that are becoming extinct. We also experience floods, droughts and air pollution.

Are these issues linked?

What are the causes of these phenomena?

Come and find out for yourself what you, your community and your congregation can do!



Diakonia Council of Churches

Invites you to join us on our Environmental
Justice Course

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Introduction

Did Jesus have anything to say about the environment? What is my role as a Christian in caring for the earth? Are we killing our planet? People are asking these questions as we confront a new situation unique to our history. Our role in caring for creation may be a new question unique to our place in history, but the Bible turns out to be amazingly relevant. The Bible message is clear: all in God's creation - nature, animals, humanity are inextricably linked to one another. As God cares for all of creation, we too cannot love one dimension without caring for the others. We are called to care for all that God has made. **(Adapted from The Green Bible)**

In order to live in a Christian way, we need to live with *priestly love* and pay attention to what is going on around us.

Come learn more about God's creation and how we can share and preserve it.

What topics will be covered?

10 July (Wednesday)

Introductions
About Diakonia's work
Theology of Environmental Justice
Climate change and Global Power Shift

11 July (Thursday)

Landfill site exposure
Reflections on exposure
Water issues and Climate Change

16 July (Tuesday)

Biodiversity, Green Spaces and GMOs

17 July (Wednesday)

Botanic Gardens exposure
Reflections
350.org

23 July (Tuesday)

Priority Zone
Recycling—Buy Back Centres

24 July (Wednesday)

Recap
Eco-congregations
Environmental calendar
Action plans
Evaluation

Venue: Diakonia Centre, 20 Diakonia Ave

Time: 08h30-15h00 pm everyday.

The course is free. However donations are welcomed.

(Topics and speakers subject to change)

Notes for Participants

It is recommended that you attend all the sessions because each session builds on the other for maximum benefit.

The basic assignment for participants is to practice what they learn at the workshop.

We have limited space for 25 participants and if you are interested in the course, the sooner you contact Busi Khambule the better, at busi.khambule@diakonia.org.za
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Our Vision

A transformed society actively working for social justice.

***God's Gift -
the Earth -
Our Home***