



Responding to climate change in partnership with our Pacific Island neighbours

Patrons: Mrs Bonita Mabo and Most Rev Bishop Peter Ingham



Largest Grassroots Climate Petition in Australia's history

Over 25,000 people have signed a petition led by faith communities calling for stronger action on climate change.

Muslims, Christians, Jews, Buddhists and Hindus have been pounding the nation's pavements collecting signatures in mosques, churches, high schools and local businesses in what may be one of the largest grassroots, multi-electorate climate petitions in our nation's history.

The petitions call upon our political leaders to support deeper reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, a faster transition to a clean energy economy and better support for our poorest neighbours grappling with the impacts of climate change.

As part of the petition campaign, PCP's Maria Tiimon Chi-Fang travelled to Canberra

earlier this month to meet with MPs Adam Bandt and Rebecca Sharkie.

The Community Climate Petition has been supported by a coalition of faith based organisations including the Pacific Calling Partnership, the Edmund Rice Centre, Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, Caritas Australia, Catholic Earthcare, Common Grace, TEAR Australia and the Uniting Church in Australia.

Watch the video



The world needs to hear the Pacific's urgent call for climate justice. Unless we limit global temperature increases to 1.5 degrees Celsius from pre-Industrial levels, our neighbours in the Pacific will be devastated by climate change. **Their very future as nations and their survival as peoples depends on the decisions made by countries like Australia.**

That's why we're sending a delegation of young leaders from Kiribati and Tuvalu to attend the 2017 UN Climate Change Conference in Germany in November.

[We need your help to make it happen.](#)

There are significant costs involved in making this happen, such as flights, accommodation, transport and meals. It is estimated that it will take \$6,000 to fund the inclusion of just one of these young Pacific leaders. Any donation you can make will help us fund this delegation so the world can hear and respond to their urgent call.

You can donate:

- Online via our [secure website](#) or secure [crowdfunding page](#);
- By making a **cheque payable to Edmund Rice Centre for Justice**; or

- Making a direct deposit to: Account Name ERC for Justice **BSB 062 128**
Account Number 10837229
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On Monday 4 September, Father Martin Maritino of Kiribati visited the offices of Pacific Calling Partnership in Homebush West.

Father Martin, an I-Kiribati diocesan priest, is originally from the island of Butaritari, to the north of the main island of Tarawa. He told PCP that he recently visited his home island after years away and noted some concerning impacts of climate change.

Butaritari is an island that has been known for having higher rainfall than other islands. One of the damaging effects of climate change are that it now experiences longer droughts. He said that the well water was now brackish with the people of the island saying that the water was “heavy”. The taro crops were also being affected because of increasing salt water penetration and the people complained of the increasing difficulty of finding fish close to the island requiring them to venture further away.

Father Martin expressed his concern about the plight of the people of Butaritari saying that he noticed a level of fear in them due to the changing weather patterns affecting their island.

Justice Literary Event 2018

SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018
SANTA SABINA COLLEGE
90 THE BOULEVARDE, STRATHFIELD NSW

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The Edmund Rice Centre is presenting: **A Justice Literary Event - Be Inspired and Get Creative.**

This event will provide an opportunity for outstanding people in the field of the arts to present how themes of social justice, human rights and eco-justice in literature, music, song and art, can powerfully raise awareness in society and help build the skills and capacity for social change.

Presenters include Mem Fox AM, Melina Marchetta, Libby Gleeson AM, Dr Robin Morrow AM, Susanne Gervay OAM, Bronwyn Bancroft and Associate Professor Munjed Al Muderis.

Date: Wednesday 14 March 2018

Time: 9am-3pm

Cost: Adults \$80 or Concession/Student \$40

Venue: Santa Sabina College Hall, 90 The Boulevarde, Strathfield NSW 2135

Please SAVE THE DATE and register your interest by emailing Marisa Brattoni on marisab@erc.org.au.



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