

INVITATION TO JOIN SEASON OF CREATION 2021

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect God's creation.

The season starts 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

2021 THEME

This year we will be uniting around the theme, "A HOME FOR ALL? RENEWING THE OIKOS OF GOD."

Oikos is the Greek word for "home," or "household." By rooting our theme in the concept of oikos, we celebrate the integral web of relationships that sustain the well-being of the Earth.



This year's symbol, Abraham's tent, signifies our commitment to safeguard a place for all who share our common home, just as Abraham did in the Book of Genesis.

You're encouraged to place Abraham's tent in a local garden as a sign of hospitality for the excluded. Communities are invited to pray with and for the most vulnerable in their community.

The tent can also be present in liturgies or events throughout the Season of Creation as a symbol of the community's intention to create a home for all.

Join us:



During the Season of Creation, Christians will transform our home into a tent for all of creation.

Individuals and communities are invited to participate through prayer, sustainability projects, or advocacy.

- **Prayer:** Host an ecumenical prayer service that unites all Christians to care for our common home.
- Sustainability: Lead a clean-up project that helps all of creation thrive.
- Advocacy: Raise your voice for climate justice by participating or leading an ongoing campaign, such as the movement to divest from fossil fuels.

We invite you to schedule your own participation in the season. As a first step, go to **SeasonOfCreation.org.** You will find the official **Season of Creation Celebration Guide,** a wide range of resources, and a form to **register your events.**

We hope that this Season of Creation renews our baptismal call to care and sustain this ecological turning so that life may flourish, and all creatures may find their place to flourish in our common home.