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Rooted in Faith: Growing Hope in a Changing Climate

Women, Faith, & Climate Network | October 2026 Newsletter



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Women Healing the Earth: Building a Global Movement

"Every child has a right to dream. Climate change should never take that right away."

stories, building local hubs, strengthening collaborations and creating spaces where faith, care and climate justice meet.

Since our June newsletter, we have seen the spirit of radical collaboration take root in new ways. From the Nairobi Kitchen Table Hub Convening to member-led stories, interfaith dialogues, Eco Champion initiatives and new opportunities around COP31 and the Continuing Inter-Faith Involvement in the Santa Marta Process, WFCN members are showing that climate action grows through relationships as much as through projects.

This October issue reflects that movement: stories that nourish action, collaborations that cross borders and invitations for members to step into shared advocacy, learning and solidarity. At a time when climate impacts are reshaping homes, livelihoods, identities and futures we are reminded that women of faith are not waiting at the edges of change. They are already holding communities together, planting seeds of hope and calling us into deeper responsibility.

As we look ahead, our question is simple: ***how can we continue turning our shared faith, grief, wisdom and courage into collective climate action?***



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The Nairobi Kitchen table: Faith, Climate and Community

Hub Convening, a warm and participatory gathering held at Rosa Mystica on 22 September 2026. The convening brought together 20 women of faith, faith-based and community organisations and climate practitioners to reflect on how faith shapes care for the environment and how shared stories can nourish practical local climate action. Through story-sharing, group reflection and collective planning, participants agreed on six priority areas for the Nairobi Hub: access to information, water scarcity, self-governance, policy influence, food security and sovereignty and health. The gathering closed with commitments to take climate advocacy back into members' own groups and explore collective action to strengthen their climate work. Participants agreed to meet again to learn from and support each other.

As the Nairobi Hub begins to take root, we invite WFCN members, partners and friends to follow this journey, learn from the reflections, and explore how Kitchen Tables can become living spaces for faith, climate action and radical collaboration in their own communities. Would a WFCN Kitchen Table be useful in your community. WFCN can help you set one up, Contact ***JeanDuff@pfaithdev.org*** for more information.

Link to the Kitchen table concept note here:



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"Being part of the Nairobi Kitchen Table reminded me that faith is not only something we speak about; it is something we live through how we care for creation, our communities and one another. The gathering helped us see that we are already doing the work and now we can do it together with more intention and solidarity." ***— Participant reflection***

Read Full report



Beth Riolo(Australia)



Irene Sebastian Waweru (Kenya)



Dr. Sumpreet Kaur(India)

Stories of Women Leading Change

Our **Women Healing the Earth** series continues to be one of the most powerful ways we celebrate, connect and amplify women of faith leading climate action across the world.

These stories are also travelling beyond WFCN. Over the past months, women's climate leadership from our network has been amplified through collaborations and features with **Project Dandelion**, **The Good Oil Journal**, and **Faith Initiative: Embracing Diversity Magazine**. This wider visibility reminds us that storytelling is not only about documentation; it is also a way of building solidarity, shifting narratives and helping more people see the leadership already rooted in communities.

From food banks reducing waste in South London, to youth climate movements in Kenya, sustainable development in India and community restoration in Nairobi, these stories remind us that climate leadership takes many forms. It can be public advocacy, quiet service, tree planting, food growing, interfaith collaboration, education or the everyday work of holding communities together.

As we continue building this shared archive of women's leadership, we invite WFCN members and partners to help us identify more stories. Do you have a climate action journey to share, or do you know a woman of faith whose work deserves to be highlighted? Nominate her for the **Women Healing the Earth** series and help us amplify the leadership already growing in our communities.

Explore all stories

Submit Your Story

Climate Gathering Insibofin

The **Inishbofin Climate Gathering**, convened by **Eamon Ryan** on an island off the west coast of Ireland, brought together poets, artists, musicians, scientists, policymakers, communicators, faith and spiritual leaders, and climate practitioners from around the world. The conversations were deep, intense, unsettling and practical, asking how we can bring global focus and action back to the climate crisis at a time when urgency must be matched by imagination, courage and collaboration.

WFCN members were well represented through **Rev. Phyllis Bird** of OAIC, **Laura Cook** of Project Dandelion, **Lorna Gold** of Laudato Si' Movement, **Jessica Robinson** of EcoJudaism, and **Jean Duff**. It was encouraging to see how deeply faith and spiritual perspectives, alongside women's contributions, were valued by secular climate actors in the room. Members came away with new alliances, renewed commitments and a clearer sense of the huge continuing work ahead.



Read Dr. Lorna's Blog

Collaboration in Action

On **8 October 2026**, the **Women's Peace Committee of Soka Gakkai in Japan**, in cooperation with the **Women, Faith & Climate Network**, will host an online **Kitchen Talk** on the nexus of climate and conflict, with a focus on how women are affected and what women of faith can do. The conversation will bring together members of the Women's Peace Committee in Japan, creating space for reflection on the human impacts of climate crisis, conflict, displacement and insecurity.

WFCN will be represented by **Meryne Warah of GreenFaith Africa**, who will share insights from faith-rooted climate justice work and women's leadership across African contexts. This collaboration reflects the heart of WFCN's work: connecting women of faith across regions and traditions, strengthening shared learning and creating spaces where local experiences can inform global conversations on climate, peace and justice.



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Resources and Toolkits

initiatives, women are helping communities plant trees, harvest rainwater, green worship spaces, reduce waste, grow food, mentor young leaders and embed climate awareness into everyday faith practice.

These Eco Champion efforts show how collective impact grows when local women are trusted to lead from where they are. From churches and schools to community groups and interfaith spaces, members are building practical climate action that is rooted in faith, shaped by local realities and carried forward through shared learning. Explore these transformative initiatives and learn how women are catalyzing environmental change in their communities.

Explore the Eco Champions resources and member-led activities



Photo credit: Climate YES Malawi -Green Anglicans

Resources

Save the Date!

Women, Faith and Climate Network Global Connect

15 December 2026 | 2:00 PM BST | 4:00 PM EAT | 1:00 PM CET

As WFCN continues to grow, we invite members to join the **Women, Faith and Climate Network Global Connect**, a virtual gathering to reconnect, share updates, and explore opportunities for collaboration across the network. The session will include updates on WFCN's progress, reflections from the Steering Group, member sharing and space to identify priorities for joint action as we continue building a global movement of women of faith advancing climate justice.

Please visit our website for updates and further information.

Register

Opportunities for WFCN Member-Action and Collaboration

Join the Islands Dialogue / TAFF Civil Society Offering

The governments of **Ireland and Tuvalu** are leading the next phase of the **Santa Marta Process** toward the **Second International Conference on the Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels**. A collaborative civil society platform has been proposed by Irish and Tuvaluan representatives to serve as a constructive ally to this process, including through an **Islands Dialogue**.

The platform aims to build on work already underway, including collaboration with faith actors and movements such as **Faiths for a Fossil Free Future**, convened by GreenFaith and joined by several WFCN members. The proposed Islands Dialogue includes space for faith and Indigenous wisdom, youth participation, citizen-led action, arts and culture, business and finance and wider international cooperation for a just transition away from fossil fuels.

Opportunity for WFCN members: Members interested in joining the Interfaith Platform or participating in the Islands Dialogue are encouraged to connect with **Lorna Gold Lorna@laudatosimovement.org , and /or Meryne Warah Meryne@greenfaith.org**

Learn more about the Second International Conference on the Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels:
https://transitionawayconference.com/

Read the civil society concept paper here:

Connect with WFCN Members Going to COP31

As COP31 approaches, WFCN is inviting members who will be attending or engaging with the conference to connect with one another and explore what we can do together as a network. COP31 will take place in **Antalya, Türkiye, from 9–20 November 2026**, bringing governments, civil society, faith actors and climate leaders together at a critical moment for climate action.

We have created a WhatsApp group for WFCN members attending to coordinate around shared visibility, storytelling, advocacy, side events and opportunities to amplify women of faith leading climate action. If you will be at COP31 or supporting COP-related work virtually or through your organization, we invite you to sign up **by contacting , Fariah Lalaikipian at laikipianfariah@gmail.com**

About COP31 Side events

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How to be part of the movement

The Women, Faith & Climate Network is only as strong as its members' participation. Over the coming months, we invite you to:

✓ Share your story.

✓ Nominate another woman leader to share their story

✓ Host a Local gathering with other women of Faith working in Climate action

✓ Share opportunities and resources.

✓ Contribute a testimonial about your experience in the network.

✓ Introduce a potential partner.

✓ Amplify stories and campaigns through your own platforms.

✓ Connect with other members and explore opportunities for collaboration.

To learn more, please contact the Network Coordinator , Jean Duff :***JeanDuff@pfaithdev.org***

Every action helps strengthen this growing movement. Stay Connected!

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