



## The Season of Creation is coming up soon--Sept 1st to Oct 4th!

1. Christian Life Community has partnered with a network of more than 400 religious communities worldwide in observing this Season of Creation. We encourage you to prayerfully consider participating in one or more of these initiatives that are also described on the website: [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org)



- **Organize a Prayer Vigil for Creation:** This can be ecumenical, in your parish, in your small group, in your family!  
<http://seasonofcreation.org/steps-to-organize-a-prayer-vigil-for-creation/>
- **Symbolic Actions:** This year, Christian communities will be engaging in symbolic actions in front of coal mines, fracking wells, and other sites of ecological destruction
- **Register vigils, services + symbolic actions online**  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd24P49DuoTvHp7IEErKlg9zDPadomahKWMmEF0KMpqAgQLNA/viewform>
- **BIG SHIFT Campaign.** Urge the World Bank to phase out support for fossil fuels by 2020 and support renewable energy  
<http://seasonofcreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Big-Shift-WorldBankGoRE-Factsheet-V1.pdf>
- **Divestment Campaign** - Encourage organizations to divest of fossil fuels and join announcement on Oct 4th. <http://seasonofcreation.org/october-4-joint-divestment-announcement/>
- **#Beauty of Creation** During the month of August, Pope Francis asks artists to help everyone discover the beauty of creation. Submit your photo or video that inspires joy! These will be shared throughout the Season of Creation! <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/beauty-of-creation/>

**2. Online prayer services: on September 1st and on September 19th.**

An ecumenical team of international faith leaders have organized two online prayer services together. We have been able to get some really good folks to participate on this, including Bill McKibben of 350.org, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and a Catholic sister from Latin America!

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**3. Laudato Si Pledge.** Our goal is to have 1 million Catholics sign a pledge to: pray for and with creation, live more simply, and advocate to protect our common home. <http://livelaudatosi.org/>

We are excited by the momentum already generated with the Season of Creation and Laudato Si Pledge! These initiatives are important ways that our CLC members can unite and live out our General Principles as well as the mandate from our World Assembly in Lebanon. *“We aim to become committed Christians in bearing witness to those human and Gospel values with the Church and society which affect ... the integrity of creation.”* (GP #4) In the local, national, and regional contexts, communities strive to *“Develop a sensitivity towards respecting creation in our attitudes and actions”*, and *“Network for sharing experiences and good practices.”* (Paragraph #12 in Lebanon Final Document)

If you have any questions or need some support, please feel free to reach out to Ann Marie Brennan at [annmariebrennan@yahoo.com](mailto:annmariebrennan@yahoo.com).

*Laudato Si!*

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