

# Environment/Climate Change Groups

**Australian Religious Response  
to Climate Change (ARRCC)**

[www.arrcc.org.au](http://www.arrcc.org.au)

**Environment Victoria**

[www.environmentvictoria.org.au](http://www.environmentvictoria.org.au)

**GetUp**

[www.getup.com](http://www.getup.com)

**Jewish Ecological Coalition (JECO)**

[www.jeco.org.au](http://www.jeco.org.au)

**Market Forces**

[www.marketforces.org.au](http://www.marketforces.org.au)

**Stop Adani**

[www.stopadani.com](http://www.stopadani.com)



**Tenth Anniversary  
World Interfaith Harmony Week**



The Interfaith Centre of Melbourne and St Michael's Uniting Church,  
with Faith Leaders for Interfaith Dialogue:

## **Bushfires and the Climate Crisis: How do we make 2020 a transformative year for all Creation?**

**Monday 2nd March, 2020**

**6.30 pm - 8.30 pm**

St Michael's Hall, 120 Collins Street, Melbourne.



## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

### Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black

Jonathan has been the Rabbi at the Leo Baeck Centre in East Kew, Melbourne, since 2003.

30 years ago Jonathan was considered a maverick when giving sermons about climate change! He built an 'Earth-Sheltered' (underground) house in London – cool in summer, warm in winter, light and bright, quiet and secure. He trialed a compressed natural gas-powered (CNG) car (which never worked properly!). In Melbourne he built a seven star 'energy showhouse' and ran regular tours. Since 2003 he has driven hybrid cars but now has a 'plug-in hybrid' which, he explains, is a fully electric car for the first 30 km/day with zero emissions, and then an efficient hybrid, and the best car he's ever had!



JULIAN MEEHAN

He feels it is important to put 'prayer into practice' and is strongly committed to Environmental and interfaith action. He co-founded the Jewish Ecological Coalition (JECO), was a Board member of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC), and has been very involved trying to Stop Adani Coal and working to switch to renewables. He was part of an hourly 'Funeral for Coal' ceremony outside Josh Frydenberg's office, leading to a meeting with him and other faith leaders. In 2016 Jonathan received a Diploma in Social Change and Sustainability. He now has a new, modular eco-home project. [www.lbc.org.au](http://www.lbc.org.au)

### Rev'd Glenn Loughrey



Glenn Loughrey is a Wiradjuri man and Vicar at St Oswald's Anglican Church, Glen Iris. He is an exhibiting artist and recognised author, and co-author, of a number of books addressing Aboriginality, landcare and identity.

He has contributed art to a number of books, campaigns and promotional activities both locally and nationally. He is presently a contributor to the "Water and Earth Are One" exhibition at the Hearth Gallery in Healesville which addresses the importance of water for Aboriginal people. He is interested in the role custodianship plays in the living as indigenous to the universe.

Glenn Loughrey M.A.; Grad, Dip. Min. Dip. Min

Member: National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Anglican Commission

Member: Lay Committee Royal Australian College of Pathologists

Member: Boroondara Council Arts Advisory Committee, Melbourne

Member: Aboriginal Council Anglican Province of Victoria [www.stoswaldsgleniris.net.au](http://www.stoswaldsgleniris.net.au)

### Rev Dr Margaret Mayman



Margaret was inducted as minister of St Michael's Uniting Church in February this year.

She was born in Aotearoa New Zealand. After studying political science and theology she was ordained as a Presbyterian minister. She holds a PhD in Christian Social Ethics from Union Theological Seminary in New York where she lived, studied and taught for 12 years. Her dissertation was "Raising Voices: Re-Visioning Moral Agency in Intimate Violence Discourses." Returning to NZ in 1995, she served in two congregations before moving to Sydney to become minister of Pitt Street Uniting Church.

In 2010 she was awarded an international fellowship to the Kettering Foundation in Ohio where she researched faith communities' engagement in community politics.

Margaret enjoys bringing progressive religious and ethical perspectives into dialogue with issues of social and ecological justice; and working with CBD congregations seeking to foster communities of spirit, compassion and justice in the secular city. [www.stmichaels.org.au](http://www.stmichaels.org.au)

### Dr Maureen Sier



Maureen has a PhD in Religious and Cultural Studies from Aberdeen University and has worked in the field of interfaith relations for over 18 years. She is currently the Director of Interfaith Scotland. Interfaith Scotland is a national organisation which aims to: provide a forum for religions to dialogue with one another; support wider interfaith dialogue within society; promote education about interfaith dialogue; encourage civic engagement by religions in Scotland and support religion and belief equality in Scotland.

Maureen's commitment to interfaith engagement has led her to undertake interfaith activities in Europe, America and Asia Pacific. She has served on the Co-ordinating Committee of the European Women of Faith Network and in 2007 received a UK/US Fulbright International Interfaith Scholarship. The Fulbright Scholarship allowed Maureen to spend time in America contributing to, and learning from, interfaith work in the US.

Prior to working for Interfaith Scotland Maureen taught Sociology and History at the National University of Samoa in the South Pacific. [www.interfaithscotland.org](http://www.interfaithscotland.org)

### Rev Helen Summers OAM



Helen was ordained an Interfaith Minister in 1997 in the Cathedral of St John the Divine in New York. After her return to Australia, she founded The Interfaith Centre of Melbourne in 2000 to promote understanding and respect among the religious and spiritual communities living in the State of Victoria and to build bridges of dialogue and friendship between communities in Melbourne, the region and the world.

Helen has created interfaith programs through the arts, education, ceremonies and services, social engagement and international study tours. Aboriginal elders, artists and musicians, the First Peoples of Australia, are very much part of Helen's interfaith programs, where their culture and wisdom is respected and true history shared. Helen was a board Member of the 2009 Melbourne Parliament of the World's Religions and Chair of the Arts and Culture Committee.

Previous to her interfaith ministry, Helen lectured in English for Specific Purposes, and language teaching and learning methodologies in Australian Universities. She developed teacher education and personal development programs in New York. Helen was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2018 for service to interfaith relations, and to education.

[www.interfaithcentre.org.au](http://www.interfaithcentre.org.au)