



# FAITH FOR EARTH

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## Faith and Science: Towards COP26

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

Entering the Vatican Apostolic Palace is in itself ethereal, but being with forty highest level eminent religious leaders to launch a COP 26 appeal was heavenly. After seven months of preparations and 36 hours at the Vatican, religious leaders and scientists signed a unified appeal to the world in relation to the faith community expectations of COP26 and their commitment to action.

The Appeal was but one milestone and the beginning of a long journey to ensure our moral and spiritual responsibility towards our only planet, our life support system. Faith for Earth has been a major support to this colossal achievement and will continue to provide a unifying platform as part of its Faith for Earth Coalition with its different councils. Bilateral meetings with religious leaders and scientists confirmed that the goals of UNEP's engagement strategy with the faith and scientific community is needed more than any other time.

We do not have time to waste. The science is clear, the spiritual guidance is motivating action, multilateralism and interfaith collaboration are the way, and technology is on our side. And as Alok Sharma, president of COP 26 said: "We need to leave a garden as we received it, not a desert to future generations.

Watch: [Faith & Science: Towards COP26](#)  
From the [Holy See Press Office](#) | [News \(Reuters\)](#).



# EMINENT FAITH LEADERS PLEAD FOR RAPID CLIMATE ACTION AT COP26



Favour a **transition to clean energy**.

Adopt **sustainable land-use** practices.

Create **resilient food systems** that respect **local and indigenous practices**.

Put an **end to world hunger**.

Promote **sustainable lifestyles** and **patterns of consumption and production**.



Faith leaders marked their commitment by planting an olive tree, traditionally a symbol for peace, harmony, and conciliation.

The Interfaith Appeal called for "speedy, responsible and shared action to safeguard, restore and heal our wounded humanity and the home entrusted to our stewardship".

#Faiths4COP26 #Faith4Earth



HOW CAN WE ACHIEVE

# EMINENT FAITH LEADERS APPEAL AT FAITH AND SCIENCE: TOWARDS COP26?



Deepen our efforts to induce a **change of heart** among members of our traditions in the way we relate to the Earth and to other people.

Encourage our educational and cultural institutions to strengthen and prioritise **integral ecological education**.

Participate actively in the public discourse on **environmental issues**.

Engage our **congregations and institutions** with their **neighbours** to build sustainable, resilient and just communities

Emphasize the importance of **reducing carbon emissions**.

Encourage our communities to embrace **sustainable lifestyles**.

Strive to align our financial investments with **environmentally and socially responsible standards**.

Evaluate the goods we purchase and the services we hire with the same **ethical lens**.

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On 20 September, the UK COP26 Presidency joined the Multi-faith Action Group for Climate to launch a series of Faith-based Climate Commitments. #Faiths4COP26

[About the Event](#) | [Recording](#)

## A LIVING CHAPEL FOR MILAN, ITALY

On 28 September 2021, Dr. Iyad Abumoghli joined the launch event of The [Living Chapel at Calderini Garden in Milan, Italy](#), virtually, commending the project team for their innovative demonstration of passion and leadership for employing nature-based solutions towards green sacred spaces ahead of COP26.

The Living Chapel, conceived by musical composer Julian Revie, is a garden that induces spiritual reflection on the intimate need for harmonious connection between humanity and nature and a program of action, supported and shared by the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. It is a personal call to action to live in serene harmony.

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Pre-COP26 #All4Climate - Italy 2021 #Faiths4COP26



Faiths Forum for London are an organisation that aims to facilitate interfaith engagement and cohesion through social justice campaigns.

On 1 October 2021, the team kicked off an eco series called the Interfaith Maverick Podcast, leading up to COP26 seeking to engage in particular, young people of faith.



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31 October 2021 | 10am GMT | [Register](#)

[Go Dharmic](#) is an international charity organization bringing people together to spread love and compassion through social action campaigns.

Non-violence is a virtue of great significance to many traditions and communities.

This webinar seeks to:

1. Introduce and amplify the importance of ahimsa, non-violence, in current climate change forums as a Universal Idea to alleviate harm and make peace with nature.
2. Develop and strengthen partnerships with policy makers, civil society leaders, faith-based organisations and the private sector.
3. Promote and share experiences, lessons and solutions of existing non-violent approaches to caring for the environment

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What we are doing to the forests of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and to one another.

Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction.”

Mahatma Gandhi

“Without practising non-violence, talk of compassion to our Earth is meaningless. The Ahimsa and the Environment event is an opportunity for us to delve deeply into what non-violence means and how it will open the path for a more peaceful co-existence with nature.”

All Love,  
Hanuman Dass  
Founder & Chairman Go Dharmic