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| <p>It was a distinctive Christian approach!<br/>It was clever the way we started with theology "preaching"</p>   | <p>Stories of hope are powerful<br/>- ozone layer recovery (relatively solvable)<br/>- Removal of CFCs<br/>- Acid rain prevention<br/>- Removal of sulphur</p> <p>- "Do we need a conference any more?"</p>  | <p>Sometimes the solution is for us NOT TO ACT!<br/>To give creation a break, let it recover.<br/>This is what our oceans need, for us to stop dumping plastics and over-fishing and allow it to recover.</p>   | <p>Avoid the language of "them" and "us" - we're all in this together.</p>  |
| <p>"Reconciling a Wounded Planet" needs a fully planetary perspective and not just a Eurocentric etc. Realities that don't find the environment benign need to be considered. What about the serpent in the Garden of Eden?</p>  | <p>The Pope's encyclical was powerful. The Bishops have been <i>good</i> at speaking out, but the church has been <i>poor</i> at enabling people, and <i>poor</i> at supporting environmental action consistently. A more sustainable approach is needed at Diocesan level.</p>        | <p>Enhancement of biodiversity often faces the tension between 'subduing' and 'laissez-faire', between wilderness and intense management. Richard Bauckham's comment was useful regarding allowing nature to be itself more often than we tend to do. It does not always need our interference.</p> | <p>The inter-connectedness of all things. Repair – God's House<br/>Small actions – many of them – bring about change</p>  |
| <p>You are not the only one who cares, even if you feel that way! (Remember Elijah – despairing – "I am the only one left" – God reminded him he wasn't.) Find others to link up with, to ray with and to share ideas with. And – God HAS reconciled all things through Jesus (past tense!) It's done; we are part of the "mop up" team.</p> | <p>We've outsourced our carbon emissions to China etc. How do we address that?<br/>But our little actions influence politics and business, they won't step out with[out?] our help.<br/>This is modelled by Jesus, he took individual actions to reconcile the whole world to God.</p> | <p>Been reminded of the healing power of creation.<br/>Embracing it is healing for us and it is powerful. <b><i>We need humility in our relation to creation.</i></b><br/>It can grow in areas we think we have destroyed. Life bounces back!</p>   | <p>There is a major issue around the lack of time. Many of us represent institutions where as managers and directors we are on fixed 1-3 year contracts.<br/>We have been told over the conference that change takes a long time and that relationship building is a slow process. How can we reconcile the pressure of the constraints wit the need to slow down and build partnerships, relationships and community groups?</p> |
| <p>Since we believe God is working through all creation, we should be humbler about Him working through those outside the Church.</p>  | <p>This Conference calls on all Dioceses to have a named Diocesan Environmental Officer with accountability and a Diocesan Environmental Policy.</p>   | <p>Biodiversity group.<br/>Need to evolve the story of the future – not revert to a Victorian idyll.<br/>A hopeful vision.</p>  | <p><u>CO-ORDINATE</u><br/>The need for networking and better co-ordination between environment groups (point made by Sam Berry and political engagement and others)</p>   |

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| We need prophets and pioneers, not just institutions   | Science v. Faith<br>Christians need to get to grips with Science  | Allowing wilderness to flourish  | Data sets won't change things but might help us see the bigger picture  |
| Confessional statement that is based on theology of the conference:<br>Bold + prophetic<br>That is effective and clear | There are many priests in the conference. It brings me joy to see so many leaders of congregations here. I challenge you all to motivate your whole congregations to be earth keepers and activists for creation. | <b>Technology /business</b>  | Prophetic action – working in the community<br>Important not to speak down to people  |
| I need to walk through the Garden of Eden mindful of my interconnectedness with all things                             | Should we have done a CO2 footprint measure of the conference and make a BIG thing of how to offset it?   | Economy is based on carbon<br>We need to make a reformed economy with a sense of urgency<br>Remarkable groundswell of those who are changing | We need to go home and take action!<br>That should mean, for example, <i>all</i> moving to green electricity because it supports development of renewable – and other ways to offset the carbon cost. |
| Pope Francis' encyclical – READ IT!  | Share positive stories of good news   | Our economic system runs on competition not cooperation.<br>This seems to have a negative impact on creation and people                      | We need to be relational before being solutional  |
| Theological challenge to embrace universalism and openness to other faith positions and collaboration.                 | Power of good news stories  | Can we work with big business to bring about positive change?  | Showing who is a growing movement is helpful for encouragement.<br>Please share signs of growth.  |
| Where is our hope?<br>What is our hope?  | Rejoicing in actions that give us hope, we hold to a sense of urgency   | Limit the magical power of technology – it won't solve all our problems  | Humility at the heart of our decision-making process to learn from wider community and act in living partnerships with others.  |
| Faith in the God of All Things should lead the Church into action  | We need a paradigm shift!   | Solar panels on church buildings.<br>Do we object to the sight of wind turbines?   | Stories and examples of hope in positive living.<br>Modelling positives.  |

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| <p>Hope – enormous strides<br/>Celebrate<br/>Create Hope-by doing practical steps</p>  | <p>We need to be humble listeners, not just prophets</p>  | <p>We need to change the social norms about the economy. Our values are not reflected in the current system.</p>   | <p><b>Communication</b> should be:<br/>- Simple and strong<br/>- Full of hope and joy<br/>- From trusted messengers<br/>- Words must be matched by actions<br/>- Sustainability must be seen positively, not as a burden.</p>  |
| <p>We need to hear from voices from the South; Christians from the developing world.<br/>Try to understand how our western cultural values have impinged on our theology. e.g. African spirituality of the spirituality of nature.</p> | <p>Human values and behaviours can change</p>   | <p>Technology has such power for good. Internet to organise and activate people – churches can post things to go viral for refugees.<br/>Allows us to record and capture injustice e.g. police violence in USA.</p>                | <p>All write a positive article for parish magazine. (More people read parish magazines than national newspapers)</p>  |
| <p>Reconciliation recognizes deep wrongs, but focuses on hope for a better future</p>  | <p>Hope for the best<br/>Prepare for the worst</p>  | <p>Energy policy:<br/>As with our faith in [times of?] persecution, We can continue for clean, renewable energy despite present setbacks.</p>  | <p>Please emphasise the power of imaginative projects like the Rubbish Diet and Incredible Edible to engage people and help them understand that the dominant narrative (e.g. Growth if Good, etc.) is not the only one and that it is possible to live by a different story. Inviting people into new stories is something the Church can excel at!</p> |
| <p>Release creation from slavery – let us nurture not dominate the works of His hands</p>  | <p>Importance of access to family planning and population control in reducing poverty and environmental strain.</p> | <p>We need a new economic story</p>  | <p>WASTE – personal, local, national, global<br/>How does God view what we do, how we love? Do we help or hinder HIS creation?</p>   |
| <p>New awareness of God’s pain and lament for creation, and we are also called to lament, to repent is needed.<br/>Engage with pain, need to recognize and embrace it to act from the heart and be committed to it</p>                 | <p>Why was there meat at every meal?</p>  | <p>Foreign visitors to the University of Makeni in Sierra Leone are asked to offset their flights by buying a solar panel (or part of one) for a classroom, library, and computer lab. Thus, we can move to solar, bit by bit.</p> | <p>Many small actions bring change</p>   |

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| <p>There is a need to reconceptualise church at every level with creation care absolutely at the heart of the process</p>   |   |   | <p>Recognise the work of sustainable groups<br/> TRANSITION TOWNS<br/> INCREDIBLE EDIBLE<br/> Look to humbly understand, listen and then ask to partner and assist to offer our church spaces for their use.</p> |
| <p>Creation is capable of healing itself is allowed.<br/> So perhaps we can change (things) to allow that to happen<br/> - create SABBATH for the land</p>  | <p><b>Political /National</b></p>   | <p><b>Church property</b></p>   | <p>Little things can have a big impact. Need to raise awareness to get people to act – e.g. buy local meat, dairy and veg.<br/> If we raise awareness that <b><i>every purchase is a moral decision.</i></b></p> |
| <p><u>Lament and Repentance</u><br/> People of faith probably have a unique understanding/ability to stand for the world to lament and repent of all humanity’s environmental sin (think Nehemiah)</p>              | <p>What is the rule of law / regulation in facilitating sustainable development?</p>  | <p>We need to shift the view that heritage churches are just that – heritage – and instead be willing to allow relaxation of planning laws which in turn will enable green energy (e.g. solar) on roofs which are currently protected by listed building status.</p>  | <p>It is easier for the well-off to take action</p>  |
| <p>Useful reminder that concern for the environment goes back through all of Bible and Old Testament.</p>   | <p>Need to recognise the impact of environmental change on the majority world, in terms of conflict and displacement.</p>   | <p>Concern about policy changes in renewable energy: conference and churches should speak out... Church of England especially</p>   | <p>What is the problem in society?<br/> How do we identify and recognise it?<br/> Helped to grapple with these questions and think about anthropocentrism.</p>   |
| <p><u>Clear theological stand</u><br/> in Anglican community and others!<br/> So environment officers, academic environmentalists involved in church projects and need better theological insight and training.</p> | <p>There should be a greater focus on the Arctic – the UK has a stake here. The Antarctic is an internationally agreed wilderness. Pushing for a similar consensus on the Arctic would be a good thing. It risks exploitation by the oil companies.</p> | <p>It is felt to be important that the greater church not only says what should be done with buildings but actually does it to <i>its own buildings</i>. Efficient heating, lighting, insulation, renewable energy provision. Church should also lobby for change with regard to attitudes towards heritage buildings. PV panels on church roofs.</p> | <p>There is a need for a faith-based “dating agency”.<br/> Enabling practitioners to know who to network with and where to go for advice on best practice.</p>   |

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| Understanding the interconnectedness of creation is key to knowing the reconciliation   | How can we deconstruct and redistribute global military spending to benefit the environment?   | The church holds considerable land assets.<br>How we use church land should be overhauled.<br>Community and conservation should be at its heart!  | Important to take this beyond the Churches and influence society – a golden opportunity for us!   |
| Creation for ALL things<br>ALL 7 times in Colossians  | Can we as a conference write an open letter to the Secretary of State for the Environment and to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, copy to Prime Minister, copy to broadsheets, All sign it. | Who would you say would be the right partners with whom to work: e.g. local authority?<br>(Reconciling secular and church groups)   |   |
| Better theological training in environmentalism and theology for church leaders.<br>Understanding why environmental issues are important.                               | Christians should be of political will and action, and care about how much is done by MPs  | <b>Younger generation</b>   | <b>Church congregations</b>   |
| We belong to God's community of creatures.<br>There is a whole universe of praise happening all around us!<br>We are all called (like Francis) to 'repair God's house'! | Saving the Arctic<br>Working for an international agreement and its protection   | Young people are our hope for the future (but this doesn't reduce our responsibility, its parenting).<br>Need to listened to them; they are amazingly creative - such a gift to us. Don't limit them, but release them to go further than we have gone.         | <u>Christians need to get involved with secular movements:</u><br>Transition Towns<br>Christians need to get involved with secular movements to care for the environment. Christians should join as servants then "when Christians take the environment seriously, people will take Christianity seriously."<br>There is need to do this in humility. |
| What is God saying to us through the crises of our times?<br>'Get your relationships right'?  | One of the causes of the problem is the conflict we have with the financial system   | <u>Developing church – school links</u><br>Churches often have ready-made links with schools – the Church of England has a network of schools. These links could be developed to help educate children in biodiversity using churchyards and other church land. | Who of us is God calling to physically relocate to the wounded places of the planet in order to work for ground-up reconciliation?  |

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| <p>The Bible is a 5 act play.<br/>There is a job to do to <i>account</i> for how the theology we heard today and how it does <i>not</i> talk about the effects of SIN and consequent idea of the curse of the LAND - and isn't this what we should expect.<br/>- We need more theology that is brave enough to engage with the <i>whole</i> Biblical model / narrative.</p> | <p>How do we campaign with integrity?<br/>Stories need to be truthful and not manipulated.</p>  | <p>Encouraging to see the school children so passionate and "awake" to the problem. They had a real insight and ability to ask great questions.</p> | <p>Every congregation needs to be engaged in mission to the whole of the living world.</p>  |
| <p>Creation care is about the whole of creation, including human beings – we are not separate from the whole</p>  | <p>People joining together to change cultural norms has worked in the past (for example the abolition of the slave trade). It may be hard but let's keep persevering.</p>   | <p>The younger generation seem to be distanced from the environment</p>   | <p>Problem with church culture: we say we welcome these changes but in reality they will put <i>such</i> stress on us and....<br/>We have to embrace a more radical view – be prepared.<br/>The church needs to be more radical<br/>Economics, politics – what about disinvestment from fossil fuels?</p> |
| <p>Key theological question:<br/>What is God saying to humanity through the environmental crisis?<br/>Sort your relationships out (including those with all creation) else you are finished</p>   | <p>We've seen that when the people start taking resources to refugees in France, protesting and raising our voices, society as a whole has begun to shift their attitude and politicians are thinking about it more productively.<br/>This shift also came from the media. When they captured the photo of the little boy, hearts and minds changed.<br/>Encouraging to see shift, helpful to think about how to act.</p> |   | <p>The conference has modelled people coming together in a lot of agreement about RaWP.<br/>Please can the churches and NGOs find stronger ways to speak unitedly with a stronger voice</p>   |
| <p>If all things are reconciled through Christ, then caring for creation is a key means or working out creation.</p>  | <p>The media can manipulate change in people and politicians.</p>   |   | <p>Bring in the Church!!<br/>ECO-CHURCH</p>   |

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|  | Can we, as a Conference, write an open letter to the Secretary of State for the Environment and to the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change? | <b>Missed from stream</b>  |  |
|  | Questions / Key Points:<br>The opportunity is there for the Church to be the honest broker.  | Missed from streams:<br>Mention of the projects from the <u>Community Engagement</u> Stream:<br>Urban renewal in Glasgow<br>Rubbish Diet<br>Incredible edible                |  |
|  |  | Lack of theological training on creation care (and science)<br>(Education stream)  |  |
|  |  | Missed from stream:<br>A key part of normalising creation care is for churches is taking political action / political engagement and doing it together<br>(Political stream) |  |
|  |  | Missed from stream:<br>The Church needs to get involved with the bigger picture – needs to get involved with action with the corporate world.<br>(Political stream)          |  |
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