



# Hope for the world

## Being Climate Helpful

This week is one of the most important in the recent history of humankind. And how significant for us as Christians, that it should be taking place right at the start of the Advent season, as we look forward to the birth of hope.

At present, the representatives of all countries in the world are meeting in Paris to discuss climate change. I know from my travels around the world how serious climate change has become.

I see sea level rising in low Pacific Island Nations, plants and animals becoming extinct, birds changing their migration patterns and the flowering time of plants advancing.

I also see that it is the poor who are suffering the most from the way that the rich world is changing the climate – through overuse of fossil fuels and deforestation. We are nearly at the point of no return if we do not take serious action soon.

But today I have hope. The preparatory meetings for the Paris negotiations have gone further than any past meetings. There is hope that a binding climate change treaty can be drafted in Paris. I pray in hope for a positive result in Paris.

I have hope rather than despair because of my Christian faith. And with the psalmist I echo, 'For thou art my hope, O Lord God, thou art my confidence from my youth' (Psalm 71:5).

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I have hope that sense will prevail among the leaders of nations. But to encourage it, we must all do our part as individuals to reverse climate change through our daily lifestyles – less driving, less meat, less food miles, more home grown food, more composting, more lights turned off, etc.

What small climate-helpful act will you do today? If there is to be hope for our leaders, then we all need to do our part – however small. It all adds up. This Advent is a time of special hope, because we want everyone to be involved in stopping climate change alongside our national leaders.

I recently had to fly all the way to Hawaii on a business trip. On return, I offset the carbon used by this journey through making a donation to Climate Stewards. I know, because I have seen it for myself, that this money will be used to plant trees in Ghana that will fix back the carbon from the atmosphere.

There will only be hope for the future of humankind if we all act our part to help combat climate change. Make this advent hopeful by your care of God's creation.



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