



We Mercies
Care for Creation

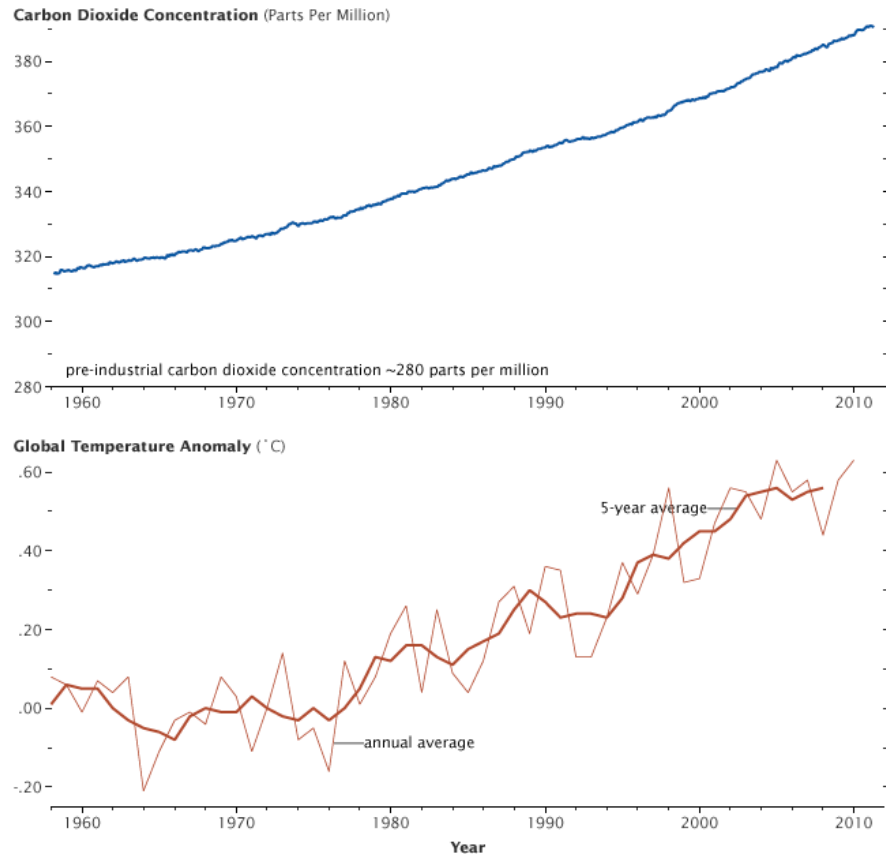
As you take the next step, remember the traditional custodians of the land

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ACTION RE TRAVEL OFFSETS



Following on the discussion at the October Congregational Gathering last year concerning some congregational action to address the urgent challenge of climate change by making travel offsets, and the positive response to that from the sisters present, we are now making the following proposal. We have taken into account the comments made in the questionnaire distributed that day and after meeting with the Leadership Team.

The Care for Creation group urges each sister to make a voluntary donation to an environmental fund of her choice as one way of counteracting the emission of CO2 into the atmosphere by both planes and cars.

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The following environmental organisations have been explored and deemed trustworthy –

- **Climate Council of Australia. P.O. Box 1267, Potts Point, NSW 2011.**
- **Wilderness Society (Qld) 67 Boundary Street, West End, Q. 4101; PO Box 5427.**
- **Friends of the Earth (Qld), P.O. Box 8227, Woollongabba, 4102.**

There are other appropriate organisations, too, of course.
Donations may also be made on line through the organisations' websites.

The **amount** of the donation would be determined by each sister. \$5 per air flight has been suggested. As cars are the more common form of transport, each sister would determine her personal contribution.

The annual contribution would be sent directly to the organisation chosen, entering it under item **3600**.

IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CONSTITUTIONS

God's Mercy is from age to age. We are called by the newness of the Gospel and the signs of our time to discover who are the poor and vulnerable now.

Among the poor of our times is the Earth community.

Our vows call us to both a lifestyle and a ministry that now channels Mercy to the Earth community.

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WE NEED TO **ACT QUICKLY**
TO STABILISE THE CLIMATE.

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In her newsletter of 26 February 2015, Congregational Leader Sister Catherine Reuter urged Sisters to respond to the invitation of the Care for Creation group to make a voluntary donation to an environmental fund, as one small way to offset the emission of CO₂ into the atmosphere by planes and cars.

This invitation resulted from a consultation by the Care for Creation group with sisters attending a Congregational gathering and after meeting with the Leadership Team. It was decided that the gift would be on a voluntary basis and the annual amount to be determined by the Sister. Further details may be found in the March Care for Creation newsletter published on this website.

As Sisters of Mercy, we are called by the newness of the Gospel in every age so as to discover who are the poor and vulnerable now. The signs of our time show us that among the most poor and vulnerable of today is the Earth community.