



Why we exist

Given the current environmental crisis and a broad ecumenical consensus surrounding it, there is an urgent need for the churches to address publicly the ethical, social and spiritual questions posed by the crisis.

There is also a growing awareness that the church has a mission to love and care for creation as a vital expression of its faith.

It was therefore timely to establish a group that might facilitate this mission – the Queensland Churches Environmental Network (QCEN), which is a commission of Queensland's ecumenical churches council – Queensland Churches Together (QCT).

MISSION

As a Commission of Queensland Churches Together, our mission is to facilitate the Church's call to love and care for creation as a vital expression of faith.

Looking Ahead

Expansion of membership.

Activity beyond Southeast Queensland including formation or identification of regional groups.

Liaison with community groups.

Ways of involving others beyond the membership of the group.

Production of a resource pack.

More Information

If you would like more information about programs, how you and your church could be involved, if you would like to make a donation to our work, or anything else for that matter, we would love to hear from you.



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Who we are

The membership of QCEN is drawn from the member Churches of Queensland Churches Together. The current members represent the following denominations: Anglican, Lutheran, Quakers, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army, Uniting

The committee is keen to extend the diversity of its membership in terms of gender, age, and cultural background.

Currently QCEN meets monthly for 90 minutes (currently 1pm-2.30pm, 4th Thursdays, February to November).

The main roles of members are:

- To act as a conduit to provide information from their network of church and broader community contacts to QCEN and its members, and to pass on information from QCEN back to their contacts.
- If available, to assist with occasional QCEN activities such as movie screenings, lectures and photo displays (usually 2 or 3 such activities each year)

What is our role

To be a resource and advisory group for the QCT in matters relating to environmental care.

To provide a forum for dialogue and the sharing of information and resources for the care of creation.

To promote eco-mission as an integral part of the church's mission.

To encourage and enable ecumenical action for Earthcare.

To promote appropriate study material and educational models.

To have an advocacy role in encouraging church bodies and congregations to participate in a public stand against practices that pollute, degrade or destroy God's creation.

To explore interfaith possibilities in Earth care.



Season of Creation

Season of Creation is a global movement where Christians are invited to celebrate, pray and act to protect creation. It runs each year from 1st September (the day of prayer for creation) to 4th October (feast day of St Francis). Each year QCEN invites photographers and artists to share photographs and artworks. All submitted pictures are displayed on the QCEN Facebook page and a large number are displayed at St John's cathedral in Brisbane.

