

MAKE COP26 COUNT

Hope for the Future
Christians for Creation Care
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Father Herbert Fadriquela

- ▶ Member of the Chapter of Canons of the National Cathedral in Manila, Philippines.
- ▶ He spoke of a devastating typhoon which swept his country and he questioned people on the presence and absence of God. He heard devastating accounts of people losing their whole family and feeling that God had deserted them. Other stories told of how families had waded through waist deep water to get to safety and had felt protected by God.
- ▶ He felt that the climate change crisis in the Philippines was not only brought about by climate change but also by environmental destruction and greed for profit, more profit and even more profit!

Palm Oil

- ▶ One example is that the current Philippine Government announced an expansion of mono-culture plantations, boosting foreign corporate oil palm investments.

It was hailed as, 'A strategic crop for food security, poverty alleviation and employment generation.'

The reality has been that a million hectares of agricultural lands have been converted to palm oil plantations in the southern Philippines.

This has resulted in massive displacement of farmers from their source of livelihood, resulting in unease, aggression, harassment, intimidation and basic human rights being violated.

The massive conversion of forests into mono-crop plantation has contributed to climate change disasters and calamities both in the country and the towns.

Canon Dr Rachel Mash

- ▶ Environmental Coordinator of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- ▶ She has been instrumental in coordinating action to stop fossil fuel exploration in environmentally sensitive areas of southern Africa.

Climate change is happening now

- ▶ More people die from air pollution than malaria and HIV/Aids.
- ▶ Rising temperatures affect crops and increase pests.
- ▶ 30,000 casual agricultural labourers have lost their jobs.
- ▶ Rising food prices
- ▶ **With each additional 1 degree of temperature, the atmosphere's capacity to hold water vapor increases by 7%. Warmer air can hold more water.**
- ▶ Sea levels rise, warm water expands, high tides and storms, flooding of coasts
- ▶ The ocean has risen by 30 cm in the last century, Beira is now below sea level
- ▶ Huge levels of deforestation leading to floods rushing through denuded soils.
- ▶ Salty soils are hard to grow crops on

Dr Elizabeth Perry

- ▶ The Advocacy and Communication Manager for the Anglican Alliance
- ▶ She is one of the people working on the Anglican Communion's contributions to the forthcoming COP talks.
- ▶ She spoke of looking into the exploration of parts of Western Africa for oil by a Canadian company.
- ▶ They were able to successfully work together with their Christian counterparts to bring the activities to the notice of the respective governments.
- ▶ They are working hard to ensure that the local people are not taken advantage of and receive the income which is rightfully theirs.

Rachel Mander and Jamie O' Dell from Hope for the future

- ▶ A climate charity which works to equip communities, group and individuals across the country to communicate the urgency of climate change with their local politicians

Simon Hoare MP

- ▶ There was a meeting, which took place on zoom, between several members of the congregation and Simon Hoare.
- ▶ During this meeting there was a chance for us to share our concerns about climate change and what our Government has been doing in the lead up to COP26
- ▶ Simon also shared his experiences and opinions, including the right to consumer choice, such as in the use of public transport.
- ▶ We are hoping to host a community event with him in the Autumn.