



Missionary Society of St Columban
聖高隆龐傳教會 General Council

22 July, 2019

CA A23; CA G1: Re: Celebration of the Season of Creation

Dear Confreres, LMs, and Co-workers,

Greetings from Hong Kong. Through ongoing reflection on ‘Our Vision’ in *Transitioning for Columban Mission*, we strengthen our identity as people “who seek to respond in communion with one another and with all creation to our baptismal call to participate in God’s mission as expressed in the life and ministry of Jesus...”

As we approach the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** (September 1), the General Council has taken the decision to formalize our commitment to celebrating the Season of Creation (September 1 – October 4) throughout the Society, and requests that all of us make a special effort to invite others to join this endeavor in our various ministry sites: parishes, programs, projects and mission centers, as well as in our Columban houses. Among the various resources available online to aid our celebrations are those from our fellow Columban, Charlie Rue, which can be found on the website of the ANZ Region¹.

General Council’s decision follows from the recent announcement by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development that it will formally promote the Season of Creation². We noted that the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM)³ and the Pan Amazon Ecclesial Network (REPAM) – both of which are strongly supported by Columban Missionaries in various countries – were key partners in working with the Dicastery in bringing about this development.

This year, the theme of the Season of Creation will be ‘The Web of Life’. This particular theme was chosen as a gesture of solidarity with the Synod on the Amazon which – immediately following the Season of Creation – will take place in Rome from October 6-27.

May the celebration of the Season of Creation provide us with an opportunity to develop a greater appreciation of God’s love and care as expressed in the web of life, and help us to continue growing in empathy with people and places that are vulnerable and exploited.

Fraternally,

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¹ Charles Rue’s Season of Creation resource: [https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/educational-resources/a-catholic-season-of-creation-sundays-of-september-\(year-c\)](https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/educational-resources/a-catholic-season-of-creation-sundays-of-september-(year-c))

² Dicastery Letter: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vadBTZ5wXiuNHsKHuQM3CC398D-YBF3U/view>

³ Season of Creation website: www.seasonofcreation.org