

Le Temps pour la Création

Co-operation opportunities in France
during Season of Creation

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- Aug 30, Press release:
 - « A major moment in the life of our communities and ecumenical relationships »
- Sept 23, St Serge Institut (Paris):
 - Presence of the 3 co-chairs for an ecumenical celebration following SoC guide
 - Planting a tree in the garden



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- Through « Eglise verte », the French Eco-Church label:
 - Promote SoC to the >800 certified communities
 - Submit ecology topics for the WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle



French Protestant Federation



- « Committee for Ecology and Climate Justice », in charge of
 - Protestant advocacy
 - Supporting the churches for better ecology awareness and action
- Season of Creation webinars
 - Sept, 30 : « When there is no more hope, 'espérance' »? »
 - Conference with Pr Frédéric Rognon (FR) and Dr Elisabetta Ribet (IT)
 - Oct, 3 : « How and how far? Christians committed to ecology in dialogue »
 - 5 voices from different ethical positions for ecological action
- A web series on « What does « Hope and act with Creation » mean for you? »
 - Short interviews of people from various protestant churches

Example of a local Ecumenical Program

Creteil area (near Paris)

- Sept, 17:

- An ecumenical Bible workshop on Rom 8:19-25 for priests, deacons, pastors and lay people from « Eglise verte » teams
- A booklet with SoC theological introduction and comments on Rom 8:19-25 from Catholic and Protestant French-speaking theologians



- Sept, 29:

- 4 Ecumenical celebrations following SoC guide in some parishes of the area
- Fraternal picnics
- A family game around Creation, action and hope

What are the benefits?

- We work together, writing advocacy or press releases, sharing information, building events and games
 - Improved sharing of knowledge
 - Reciprocal support
 - Increasing fraternity
 - Unified witness on the faith foundations of ecology and climate issues
- We pray and celebrate together!



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