



Diocese of Cape Town

Ordination to the Priesthood

Sunday 13 December 2009

St George's Cathedral

14h45

The Most Reverend Thabo Cecil Makgoba
Archbishop of Cape Town

will ordain

Melvyn Graham Welby-Solomon
serving at St Cyprian's, Retreat

Patricia Celena Van der Rede
serving at St Paul's, Rondebosch

on the Third Sunday in Advent, 13 December 2009
in St George's Cathedral, Cape Town
at 14h45

Colour: **RED**

Vestments: Cassock-Alb and stole

Processions assemble at 14h30

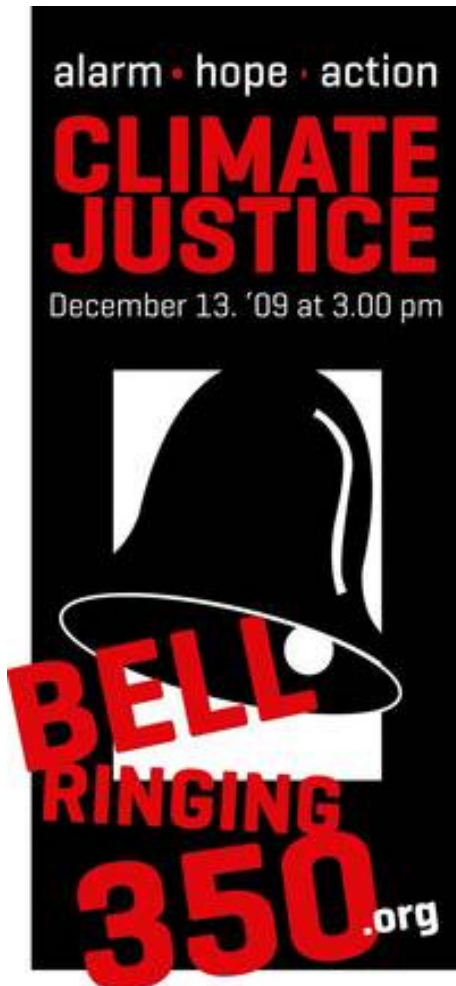
Please arrive by 14h15

As an expression of their commitment to achieving an urgent response to the challenge of Climate Change, Christian Communities throughout the world have been asked by the Church in Denmark to ring their bells 350 times for 'Alarm, Hope and Action' at 15h00 on Sunday 13 December 2009 – the Sunday during the Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen 7-18 December. Bellringing will begin in Fiji, continue across Asia, Europe and Africa, to end in the far west of North and South America.

Archbishop Makgoba has asked that Cathedral bells be rung to summon the response of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, our Diocese and our City.

The Ordination service will begin at 14h45.

When the processions have been completed, the liturgy will begin with prayers for the environment before the Cathedral bells are rung while the congregation meditates in prayerful silence.



Let the bells ring

Sound conch shells, drums
and gongs

350 times

For Climate Justice

The sound of church bells ringing all around the world will greet the world's political leaders when they arrive in Copenhagen to negotiate a deal on climate change in December.

The leaders of the Church in Denmark have called on all churches to ring their bells 350 times during the UN climate summit, to call for 'alert hope and action.'

This request, they say, comes from a common belief that all of us who inhabit the earth must become faithful and responsible stewards of God's creation and the recognition that the climate changes that we are experiencing bear witness to the truth that we have not taken this responsibility seriously enough.

**Therefore, the churches all over the world
are urged to join Danish Christians
and ring their bells 350 times
on Sunday 13 December at 15h00.**

**The ringing will begin in Fiji at 15.00 local time,
continue across Europe and Africa
to North and South America.**

The World Council of Churches supports this world-wide initiative.

**Archbishop Thabo Makgoba
has called for the bells of St George's Cathedral
to ring 350 times at 15h00 on Sunday 13 December.
This will be during the Ordination Service, which will begin at 14h45
to allow for this act of solemn and faithful solidarity.**

Why 350 times?

350 refers to 350 parts per million: This is the safe upper limit for CO₂ in our atmosphere according to many scientists, climate experts, and progressive national governments. For all of human history until about 200 years ago, our atmosphere contained 275 ppm of CO₂, but now the concentration stands at 390 ppm. Unless we are able to rapidly reduce CO₂ levels again, we risk reaching tipping points and irreversible impacts such as the melting of the Greenland ice sheet and major methane releases from increased permafrost melt.

INTERFAITH DECLARATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

This Interfaith Declaration has been endorsed by members of many faiths, and by the World Council of Religious Leaders, Interfaith Power and Light, and Pax Christi International, and others.

The nurturing and respect for Life is a central doctrine of all faiths on Earth. Yet today we are endangering life on Earth with dangerous levels of greenhouse gas emissions. These gases are destabilizing the global climate system, heating the Earth, acidifying the oceans, and putting both humanity and all living creatures at unacceptable risk.

The extraordinary delicacy of Nature's balance is becoming increasingly apparent, even as human actions inflict ever larger, more dangerous and potentially irreversible changes on the indivisible web of atmosphere, earth, ocean and life that is creation. Today our faiths stand united in their call to care for the Earth, and to protect the poor and the suffering. Strong action on climate change is imperative by the principles and traditions of our faiths and the collective compassion, wisdom and leadership of humanity. We recognize the science of climate change, and we call for global leaders to adopt strong, binding, science based targets for the reduction of greenhouse gases in order to avert the worst dangers of a climate crisis.



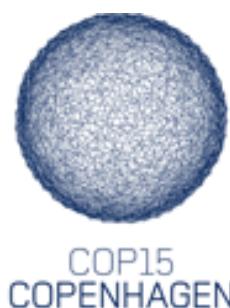
We urge the nations of Earth to ensure that those who will suffer under climate induced changes such as more severe storms, floods, droughts and rising seas, be aided to adapt, survive and equitably prosper.

We recognize that climate change is not merely an economic or technical problem, but rather at its core is a moral, spiritual and cultural one. We therefore pledge to join together to teach and guide the people who follow the call of our faiths. We must all learn to live together within the shared limits of our planet.

We recognize that just as climate change presents us with great challenges, so too it offers great opportunities. Mitigating climate change can stimulate economies sustainably, protect our planet, lift up the poor, and unite to a common cause people threatened by a common danger. Assisting vulnerable communities and species to survive and adapt to climate change fulfils our calling to wisdom, mercy, and the highest of human moral and ethical values.

We commit ourselves to action – to changing our habits, our choices, and the way we see the world – to learning and teaching our families, friends, and faiths – to conserving the limited resources of our home, planet Earth, and preserving the climate conditions upon which life depends.

In this spirit, we call upon our leaders, those of our faiths, and all people of Earth to accept the reality of the common danger we face, the imperative and responsibility for immediate and decisive action, and the opportunity to change.



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