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KAIROS' 20 page resource, *Creating a Climate for Justice*, is the Education and Action Guide for Year 3 of the *Re-Energize Campaign*.

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## CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE G20: NOT BUSINESS AS USUAL: KAIROS NORTH-SOUTH TOWN HALL MEETINGS JUNE 14-17, 2010



How is climate change affecting life in the Global South and Canada's Arctic?

What is our role in it?

What can we do about it?

**From June 14 to 17**, KAIROS will bring 4 Southern and Indigenous partners to six cities (Victoria, Yellowknife, Regina, St. John's, Halifax, Fredericton) to share with Canadians the real impacts of climate change on their daily lives and to discuss what a just solution to the climate crisis looks like. This "North-South Town Hall" will be an opportunity for substantive dialogue about real solutions.

**Partners for the tour will be:**

\* Francois Pihaatae from Tahiti, the Ecumenical Animator on

### FEATURE PARTNER

**Francois Pihaatae**  
(Tahiti)

Ecumenical Animator on  
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[Pacific Conference of  
Churches](#) (PCC)



Francois Pihaatae is PCC's Ecumenical Animator for Environment & Climate Change and Good Governance, and has represented the Maohi Protestant Church in the *Commission on the World Mission and Evangelism* of the World Council of Churches (WCC) for five years.

Francois has a special interest in the impacts of globalization on the life and culture of the people in the Pacific. "Globalization came like a wave, and we were not well prepared for

Climate Change for the Pacific Conference of Churches.

\* Fred Sangris of the Akaitcho Dene, whose research focuses on the impacts of climate change on wildlife, especially caribou.

\* Isaiah Kipyegon Toroitich, Program Officer for Policy and Advocacy (Climate and Economic Justice) at Norwegian Church Aid in Kenya.

\* Naty Atz Sunc, General Coordinator of CEIBA, the Association for Community Development and Promotion in Guatemala.

The tour is co-sponsored by the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition and the Council of Canadians.

**For more information:**

**[VISIT THE TOUR PAGE HERE](#)**

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### **G8 Action Call from the Canadian Council of Churches and KAIROS**

The Canadian Council of Churches is hosting the Interfaith Summit of World Religious Leaders in Winnipeg: [read all about it here](#), or visit the website at [www.faithchallengeG8.com](http://www.faithchallengeG8.com)

The Canadian Interfaith planning committee is asking Canadians to “urge our government to put the needs of the majority of the world’s poorest and most vulnerable first.”

**Sign the petition at [www.faithchallengeG8.com](http://www.faithchallengeG8.com) if:**

\* you want G8 governments to close the gap between rich and poor

\* you want G8 governments to prioritize environmental

that." He hopes to encourage people to face today's challenges and to strengthen their spirituality.

**Find the Pacific Conference of Churches (Hint - near Australia!)**



[View map full size](#)

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### **IN BRIEF**

**World Week for Peace in Palestine-Israel (May 29 - June 4)**

KAIROS joins the World Council of Churches in calling on church communities worldwide to:

+ PRAY for peace in Palestine and Israel

+ EDUCATE on the impact of the Occupation on Palestinians and Israelis

+ ADVOCATE and ACT for just and peaceful solutions.

For more information, [see our recent news story](#).

sustainability

- \* you want G8 governments to end militarism and cycles of violent conflict

- \* you want G8 governments to put the Millennium Development Goals back on track

KAIROS supporters are joining in this work by inviting MPs to public events as part of the [KAIROS G20 Climate Justice Tour](#).

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## CLIMATE JUSTICE: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH



From April 19 to 22 close to 35,000 people – Indigenous peoples, NGOs, political leaders, and citizens from every continent – met in Cochabamba, Bolivia to come up with real solutions to climate change. The President of Bolivia, Evo Morales, called the conference in response to the failure of the December 2009 United Nations Conference on Climate Change in Copenhagen. The Peoples’ Summit on Climate Change and the Rights of Mother Earth in Cochabamba was a democratic space in contrast to the undemocratic process that produced the weak and inadequate Copenhagen Accord, which was negotiated behind closed doors by only a handful of countries.

The Cochabamba conference was an important moment in the struggle for climate justice. KAIROS has created [a new section on our website](#) for highlighting the views of our partners in the Global South, Indigenous peoples, fishers, farmers, peasants and civil society organizations that support their cause. We have launched the web section by posting all the documents from the Peoples’

Observe the World Week of Peace in your church.

[You can download the KAIROS bulletin insert here \(PDF\) >>](#)

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### NEW MEDIA

A four minute intro to the Social Media revolution, with a great soundtrack by Fatboy Slim.



Click on the image to view the video.

Summit on Climate Change and the Rights of Mother Earth in  
Cocabamba.

[Visit the site now, and return regularly for further updates >>](#)

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## ROBIN HOOD ALIVE & WELL



Despite what you may have read in the news, Robin Hood is alive and well and not hiding in Sherwood Forest. He was last seen in Berlin and is making the rounds of all G20 countries. While Prime Minister Harper and Finance Minister Flaherty oppose any proposal for a levy on banks, in most G20 countries, the Robin Hood Tax on financial transactions is still under active consideration as a viable alternative. This tiny global tax on financial trades could raise up to \$650 billion a year to fund global public goods such as fighting poverty and climate change. The fact that Canadian banks emerged relatively unscathed from the financial crisis does not absolve us from our global responsibilities.

[Click here for more information on the Robin Hood Tax.](#)

While you're there, please sign on to our Robin Hood tax action. If you've already done so, why not follow up with a more personal letter to the Prime Minister Harper and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, advising them to support the Robin Hood tax, and letting them know that:

\* The fact that Canadian banks emerged relatively unscathed from the financial crisis does not absolve Canada from our global responsibilities.

\* The Millennium Development Goals (including maternal and child health) will not be achieved and funding for climate change adaptation will be inadequate without another source of revenue.

\* The Robin Hood Tax would also help curb speculation, one of the causes of turbulence on global financial markets.

Send your letters (no postage required) to:

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The Hon. Jim Flaherty  
Minister of Finance  
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**KAIROS URGENT ACTION:**  
**Grave concern with military order**  
**threatening thousands of Palestinians with**



## deportation or imprisonment

The Israeli military has issued two orders that categorize thousands of Palestinians living in the West Bank as "infiltrators" subject to deportation or imprisonment. As we approach the World Council of Churches' World Week for Peace in Palestine-Israel, please consider supporting both Palestinians who live under occupation and Israelis who are working for a just peace. Please write to Canadian and Israeli officials asking for an immediate reversal of these military orders. We thank all who have already taken the time to respond; your actions make a difference for our partners in the region and for hundreds of communities.

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**To live content with small means;  
to seek elegance rather than luxury,  
and refinement rather than fashion,  
to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich,  
to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly,  
to listen to stars, and birds, babes and sages, with  
open heart,  
to bear all cheerfully,  
do all bravely,  
await occasions,**



**hurry never--  
in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and  
unconscious,  
grow up through the common.  
This is to be my symphony.**

**William Ellery Channing,  
from *Earth Prayers From Around the World***

'Mother Earth' by Norval Morrisseau

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