Invitation to Eco-Congregation Scotland’s Annual Gathering and AGM 2014

You are warmly invited to this year’s Gathering on Saturday 29th March, 10am to 3.15pm at St. Aloysius College, Glasgow.

At a time when energy policy has never been more controversial, with proposals for fracking and nuclear power stations, and growing awareness of the impact of climate change... The theme of this year’s gathering is ENERGY. How can churches effectively manage their energy efficiency? Where can they get support in doing so? Should churches stop investing in fossil fuel companies?

We are delighted to welcome John Ashton as keynote speaker alongside a range of interesting workshops ranging from the local to national and international. One of the world’s top climate diplomats, John Ashton is now an independent commentator and adviser on the politics of climate change. From 2006-12 he served as Special Representative for Climate Change to three successive UK Foreign Secretaries, spanning the current Coalition and the previous Labour Government.

A light lunch will be provided and teas and coffees available throughout the day. Please send us your completed registration form and join us on Saturday 29th March.
ANNUAL GATHERING PROGRAMME

10am  Registration & tea/coffee  12 noon  Lunch
10.30am  Worship  1.00pm  Workshops (1)
10.40am  AGM  2.00pm  Workshops (2)
11.00am  Keynote speaker: John Ashton  3.00pm  Closing discussion
11.40am  Questions and discussion  3.15pm  Finish

Workshop information:
There are seven workshops. They will all run twice to enable you to take part in two of them. If you have anything you would like to display please bring it along with you so people can see it at lunch time. We have extended lunch to allow for this and may have some display stands from other organisations.

Please choose two workshops you would like to attend and indicate in the registration form:

**Ancestral Time project**
Jeremy Kidwell and Alice Hague of the University of Edinburgh will give an introduction to the new University of Edinburgh study of eco-congregations and climate change.

**Bright Now**
Should churches stop investing in fossil fuel companies? With Isabel Carter of Operation Noah and young campaigners from Dalgety Church in Fife.

**Christian Aid and SCIAF feedback from U.N. Climate Talks**
Christian Aid and SCIAF feedback from the COP U.N. Climate Talks in Poland and discuss the importance of these talks, and what we should do in relation to them.

**Energy issues in Hungary**
Energy and climate change issues in Hungary with Boglárka Szűcs, from Ökogyülekezet (Eco-Congregation Hungary).

**Energy Management News from congregations**
Russell McLarty will lead a team discussing news about energy management work in Tron St. Mary Church in Glasgow.

**Greening Church Buildings**
ECS is launching a new guidance on greening church buildings by architect Scott Wham. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn about an exciting new church building project in Cowal, Argyll and Bute.

**Help is at hand!**
Help on where to go for energy management advice and financial support, led by Jacqueline Mackenzie of Home Energy Scotland and a speaker from Resource Efficient Scotland.

We will contact you with any changes to the programme and to confirm your registration and workshop choices with you.
Location:
St Aloysius College
45 Hill St
Glasgow, G3 6RJ

St Aloysius’ College is a twenty-minute walk from Glasgow Queen Street station and can also be reached using the subway (one stop from Buchanan Street to Cowcaddens followed by a five-minute walk)

There is no booking fee for the conference; however, a contribution of £10 is invited to help us cover costs. You can give your donation at the event or post a cheque to our address. Please make cheques payable to Eco-Congregation Scotland. We can also accept donations by BACS; please contact us if you would like to do this.

Please complete the registration form and choose which workshops you would like to attend.

You can access a Word Document version of the registration form on the webpage at http://ecocongregationscotland.org/events/ and email it to mdobson@cofscotland.org.uk, or post it to us at:

Eco-Congregation Scotland
121 George Street, Edinburgh
EH2 4YN

NB: Whilst everyone is warmly invited to attend the AGM, only charity members of Eco-Congregation Scotland are able to vote. Please contact us if you wish to become a member.
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Saturday 29th March 2014
10am-3.15pm
St Aloysius College, Hill St, Glasgow

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME
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CONGREGATION / ORGANISATION
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POSITION (if applicable)
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ADDRESS (email or post)
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TELEPHONE
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SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
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OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS (e.g. wheelchair access, etc)
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WORKSHOPS Please read workshop details on the page 2 and choose two from the list below.

☐ Greening church buildings  ☐ Energy Management News From Tron St. Mary Church Glasgow
☐ Help is at hand!  ☐ Ancestral Time Project
☐ Bright Now  ☐ Christian Aid and SCIAF
☐ Energy issues in Hungary

Please return this form by Friday 14th March 2014. Please email or post to:
Email: mdobson@cofscotland.org.uk
Post: Miriam Dobson, Eco-Congregation Scotland, 121 George St, Edinburgh EH2 4YN

For further information please email mdobson@cofscotland.org.uk or see our website at
www.ecocongregationscotland.org/events

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