

## Religions for Peace

Aotearoa New Zealand

Religions for Peace Aotearoa New Zealand invites you to join Religions for Peace, Japan for their

### **Climate Crisis Study Session 2025 A Gathering of Religious Leaders Towards COP30**

**Theme:**

‘Praying & Standing Together Within the Connectedness of Life’ — Choose Harmony and Renewal

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**Purpose:**

The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, which is taking place in Brazil this November, marks a 30-year milestone. In recent years, crises stemming from climate change, such as torrential rains and unprecedentedly large forest fires, have become global in scope, affecting everyone. This conference provides an opportunity to learn about global environmental challenges and to explore practical initiatives that can be implemented within our own religious communities and denominations.

**Time:**

Friday, 10 October 14:00-16:00 (JST); 15:00-18:00 (AEST); **18.00-20.00 (NZ)** 17:00-19:00 (FJT)

Venue: Zoom Meeting

**Registration:** Required – [click the link below to register](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/WkWvUoyzSnWmNFi9jtKC0g?utm_source=chatgpt.com#/registration)

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**Program:**

14:00 Opening Remarks by Rev. Tsunehito Tanaka (Rep. of Climate Crisis Task Force Group)

14:10 Speeches

- Father Masayuki Semoto (Department in charge of Laudato Si’)
- Dr. Fumitaka Nishino (Representative Director, Green Elm Co./Certified Shinto Priest)
- Prof. Anne Pattel Gray (Theologian)
- Rev. Prof. Upolu Lumā Vaai (Vice-Chancellor of Pasifika Communities University)

14:55 Responses from religious leaders in a roundtable discussion format

**Panelists:** Speakers & Task Force Members

**Moderator:** Rev. Dr. Yoshinori Shinohara (Secretary General of Religions for Peace Japan/Asia)

15:35 Comments from participants

15:50 Statement

15:55 Closing Remarks by Rev. Keiji Kunitomi (Member of Climate Crisis Task Force Group)

16:00 The end of program

※The program is subject to change.