

While my awareness is too limited and life too complicated for me to name a single most urgent challenge facing our lives today, I do believe that diminished relationship is a subject at the heart of all challenges, manifested from the reality of climate change to that of inequality in our nation and inclusive of all forms of violence against other life. We are made for rich and wholesome relations, but our fears and appetites allow such to become greatly diminished. Life thrives when fully and rightly related; we become more alive in understanding the multiple gifts that undergird and enable our lives on earth as God's beloved creation. We continually as church seek to understand the 'call of Jesus to follow' into a world that is free to change towards more wholesome, free, and mutually enabling relationships. This we explore from a garden to shared meals to sustained prayer for others to altered life styles with solar panels and LED lighting to witness on the streets about the value of all life, and the neglected value for so many most vulnerable lives. This way of Jesus we have found to be centered in 'life that is abundant' as God-intended and divinely made. We seek to live such a life and in doing so to love this world that has brought us into being, for God's sake, and for the sake of all God has made. Given such a practice it is clear that we are always in need of others, more of life and more of the gifts of other lives. I do look forward to meeting you.