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### Faithful Action for Climate Justice

*presented by For the Love of Creation*

Canada has missed every greenhouse gas emissions target it ever set. It's time to call on our federal cabinet ministers to ramp up Canada's ambition and action in the face of the climate crisis! *For the Love of Creation's* faith-in-action campaign mobilizes people across Canada to reduce household greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and demonstrate support for increased federal climate action. Join this workshop to learn more about this campaign and how you can engage your local church and community in climate action.

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### Equal in Rights, Equal in Dignity

*a KAIROS Migrant Justice Workshop*

Global migration is at an all-time high. Conflicts, income inequality and climate change will only increase the number of workers crossing borders in search of employment, rights and security. When migrant workers cross a border, they do not lose their inherent right to human dignity. Yet, migrant workers report consistent violations of human and labour rights in Canada. This workshop will explore the issues that migrant workers face with Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program and provide tools for taking action for migrant justice. Diwa Marcelino will lead the conversation, as well as introducing some current migrant workers to share their stories first hand.

Diwa Marcelino is a member of the KAIROS Steering Committee and represents the [KAIROS Migrant Justice Program](#) in this workshop. Diwa is also an organizer for the Manitoba office of Migrate Canada, an organization that advocates for the rights and welfare of migrant workers, and for social and economic justice for Filipino migrant workers and their families in the Philippines.

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### **2SLGBTQ+ 101: Caring well for the 2SLGBTQ+ members of our community** *with Becca Sawyer*

This workshop will explore the basics of what the 2SLGBTQ+ acronym represents and bust some myths and stereotypes about the community. We'll also talk about what risks 2SLGBTQ+ youth face, what to do if someone comes out to you, how to support the 2SLGBTQ+ folks in our lives, and how we might work to create more belonging and care for 2SLGBTQ+ members in our communities no matter where we might find ourselves landing theologically. This will be a place to learn and not to debate. No matter how little or how much experience you have with this discussion, you're welcome to bring your questions!

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### **Gospel-Based Discipleship**

*with Dixie Bird and Archbishop Mark MacDonald*

Join us for an encounter with the Gospel. As people become familiar with the process and each other, spiritual journeys are shared and people know one another in a new way, not based merely on similar likes or dislikes, but as disciples on a journey together.

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### Queer Celebration *with Becca Sawyer*

It can be hard for us as 2SLGBTQ+ Christians to find spaces that allow us to show up as our whole selves without asking us to debate theology. This can make it hard to find spaces where we can actually celebrate who we are and the gifts we bring to the church and the world. Join Becca for a workshop where we will discuss the importance of celebrating our queer selves before opening up a time for us to create art together virtually! Bring a project you're already working on, or bring supplies to create something new! No previous art experience required.

**\*\*This workshop is intended for folks who identify on the 2SLGBTQ+ spectrum.**

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### Advocate for Climate Action *with Erika Rodning*

Are you interested in climate change? Do you feel like more urgent action is needed to protect the environment? In this session, Erika Rodning will talk about her experiences as a youth delegate to the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP25) in Spain. Join in for a fun, interactive session that'll get you excited to advocate for climate action!

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### Letter of the Faithful

*presented by For the Love of Creation*

*For the Love of Creation* wants to hear how your faith speaks to the climate crisis our world is facing. In this workshop, we'll explore a series of questions for collaborative theological reflection on climate issues. Your reflections, along with others from across the country, will become part of a *Letter of the Faithful for the Love of Creation*. This letter will be a grassroots pastoral epistle for faith communities and to wider society that lays out concerns, challenges, and possible actions we, collectively, can advocate for as faithful responses to climate change.

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