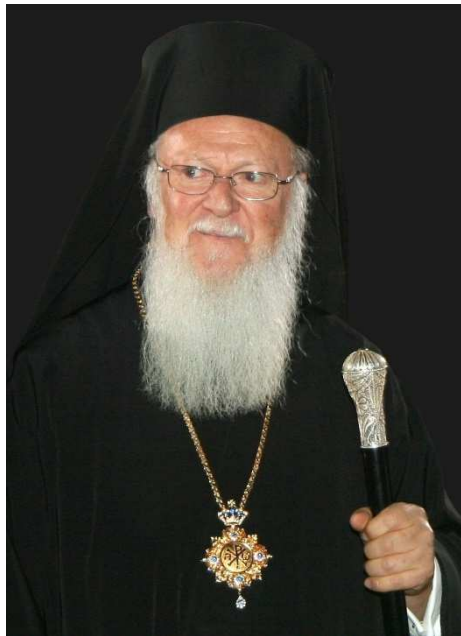


Bringing the church to the party



Add
evangelicals



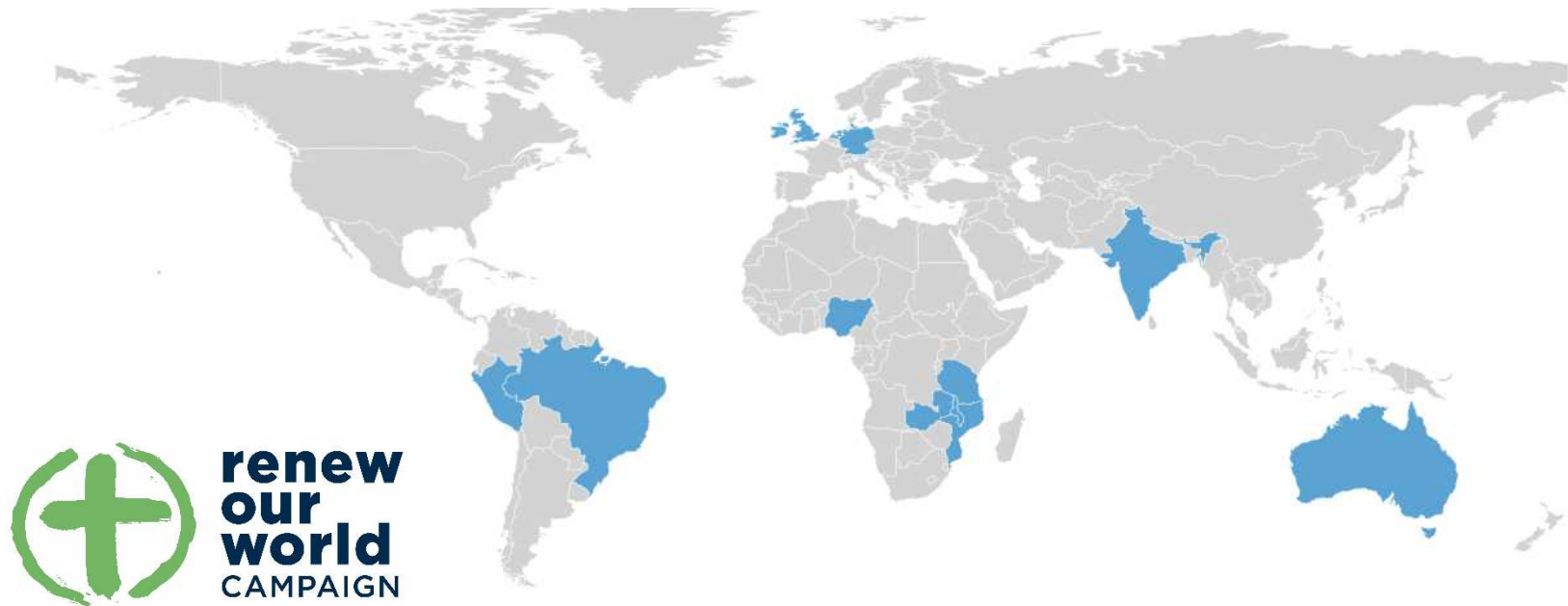
Evangelical church's potential

1) Political influence in big blocking countries

- USA
- Brazil
- Australia (maybe)

2) Motivating people on the political centre-right, in many countries

Renew Our World campaign, 13 countries



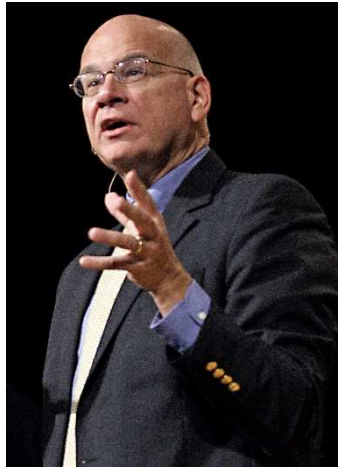
Renew Our World campaign

- Speaking up on climate
- Making lifestyle change
- Grassroots organizing
- Policy change



How do you motivate evangelicals to act?

People they trust



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How do you motivate evangelicals to act?

Not always with standard activist tactics



Words that may not work:

Justice

Change

Environment

Bob Inglis www.Republicen.org

Climate Outreach

www.climateoutreach.org

How do you motivate evangelicals to act?

Faith

Love God

Love neighbours

Value of creation

Hope.

Church taking our place in society.



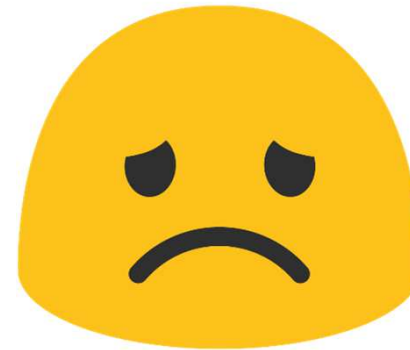
Kieran Dodds/Tearfund

How do you motivate evangelicals to act?

Practicalities

Lifestyle:

- Fly less
- Drive less
- Switch to renewable energy
- Eat less meat



Why aren't we being more prophetic?



Thunberg stares down Trump as he arrives for UN climate summit

Luke 4 – Jesus is nearly thrown off a cliff.



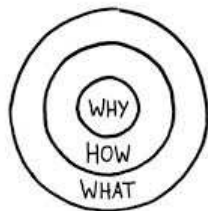
WORLD EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE
SUSTAINABILITY CENTER

How Christians can Really Engage in Creation Care

Bonn, 30 September 2019

World Evangelical Alliance Sustainability Center *Vision*

- **Individual followers of Christ** play a **leading role in global sustainability efforts**
- **The body of Christ** is **salt and light** in debates on and politics geared towards achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** on all levels
- **Churches and Congregations around the world** **deeply understand and effectively implement creation care** in everything they do



„The Why“
Restoring Good
Stewardship
(of Creation)

4C

Churches
Championing
Creation
Care

Why churches?

- Jesus uses an interesting term when talking about the church: **Ecclesia** (*Matt. 16, 17-18*)
- The Greeks used the term **Ecclesia** for political gatherings of all citizens of a city that had the right to speak
- In the **Ecclesia** issues of coexistence were discussed and decided
- In the **Ecclesia** political responsibility for the community was taken

Why Champion?

- Being the best?
- A Champion stands up for something/somebody
- A champion is a defender
- A champion is an apologist
- A champion is an advocate
- A champion is a maintainer
- A champion may even be a protectionist

How Christians can Really Engage in Creation Care?

Four „E“s:

Explore

Engage

Enable

Encourage