



GLASGOW COP (26) 1-14 November:



What needs to happen in Glasgow?

COP 21 in Paris in 2015 agreed that civilisation could not easily survive beyond a 1.5 degrees centigrade increase above average pre-industrial temperature levels.

We are presently feeling the effects of just one degree of global warming. However the collective national plans, following the 2015 Paris Agreement, are insufficient to avoid over-heating the Earth. Our current national plans would lead to a global average temperature increase of 1.5 degrees by 2030 and an increase of at least 3 degrees by the end of the century. That would mean a veritable ‘hell on earth’! **COP 26 in Glasgow, this month, will need to agree legally binding measures**, and ways to enforce the national and international actions needed to hold global warming to the 1.5 degrees increase which was agreed in 2015 in Paris. All of us, especially our children, require no less!

Some challenging Quotes from Greta Thunberg’s Book:

Written in 2019, so what she has to say is even more urgent now than it was then.

“The future of all the coming generations rests on our shoulders.”

“We have all the facts and solutions. All we have to do is wake up and change.....we need to keep the fossil fuels in the ground and focus on equity”.

“I want you to act..as you would in a crisis. I want you to act as if our house is on fire. Because it is... we are standing at a crossroads in history... but we can still fix it. It’s up to us.”

“We need to cooperate and work together to share the resources of the planet in a fair way. We need to start living within the planetary boundaries, focus on equity and take a few steps back for the sake of all living species. We need to protect the biosphere, the air, the ocean, the soil and the forests”.

You are probably all familiar with Greta’s book: **No One is Too Small to make a Difference**. We could perhaps create our own mantra: **No One is too Old to make a Difference!** So let us all be inspired to **action** at whatever level that is possible for us! *“ For we know that things can change.....” Laudato SI’ 13*

Mary Jo McElroy and Veronica Brand & other RSHM sisters living in UK will be attending the Conference and will no doubt keep us up-to-date on progress there.

If you are looking for hints on how to live more sustainably and bring about change - visit this site: livinglightlyinireland and you will get numerous tips to get you started!

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