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In his opening address to the UN talks on Climate Change, secretary-general Ban Ki-Moon warned the dreams of humanity hung in the balance.

"To ride this storm we need all hands on deck," he said.

The Secretary General said the summit had two goals:

- to mobilise political will for a universal and meaningful climate agreement next year in Paris;
- to generate ambitious steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strengthen resilience.

Brighthelm Church & Community Centre and
Southern Synod Church and Society Group
presents:

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- Aim:** To inform church members, engage with those interested and encourage a broad base of active participation in ecological issues affecting the planet; applying faith to the challenge of a changing world in which all life can thrive.
- Purpose:** To recognise the causes of climate change and respond to the effects they are having around the world, both in terms of mitigation and adaptation.

Events

- Activities already planned for 1st November 2014
 - ★ Services at 11am at St John's Waterloo, London,
 - ★ Brighthelm Centre, Brighton. Service from 11 to 12, then led meditation until 1.
- There will be events to support the Lima summit in December this year and opportunity for some to visit Paris in December 2015 as the world's governments meet to adopt recommendations and targets.
- A retreat/quiet day on Saturday 28th February 2014
- A training event at Brighthelm on 4th July 2015 exploring how ecology is an essential part of the church's mission (Vision 20:20 statement 10) – theological themes and practical ideas for engagement.
- A Climate Change Expo event – August 2015
- A pilgrimage to Paris in December 2015 when the UN conference meets to agree protocol and targets

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What you need to do:

Register your enthusiasm and support for this initiative by contacting the coordinators on

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