

## MSI Seminar

# Climate chaos – What's love got to do with it?

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Monash Sustainability Institute, Building 74, Clayton

All welcome. No RSVPs necessary.

### Abstract

In a world where faith plays an important role in shaping many communities' values, among policy makers spirituality is recognised as a motivating factor in the face of climate change.

Over the past decade, "creation care" has moved from an issue of academic to wider popular interest among Christian communities and mission agencies around the world, in the face of growing evidence for human influence on climate. However, a great deal of apathy and scepticism remains, in part shaped by theological views but reflecting wider attitudes within society.

Christian models of how creation is understood will be explored, together with the implications for how the issue of climate

change is viewed from a Christian perspective. The Christian understating of the relationship between God, humanity and creation will be discussed, with a focus upon the concept of love as a motivating factor in forming an ethic determining human activity in relation to the issue of climate change and its impacts upon human society and creation as a whole.

### About the Speaker

**David Gregory** is a Senior Minister with the Croxley Green Baptist Church in England. He was formerly with the UK Met Office, Hadley Centre and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF), working on cloud physics, atmospheric processes and convection parametrizations.