

Eco Church NZ Relationship Commitments – Denominational Partnership

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou, ka ora ai te iwi - with your basket and my basket the people will thrive

Eco Church NZ is about supporting churches to actively care for God’s earth as an integral part of their mission, and it helps to have some support from your denominational leaders! That is why we have the Eco Church NZ Denominational Partnerships.

The Eco Church NZ Denominational Partnerships is an initiative to encourage wider denominational bodies’ engagement with and support of Eco Church NZ, and to encourage local churches’ participation in the Eco Church NZ network.

Background and Kaupapa

Thank you for your interest in joining the Eco Church NZ network as a Denominational Partner! This document describes the mutual relationship between **A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand (ARANZ)** and the denominational partner. It is about establishing a reciprocal relationship as we journey together to support churches to care for God’s earth, and it sets out our commitments to each other.

A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand (ARANZ) exists to protect and restore the environment through community-based conservation projects, research, and education. ARANZ would like to support churches to actively care for God’s earth as an integral part of their mission. Our role is to resource, empower and build relationships among all those wanting to integrate creation care and sustainability into the life of the church in Aotearoa New Zealand. We work collaboratively with the A Rocha International family and in partnership with local NZ churches, creation care groups, individuals and denominational and organisational partners.

Organisations and Key People

Organisation	Key Contact	Role in Organisation	Phone	Email Address
A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand	Kristel van Houte	National Director	027 4276 242	kristel.vanhoute@arocha.org
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Steps to become an Eco Church NZ Denominational Partner

- Register your intent to be an Eco Church NZ Denominational Partner using the form on our website.
- Identify on the form the individual or team that has been assigned to be the main contact for Eco Church NZ.
- Send us a copy of your denominational unit’s approved environmental policy or goals.

Commitments

Aspect	Our commitments to each other
Relationship	<p>Both ARANZ and the Denominational Partner will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be open and honest. • Prioritise the needs of the communities we serve. • Commit to mutual, ongoing learning. • Strive for culturally appropriate and mana-enhancing relationships. • Take a “no-surprises” approach and tell each other when unexpected or difficult things happen. • Resolve any disagreements through open kōrero.
Communication	<p>Both ARANZ and the Denominational Partner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will respond in a timely manner. • Will maintain ownership of their intellectual property and collateral, and will ask permission before using any images, stories or each other’s intellectual property. • May share details of relevant initiatives and events by each other and may tag each other on social media where appropriate.
Collaboration	<p>Both ARANZ and the Denominational Partner will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to supporting churches on their journeys to actively care for God’s earth as an integral part of the church’s mission. • Explore ways of collaborating with each other such as with events, resources, fundraising etc. • Offer feedback, peer-to-peer support and other assistance as appropriate.

<p>Involvement and Impact</p>	<p>The Denominational Partner will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work towards environmental action and awareness in your denominational unit's churches, properties, land, events and education. 	<p>ARANZ will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the denominational partners in their environmental initiatives. • Celebrate environmental initiatives and share them as stories for the Eco Church NZ network to contribute to the Eco Church NZ pool of knowledge / puna mātauranga.
<p>Resources</p>	<p>The Denominational Partner will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share with ARANZ any appropriate resources or links that might benefit churches on their eco church journey. 	<p>ARANZ will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continually update resources and links on the Eco Church NZ website. • Promote new resources available on social media and E-News.
<p>Network</p>	<p>The Denominational Partner will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote Eco Church NZ and encourage churches to join the initiative. • Tag A Rocha and use #EcoChurchNZ when sharing stories and photos on social media. 	<p>ARANZ will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide denominational partners with resources to promote Eco Church NZ. • Acknowledge the Denominational Partner's involvement in the Eco Church NZ network on the website and by other means when appropriate.

In order for us to add you as a [Denominational Partner](#) on the Eco Church NZ website, we will require from you:

- Your organisation's logo
- Your organisation's name if it is not included in the logo
- A website that you'd like us to link to when a viewer clicks on your logo

We look forward to partnering with you to help churches love and care for God's world!