

Who's Who in CERT inCERT – Claire Ewert Fisher, as shared with Brenda MacDonald

Climate Emergency Response Team

Did you know that there is a team of Creation Care people who are attempting to inform stakeholders and enable projects within MC Sask about ways of making a difference for good? This team call themselves CERT: Climate Emergency Response Team. Invited by the Ministries Commission, this committed group of church folk with vision and passion as well as expertise in various environmental areas agreed to help shape our thinking and responding. CERT is made up of professionals working in agriculture and horticulture, people who love being present in nature and people who inform themselves of political and ecological realities and pool our passions and skill sets to make this world a better place. Over time the group has evolved into a team that envisions ways to respond to the rising global temperatures and the drastic changes in climate through projects like tree planting and political campaigns like the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. We seek to expand the impacts of our work by partnering with MC Canada and the nationwide work of Sandy Plett, Climate Action Coordinator, to build understanding and action around and in response to the climate crisis. Locally we also participate with the Saskatoon Climate Hub to bring together Saskatonians who want to respond to the climate crisis at the local level by acting, organizing, and making change locally. CERT continues to encourage people to reduce, reuse, repair, and recycle as we reform our attitudes towards the natural world in which we live. When we put our energies together with others of like mind, who knows what God can do?

Listed here, in alphabetical order, are folks who have been involved with the team at some point since its formation in 2022. If you would like to see your name on this list (that is, to become involved in CERT) please contact Claire Ewert Fisher, claraewertfisher@gmail.com or speak to someone at the CERT information table at the Annual Delegate Sessions at Shekinah, March 14, 15.

Brenda MacDonald – believes in the interconnectedness of humans with the earth, that hope is a stronger response than despair, when humans act responsively, together
- twists arms of willing inCERT writers

Cindy Wallace – provides solid theological underpinnings to our work. This is truly God's work
– caring for all that God has created

Claire Ewert Fisher – shared a vision to form a team in MC Sask to lead others into action around climate change
– is passionate about the action of planting trees around Saskatchewan

Doyle Wiebe – is an active farmer, searches and creates ways to encourage responsible farming on precious land

Ed Bueckert – cares deeply about political decisions that impact our world. He is concerned to face their harm. His passions challenge us to look for a better way – and quickly!

Erika Thogersen – in her work with MCC Sask and after hours presents education and action implementation

Ingrid Thiessen – is a retired landscape architect who promotes pollinator gardens and how best to encourage biodiversity in nature.

Josh Wallace - provides solid theological underpinnings to our work

Len Rempel – expresses his concern and love for the Earth in speaking and writing, shared with the church throughout Saskatchewan

Lisi Schrottner – discovered the needs of elementary students in some of our city schools, in terms of food security . A food forest on a church yard's unused soil is one way to pair useable land with much needed food.

Luke Bushman – has a passion for creation care and he works with youth sharing his vision for more responsible living and a better world

Mark Bigland- Pritchard – is a knowledgeable leader - scientific info, political influences and practical decisions. Currently he would like to lead us to participate and sign on to the Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty.

- is passionate about the earth

Matt Braun – knows about trees, where to source them and how to plant them

- is an influencer and educator when it comes to seeing connections between and among the natural world and agriculture

Monica Dalke – loves creation and spends a significant part of her weeks out walking in nature, absorbing its peaceful, non-anxious presence and savouring its companionable joy

Murray Bentham – is a soil scientist who can analyze the content of soil, thus determining what the soil can support, passionate about science!

Phyllis Goertz – sees connections between needs and possible solutions. As an influencer she is able to support a movement which makes our world a better place to live

Val Regier – cares about how we live in our world so that our children and grandchildren can live peacefully and sustainably on this earth. Learning how to shift our living patterns so that all can live has deep resonance with her.

Wayne MacDonald – cycle commuter who likes separated bike lanes in cities so that fossil fuels (i.e; cars) can take a back seat to human energies (and public transportation)