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Voices of Hope: Women's Climate Congress (Mark 12. 28-34)

The reflection this week took the form of an interview with Janet Salisbury, Founder of the Women's Climate Congress.

The Women's Climate Congress is a network of women from all walks of life and political views, who have come together because 'we cannot stay silent while the unfolding climate emergency threatens the future of our children and all life on earth'.

The Congress invites us to 'Picture what could be done if all parties worked through the issues around climate change with genuine multiparty intent to make our planet a safer sustainable home for our children, grandchildren and all life on Earth'.

WCC believes that it is time for women's leadership to help turn the tide of political culture from polarised discord to collaboration and cooperation, to rebalance our currently stuck system towards compassion, inclusion and collaboration.

The network began to take shape in response to a discussion paper by Janet 'Independent mediation for united action on climate change', and is inspired by the actions of an international 'congress' of women in 1915 in response to the unprecedented suffering and loss of young lives in WW1. It also grew out of Janet's experience over many years of leading 'wisdom' conversations in Canberra, as well as creatively giving voice to citizen concerns with A Chorus of Women. Earlier this year, Janet was a finalist in the Women's Agenda Leadership Awards, the category of 'Emerging Leader Climate Action'.

To learn more about the work of the Women's Climate Congress and about opportunities to participate and contribute, please visit:

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