

JUMPING AT SYDNEY PEOPLE'S CLIMATE WALK

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St David's Red Hill worshipper, Gillian King, jumped at the opportunity to join Yeb Saño as he led the 'People's Pilgrimage' in Sydney on 12 June.

Yeb and Gillian, who is also a member of the of the Diocese's Public Issues Commission, were joined by other members of Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, Catholic Earthcare and Greenpeace as they walked across Sydney Harbour Bridge to the Sydney Opera House and then on to St Mary's Cathedral.

Yeb Saño, former Philippines Climate Change Commissioner and Chief Climate Negotiator, launched the People's Pilgrimage on 7 June in Vanuatu by.

The People's Pilgrimage has been created by OurVoices, the interfaith climate change campaign (www.ourvoices.net), in partnership with numerous faith and spiritual groups to mobilise their goodwill, prayers and actions.

Everyday people will be walking on each continent to demonstrate their deep concern about climate change issues - taking journeys of any length, whether a few steps, a few miles, or across continents.

This unprecedented uprising by the world's spiritual communities calls upon world leaders to adopt a strong climate change agreement. Pilgrims will state their demands to the world's governments in time for the opening on 30 November of the 21st Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 21).

They are in good company, with the Archbishop of Canterbury launching the *Lambeth Declaration 2015 on Climate Change* by UK spiritual leaders on 16 June, 360 mainly American rabbis issuing *A Rabbinical Letter on Climate Change* on 17 June and Pope Francis releasing his encyclical *Laudato Sii* on 18 June (local times).



Photo: Yeb Saño (far left), Gillian King (centre, with bag) and other members of Australian Religious Response to Climate Change including Chair Thea Ormerod (to left of Gillian) and Director of Catholic Earthcare Jacqui Rémond on the Sydney leg of The People's Pilgrimage.

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