

1st Breakout session questions

- 1) Discuss ways that we can persuade people to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions in the areas of transport and housing.
- 2) How can we as individuals and a society reduce greenhouse gases so that we achieve the 1.5 °C target, such that carbon dioxide emissions reach net zero by 2050?
Brainstorm a few original ideas.
- 3) How could we realistically and practically achieve these?

1st Breakout Session (feedback I)

- ▶ Consider options when making big choices, eg. moving house.
- ▶ Impact of travel: us and goods. Consider choices.
- ▶ The role of consumption: reducing this. Consider gospel poverty. People will listen even if not Christians. Recognise we might have addictions.
- ▶ New Westminster is building a solar garden.
- ▶ We need to change. Leaders to step up.
- ▶ Refusing to contribute to waste and consumption.
- ▶ Work closer to home.

1st Breakout session (feedback II)

- ▶ Reduce, reuse, don't buy.
- ▶ Show by example, eg. tenants and others, that we care about the environment.
- ▶ Review BC Hydro's guidelines.
- ▶ Education and persuasion.
- ▶ Government action.
- ▶ Reduce trips by air and gasoline cars. Use electric vehicles, but these also have some env. Repercussions.
- ▶ Unplug devices when not in use.

1st Breakout Session (feedback III)

- ▶ Realise what the real guzzlers are.
- ▶ Attitudes: do we really need so much space? Recognise this declines community.
- ▶ Turn lights out.
- ▶ Do not leave the TV, the heater, etc. on all day every day.
- ▶ Take transit, car pool.
- ▶ Follow the example of N. European cities: transit, get the msg across. People complain initially then get onboard.

1st Breakout Session (feedback IV)

- ▶ Keep God in the picture. Do not point fingers. Plant seeds to show people how to love.
- ▶ Show people the beauty of public transport: sleep, pray, use your laptop and phone.
- ▶ Housing developers: better gadgets, eg. timers and smart-controllers, to avoid keeping the heating on.
- ▶ Organisations are around to educate and motivate us.
- ▶ Stop driving.
- ▶ Planting at home, eg. vegetables. Community centres provide education on how to do this.