



## Welcome, Creation Care Church family!

Welcome all new members of Creation Care Church, and welcome back all existing members! In this quarter's newsletter, we want to tell you about our upcoming events, our Christian Vegan World Corner highlighted ministries, and how you can get more involved in helping us to spread the good news for all creation. We also want to share **Tommy's story** with you.

## Tommy the Chimpanzee



According to the Non-human Rights Project (NhRP), Tommy the chimpanzee, "had spent much of his life performing for humans in the entertainment industry, including on a film set where chimpanzees were alleged to have been beaten into submission with blackjacks, clubs, and cattle prods" ([NhRP website](#)). When not performing, he was kept alone in a cage. Animal advocates fought to free Tommy, but it was too late as he was found dead, curled up in his sleeping spot, alone in his prison cell in February 2022.

### Who Do Animals Belong To?

According to human laws throughout the world, animals are mere property belonging to humans. In Tommy's case, this gave his 'owners' the right to mistreat and imprison him. But what does the Bible say about this? According to the Psalms, animals are not the property of humans – they

belong to God! “[F]or every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine... the world is mine, and all that is in it” (Psalm 50:10-12, NIV). And Psalm 24:1: “The earth is the Lord’s and all it contains.” Everything belongs to God. Humans were placed over the animals and the earth to be faithful and wise stewards in God’s good image. Here is a short video about [animals belonging to God](#).

## How We Can Help Abused Animals in Captivity

We can speak out against cruelty. As [Jane Goodall](#) so accurately puts it, “To me, cruelty is the worst of human sins. Once we accept that a living creature has feelings and suffers pain, then by knowingly and deliberately inflicting suffering on that creature, we are guilty, whether it be human or animal.” Instead of ignoring the cruelty of our own hands (as humanity), let us confess it, be horrified by it, and turn from it. As it says in the Prophets, “The violence you have done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, and your destruction of animals will terrify you” (Habakkuk 2:17a, NIV). We can also help by signing petitions, getting involved in animal rights/welfare organizations, boycotting entertainment venues that exploit animals, and by living by example through living a compassionate vegan lifestyle.

*Heavenly Father, we lift up every suffering creature.  
We pray for mankind to turn from wickedness,  
and to reflect your perfect love  
Toward all of your beloved creatures.*

*Amen!*

## Upcoming Events

The School of Apologetics is now the Vegan Christian Discipleship School. It meets on Zoom every fourth Tuesday of the month at 11am PST / 2pm EST / 7pm UK. We will focus on how to respond to objections to veganism. Email [school@creationcarechurch.org](mailto:school@creationcarechurch.org) to enroll in the school. It is completely free!

We also invite you to join us at our other upcoming events, including: Book Club, Purrs and Prayers Meeting, Friday Night Live Talks, and Zoom Fellowship. Find out more at our events page [here](#).

## CVWC

If you haven’t yet seen our Christian Vegan World Corner page [here](#), we highlight some important ministries that are worth checking out and are very much in alignment with the Creation Care message. So far we’ve highlighted Luv4All Uganda and Lucy’s Donkey Sanctuary. Stay tuned for the next ministry we highlight.

## Volunteer

Thank you to all of our volunteers! We have a few open volunteer positions we are looking to fill. If you would like to get more involved in helping to spread the Creation Care Church message, check out our volunteer page [here](#). You can also help spread the message by liking, following, subscribing, and sharing our content.

Who are you going to spread the Creation Care Church message with today?

Thanks for being a part of our church family!

If you don't have a Bible app, you can download the BLB app [here](#).

**Many blessings,  
CCC team**



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