



Hello, CCC family!

Welcome to our Summer 2024 newsletter. If you're new to our church, welcome! In this quarter's newsletter, we wanted to share with you two important news stories, one regarding a victory for animals and another regarding Paul Watson's arrest for saving whales. We would also like to let you know what Creation Care Church will be doing as we embark on our fourth year of spreading the good news for all creation, including how you can help.

Good News! Massachusetts Puts an End to Animal Cruelty in Circuses

"Massachusetts Passes Historic Law To End The Exploitation Of Elephants, Lions & Other Wild Animals In Circuses" - that was the heading of an article in worldanimalsnews.com early this evening. When you read statements like this, you almost have to pause, then read it again for the truth to sink in. It has taken more than two decades of strategic advocacy by animal rights organizations, such as the HSUS and elected officials, to file petitions, speak out in legislative forums, and relentlessly pursue the passing of this bill - a VICTORY in the earthly courts and a VICTORY for justice in the heavenly courts!



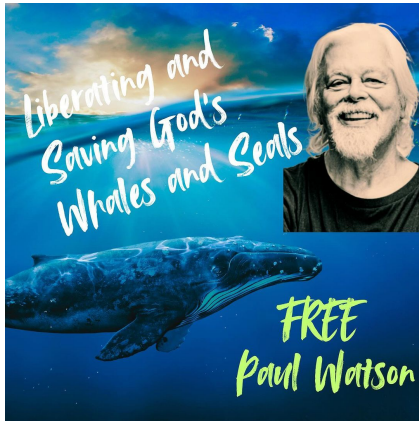
Massachusetts Chairwoman Carole Fiola stated "With over two-thirds of Massachusetts voters supporting the ban on wild animal acts, it's clear that our constituents demanded an end to animal

exploitation for entertainment. This legislation not only reflects that collective desire but also reinforces our state's commitment to the humane treatment of all animals."

No longer will GOD'S BELOVED elephants, lions, tigers, primates, giraffes, bears and other wild animals be subjected to human "trainers" who scream, whip, shock with electric prods or starve them to "perform" unnatural antics in front of cheering audiences. No longer will these majestic animals be cramped in dirty cages and dragged across the country to be mocked.

The ban or significant restrictions on the use of wild animals in traveling shows is in effect in California, New York, New Jersey and now Massachusetts. PRAYING FOR MORE VICTORIES of these bans of animal exploitation throughout the US and the world!

Also In the News: Paul Watson Arrested for Saving Whales



Paul Watson has been confronting illegal whaling and fishing vessels since the 1970's. He co-founded Greenpeace and the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, then in 2022, he continued his confrontational advocacy under the flag of the Captain Paul Watson Foundation. He has been credited with saving thousands of whales and sea life in Japan, Iceland, Norway and Denmark - countries that still practice hunting of whales, dolphins and seals.

On July 21, 2024, Paul Watson was arrested by Danish police in Greenland, and the Japanese government wants to extradite him. Though we respectfully follow the laws of man, our calling as Christians is to follow the higher principles of love and compassion set by our Creator. In reality, the cold-hearted criminal acts are committed by the merciless whaling industry and cruel seal harpoonists.

As followers of Jesus, we ask: What would Jesus do regarding the suffering and killing of his beloved animals? "He would liberate animals from their oppression and would challenge the systems of violence. Jesus would liberate the wrongfully oppressed and vulnerable." - Craig Wescoe

We should be taking the lead in speaking out against whale cruelty as Paul as been doing, and we should likewise speak out against the injustice of imprisoning Paul for doing the job God created all of us for: "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are appointed to die" (Proverbs 31:8).

There is a [petition at paulwatsonfoundation.org](https://paulwatsonfoundation.org) requesting his release.

Sharon She is our Instagram Coordinator volunteer who brings us these wonderful posts. For more stories like these, follow us on [Instagram!](https://www.instagram.com/paulwatsonfoundation)

Three Years of Creation Care Church Live Talks

Creation Care Church began in August 2021. To kick off the beginning of our fourth year of service, we did a

talk reflecting on what we did throughout the past three years, along with what to expect in our fourth year: [FNL #141 - Three Years of Friday Night Live Talks.](#)

We will continue doing regular live talks based on a highlighted Scripture verse and how it applies to stewardship of God's creatures and His created world. We will also continue doing history slideshow presentations where we look at early Christian texts and evidence of veganism in the early church.



We will be alternating weeks with Live Talks and Replays, revisiting some of the earliest topics we did from our first year, and coming up with new topics with Q&A's you can participate in LIVE. Join us for our next FNL Talk (#143) on Friday, August 23 at 4pm pst / 7pm est / 12 Midnight UK, based on Psalm 147:9, entitled, "Does God answer the prayers of animals?"

Become a Sustainer

If you are able to contribute to the ongoing expenses of Creation Care Church, please consider [becoming a monthly sustainer](#). Any amount helps us pay our upkeep costs of website hosting, equipment, professional services, and other overhead costs. We have a long-term goal of establishing a permanent physical location to record FNL talks at and to host in-person events.

Thank you!

Thank you for helping us to spread the message of good news for all creation! We look forward to continuing to serve you as your church!

Many blessings,

Creation Care Church Team



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