

Pokja Religion and Ecology Report 2022

Online Course on Religion & Ecology in Indonesia

The Online Course on Religion and Ecology in Indonesia is almost completed. It has been tested with stakeholders and received encouraging feedbacks as well as suggestions for improvement. Much of the suggestions are already followed up. The remaining work is to complete the addition of two new modules (which were not planned before). This will be finalized in a few weeks and after that will be launched. Subsequently new modules may be added as needed.

After various discussions the Dutch members decided not to develop online course on religion and ecology for religious leaders in The Netherlands, because they think that it will not be used. Instead, they started discussions to include 'good practices' in already existing websites such as www.groenekerken.nl.

Water & waste management in eco-pesantren

The research team in Wonosobo conducted three Focus Groups Discussions on circular economy and community participation in waste management in Pesantren Kalibeber. The research team in Pasuruan conducted (group) interviews in Pesantren Al Yasini and Pesantren Sidogiri, and as a result, prepared one session in the Online Course on Religion and Ecology in Indonesia (see above).

Green Churches and Green Mosques

On 10 June, the pokja ekologi organized a meeting in Al-Hikmah mosque in The Hague, together with the Morning Star Church (<https://bit.ly/3RkxYyI>). The Mosque and the Church shared how they make their buildings eco-friendly, and the ideas behind it. After the discussion it was concluded that collaboration between churches and mosques cannot be taken for granted, and stakeholders in Indonesia and the Netherlands can learn from each other, but that their situation are also quite different.

Recurrent activities

We participated in the WINNER 2022 event and prepared a seminar in the Spirit of Bandung conference. Due to a problem with the registration of the participants, the latter did not materialize. On December 1, Zainal Abidin Bagir gave a speech on religion and ecology at the Indonesia Now conference in Amsterdam, co-hosted by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Indonesian Embassy in The Netherlands.

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