

The 5th Annual

James Sawers, Jr. Interfaith Speaker Series

# FAITH AND CLIMATE CHANGE

March 3-5, 2022



Charleston  
Interreligious Council

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TO THE PUBLIC  
ALL ARE WELCOME

## DR. MARY EVELYN TUCKER AND DR. JOHN GRIM

Professors and Co-directors of Yale University Forum on Religion and Ecology, a multireligious project exploring religious worldviews, texts, and ethics in order to broaden understanding of the complex nature of current environmental concerns.

### Thursday, March 3, 2022

2:00 PM **MEET AND GREET: CONVERSATION WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS  
LIGHT VEGETARIAN SNACKS PROVIDED**

Stern Center Garden, 71 George Street - College of Charleston

6:30 PM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
THE INTEGRATION OF ECOSPIRITUALITY AND ECOJUSTICE  
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: [bit.ly/climateandfaithchs](https://bit.ly/climateandfaithchs)**

The call for environmental justice for communities adversely affected by pollution and climate change is rising. At the same time ecospirituality is showing us how we are part of a living Earth community. This talk explores these growing movements in religion and ecology.

**A LIGHT VEGAN SUPPER WILL BE OFFERED FOLLOWING THE KEYNOTE**  
prepared by Ragina Scott Saunders, Gullah Geechee descendant and founder of Destiny Community Cafe.

Second Presbyterian Church - 342 Meeting Street

*View on Zoom via link below*

### Friday, March 4, 2022

2:00 PM **PANEL DISCUSSION ON  
INTERFAITH, ECOJUSTICE AND LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTIVISM**

Discussion with local activists weighing in on the climate crisis, how it is affecting marginalized communities and ways their organizations and communities are responding to it.

Arnold Hall, 96 Wentworth Street - College of Charleston

*View on Zoom via link below*


### Saturday, March 5, 2022

10:00 AM **A FAITH COMMUNITY DISCUSSION ON  
CLERGY COMING TOGETHER TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE**

A conversation among faith representatives about ways their communities are responding to the climate crisis, and how their faith informs their work towards a climate initiative in Charleston.

Unitarian Church in Charleston - 4 Archdale Street

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**Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim** are Senior Lecturers and Research Scholars at Yale in the School of the Environment, the Divinity School, and the Department of Religious Studies. They teach in the MA program in religion and ecology and co-direct the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology.

Mary Evelyn's concern for the growing environmental crisis, especially in Asia, led her to organize with Grim a series of ten conferences on **World Religions and Ecology at Harvard** (1995-1998). They were series editors for the ten volumes from the conferences. She co-edited ***Buddhism and Ecology*** (Harvard, 1997), ***Confucianism and Ecology*** (Harvard, 1998), and ***Hinduism and Ecology*** (Harvard, 2000).

After these conferences she and Grim founded the Forum on Religion and Ecology. They wrote ***Ecology and Religion*** (Island Press, 2014) and with Willis Jenkins they edited the ***Routledge Handbook on Religion and Ecology*** (2016). They also are series advisors for the ***Ecology and Justice Series at Orbis Books***. They have created six online courses in "Religions and Ecology: Restoring the Earth Community."

Tucker and Grim studied with Thomas Berry and worked closely with him for 30 years. Tucker edited many of Berry's books. To extend Berry's work, Tucker created a multi-media project with Brian Thomas Swimme called ***Journey of the Universe***, which includes an Emmy award winning film, a book from Yale (2011), ***Journey Conversations***, and online classes.

John Grim teaches courses in Native American and Indigenous religions and world religions and ecology. He has undertaken field work with the Crow/Apsaalooke people of Montana and Salish people of Washington state. His published works include: ***The Shaman: Patterns of Religious Healing Among the Ojibway Indians*** (University of Oklahoma Press, 1983) and, with Mary Evelyn Tucker, a co-edited volume entitled ***Worldviews and Ecology*** (Orbis, 1994). He edited ***Indigenous Traditions and Ecology: The InterBeing of Cosmology and Community*** (Harvard, 2001) and co-edited the Daedalus volume titled ***Religion and Ecology: Can the Climate Change?*** (2001).

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