



Center for Earth Ethics

Ecology, Economy and Ethics: Mobilizing for a Just Transition

Union Theological Seminary
Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Working Agenda as of 9 8 15

**9:00 am -
10:00 am**

Religions for the Earth: The Road through Paris

Social Hall

Description: A look back at the year since our Religions for the Earth gathering at Union in 2014; a look ahead to the Pope's visit and COP21.

Speakers: Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology
Mordechai Liebling, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
Kara Ball, EcoAmerica
Kusumita Pedersen, Parliament of the World's Religions

**10:00 am -
11:30 am**

Divest & Reinvest Workshop

Social Hall

Description: A symposium addressing the role of religious institutions and communities in fossil fuel divestment and clean energy and sustainable community investment.

Speakers: Anders Wejryd, Church of Sweden
Kathleen Wright, Loretto Community
Anders Thorendal, Church of Sweden (t)
Derrick Harkins, Union Theological Seminary
John W. O'Shaughnessy, Franciscan Sisters of Mary
Rudelmar Bueno de Faria, World Council of Churches (t)
Donnel Baird, BlocPower
Ellen Dorsey, Wallace Global Fund
Fletcher Harper, GreenFaith

**11:30 am -
12:30 pm**

Intersectionality of Racial Justice and Climate Change

Social Hall

Description: The mentality that drove the slave trade and the decimation of Native cultures is linked to the mentality that drives racism and the exploitation of the natural world. Examining these links can help us form transformative partnerships for positive change.

Speakers: Elizabeth Yeampierre, UPROSE
Mindahi Bastida Muñoz and Geraldine Patrick Encina,
Center for Earth Ethics

**12:30 pm -
2:00 pm**

Energy Ethics

Refectory

Description: An exploration of Catholic moral traditions and their implications for energy ethics for the twenty-first century.

Speakers: Erin Lothes Biviano, College of St Elizabeth
Donnel Baird, BlocPower
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology

**2:15 pm -
4:00 pm**

Climate, Culture, and the New U.N. Development Agenda

Social Hall

Description: A discussion about the transformation of our legal, economic, and cultural structures to mitigate climate change and address its root causes. How well does the U.N. Post 2015 Development Agenda advance this transformation through its sustainable development goals and new financing and government mechanisms?

Speakers: Oren Lyons, Onondaga Nation
Al Gore, Climate Reality Project
Michael Gerrard, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law
Rick Clugston, Center for Earth Ethics
Terry Tempest Williams, Writer

**4:00 pm -
5:30 pm**

Earth Ethics: In Solidarity with Grassroots Activism for Ecojustice

Social Hall

Description: What are effective ways of taking action to protect poor communities from toxic waste, preserve Native American sacred places, and stop fossil fuel development?

Speakers: Catherine Flowers, Center for Earth Ethics
Lyla June Johnston, Center for Earth Ethics
Tim DeChristopher, Harvard Divinity School
Henrik Grape, Church of Sweden
Terry Tempest Williams, Writer

**5:30 pm –
6:30 pm**

Closing Reception

Refectory