The 5th Annual
James Sawers, Jr. Interfaith Speaker Series

FAITH AND CLIMATE CHANGE

March 3-5, 2022

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
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.