



Religious Perspectives on Climate Change: Turning Faith into Action

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Scope and Focus: Bring together representatives from a diverse array of religions to discuss how the belief systems within each tradition inform our moral responsibilities to address climate change; and to consider how those belief systems might be put into action.

Format: A one day conference with beginning and ending keynotes, and two intermediate panel discussions.

Registration: On-line registration will commence in early September. The registration form will be linked to the Erb Institute web page: <http://www.erb.umich.edu/>

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8:15 a.m. *Registration and Refreshments*

8:45 a.m. **Welcome:** Andrew Hoffman

9:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks:** Rosina Bierbaum, Dean, SNRE.

9:15 a.m. **Morning Keynote:** Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University,
Co-founder and Co-director, Forum on Religion and Ecology.
Introduction: Rolf Bouma,

10:15 a.m. *Break*

10:30 a.m. **Session #1: Religious Faith and Climate Change**
Moderator: Andrew Hoffman

- **Catholic:** Reverend Charles Morris, Executive Director, MI Interfaith Power and Light.
- **Evangelical Protestant:** Dr. Calvin DeWitt, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- **Hinduism, Jainism and Buddhism:** Dr. Christopher Key Chapple, Loyola Marymount University.
- **Islam:** Imam Achmat Salie, Islamic Studies Program, Oakland University.
- **Judaism:** Rabbi Nathan Martin, Assistant Director University of Michigan Hillel.
- **Mainline Protestant:** Dr. Larry L. Rasmussen, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics, emeritus, Union Theological Seminary.

12:30 p.m. *Lunch*

1:30 p.m. **Afternoon Keynote:** Reverend Sally Bingham, President, The Regeneration Project.
Introduction: Jim Crowfoot

2:30 p.m. **Session #2: Turning Faith into Action**
Moderator: Barry Rabe

- **Personal Lifestyle:** Danielle Conroyd, IHM Sisters.
- **City-Level Policy Planning and Action:** Hon. George Heartwell, Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- **State and Federal Policy Planning and Action:** Prof. John Dernbach, Widener University School of Law.
- **Faith and Business:** Leslie H. Lowe, Energy & Environment Program Director, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility.





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4:00 p.m. *END*

