



## 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.
  - **Hindu, 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.
- 4:00 p.m. *END*

