

Creation Care and Climate Change: It's About the Kids

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Schedule

8:30 A.M. Registration

9:00 Welcome and devotions – The Rev. Chuck Hubbard

9:15 – 10:00 Dr. Barbara Rossing

And God saw that it was good: How astronauts help their grandchildren see our planet

10:00 Refreshment break

10:15 – 11:00 Workshops

The Rev. Sam Brannon, Texas Impact, water specialist

Water wars? The impacts of climate change on Texas water resource planning

Cheryl Simmons, US Department of Agriculture

Climate change and its impacts on agricultural practices and wildlife management in Texas

11:10 A.M. - 12:10 P.M. - Dr. Mark Z. Jacobson

Transitioning cities, states and countries to 100 percent clean, renewable energy for all purposes

12:15 - Lunch at the Shalom Center

1:00 - 1:50 - Dr. Barbara Rossing

On Earth as in heaven: Hope for healing our world with scripture, two Franciscans, and Lutherans

1:50 - Break

2:00 - Panel discussion with dialogue among speakers and participants

What do we do next? What actions can be taken by individuals and the church to address pressing concerns about climate change?

3:00 – Bee Moorhead, Texas Impact

Covenant Globally, Act Locally: Cities, Churches, and Climate

3:30 – Bishop Erik Gronberg

Wrap up and closing prayer

4:00 - Happy hour and fellowship for those who want to stay

Presenters:

Dr. Barbara R. Rossing
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

The Rev. Barbara Rossing is professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, where she has taught since 1994. She loves to teach and preach about the bible, especially the bible's role in public life.

Rossing is involved with environmental initiatives at the seminary. She is a member of Lutherans Restoring Creation.

She earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Carleton College, master of divinity degree from Yale University Divinity School and the doctor of theology degree from Harvard University.

She served as pastor of a congregation in Minnesota and at Holden Village Retreat Center, Chelan, Wash. She worked in the Global Mission division at the former American Lutheran Church and as chaplain at Harvard Divinity School.

Rossing has lectured and preached widely at synod assemblies (including NT-NL), ELCA global mission events, and ecumenical theological conferences. She served on the Council of the Lutheran World Federation (2003-2010).

Her media appearances have included "CBS Sixty Minutes" and the History Channel, National Geographic, Living the Questions, and more.

Rossing's most well-known publications include *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation* (Basic Books, 2004); *The Choice Between Two Cities: Whore, Bride and Empire in the Apocalypse* (Trinity Press, 1999); two volumes of the *New Proclamation* commentary (Fortress Press, 2000 and 2004); a nine-session Bible study, *Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today* (Presbyterian Women, 2010).

<http://www.lstc.edu/academics/faculty/barbara-rossing>

Mark Z. Jacobson
Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Stanford University

Mark Z. Jacobson is Director of the Atmosphere/Energy Program and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Stanford University. He is also a Senior Fellow of the Woods Institute for the Environment and of the Precourt Institute for Energy.

He received a B.S. in Civil Engineering, an A.B. in Economics, and an M.S. in Environmental Engineering from Stanford in 1988. He received an M.S. and PhD in Atmospheric Sciences in 1991 and 1994, respectively, from UCLA and joined the faculty at Stanford in 1994.

He has published two textbooks and 150 peer-reviewed journal articles. He received the 2005 AMS Henry G. Houghton Award and the 2013 AGU Ascent Award for his work on black carbon climate impacts and the 2013 Global Green Policy Design Award for developing state and country energy plans. In 2015, he received a Cozzarelli Prize from the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences for his work on the grid integration of 100 percent wind, water and solar energy systems.

He served on an advisory committee to the U.S. Secretary of Energy, appeared in a TED talk, appeared on the David Letterman Show to discuss converting the world to clean energy, and co-founded The Solutions Project (www.thesolutionsproject.org).

<https://web.stanford.edu/group/efmh/jacobson/>

Cheryl Simmons

Central National Technology Support Center Volunteer
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
United States Department of Agriculture

Cheryl Simmons began her career in 1978 as a soil conservationist student trainee with NRCS at Hays, Kans., and served in several locations. She worked for 14 years as District Conservationist in Wabaunsee County in the Flint Hills of north central Kansas and in Howard County, Maryland. In 2000, Simmons accepted a position at national headquarters with the Farm Land Protection and Community Planning Staff.

In 2016, after 11 years with the Central National Technology Support Center as National Technology Specialist; Simmons retired. She continues her as an Earth Team Volunteer.

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/cntsc/?cid=nrcsdv11_015424

Bee Moorhead
Executive Director
Texas Impact

Bee Moorhead is the executive director of Texas Impact and also serves as executive director of the Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy, a sister organization that seeks to improve and expand interfaith public policy education and dialogue.

Texas Impact and the Interfaith Center have earned state and national recognition for work on interfaith education and community leadership development.. Radian 6 named Texas Impact one of the most influential Twitter feeds of the 82nd Texas legislative session.

Morehead previously served as a senior fiscal policy analyst for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. She was the architect of "Family Pathfinders," a unique initiative linking families on public assistance with faith and community-based organizations.

Morehead holds a Master's degree in Public Affairs from the University of Texas LBJ School. She also holds an undergraduate degree in theatrical costume design from UT Austin, and she has studied theology and New Testament at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Morehead has served on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Pollution Prevention Advisory Council and currently serves on advisory committees to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. She undertook Climate Project presenter training with Al Gore.

Morehead teaches Legislative Process and Lobbying at St. Edward's University and lectures on faith and public policy at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

An ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Morehead is a member of University Presbyterian Church, Austin.

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The Rev. Sam Brannon
Outreach and Engagement Specialist
Texas Impact

Brannon serves the Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy as Outreach and Engagement Specialist. Currently he directs the Water Captains Program. Brannon has travelled in Asia, the Middle East, some of the African continent, all over the United States, and some of Mexico. No stranger to the geographic sojourn, Brannon is happy to limit most of travels to Texas now so he can be at home with his family.

Brannon graduated in 1990 from IH Kempner High School in Sugar Land, Texas and joined the US Navy for 5 years thereafter. Once receiving an honorable discharge from the military, Brannon attended Texas State University, earning a BA in History. Sam graduated in 2005 from the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest in Austin, Texas.

Brannon was ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 2005. He has served Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, Sand Springs, Okla., Messiah Lutheran Church, Austin, and Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Columbus, Texas.

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The Rev. Erik K. J. Gronberg
Bishop
NT-NL Synod, ELCA

Bishop Erik K. J. Gronberg was elected by the Northern-Texas Northern Louisiana Synod/Mission Area in April of 2016. Prior to his election, he had served as Lead Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Worth since 2010. He was senior pastor of Dr. Martin Luther Church in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, from 2005 to 2010.

He graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 2005 with a Master of Divinity and was ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He is currently a PhD candidate (ABD) in Leadership Studies at Dallas Baptist University. His focus is on adaptive leadership in crisis.

Bishop Gronberg currently lives in Fort Worth with his wife, the Rev. Kendra Mohn (Lead Pastor, Trinity, Fort Worth), whom he met at Luther Seminary. They have three children: Annika, Greta, and Axel.

<https://ntnl.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Bishop-Erik-KJ-Gronberg-bio.pdf>