

Why an Interfaith Institute on Climate Change?

"Climate change makes us realize how dependent we are on the health of our planet. This is the core issue for the 21st century. All else – social justice, peace, prosperity, freedom – can't occur unless our planet is healthy. It is the unifying issue of our time."

– Sallie McFague, *A New Climate for Theology* (p. 15).

The Casagrande Institute For Interfaith Conversation

Dorothy and Harry Casagrande of Ozone Park, New York infused their family life, neighborhood, and workplaces with love, care and compassionate justice. Dorothy, a teacher, and Harry, an accountant, shared a common vision: they saw God in humanity. Tirelessly, they initiated endeavors for charitable giving to the health, education, and pastoral ministries of the Daughters of Wisdom. They died in Connecticut in 1998. Their generosity makes this annual program possible.

The logo for the Casagrande Institute expresses the verse from the Book of Proverbs of the Hebrew Scriptures: Wisdom has built her house; she has set up her seven pillars. (9,1) Wisdom's house is the cosmic community gathered by the Holy One. Her house is supported by the seven pillars of understanding, devotion, compassion, wisdom, mysticism, service and justice.



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The logo was designed by artist and calligrapher Elizabeth A. White-Pultz, of New York City, NY



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The 10th Casagrande Institute for Interfaith Conversation

OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 1, 2009

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**A CHANGE OF
CLIMATE**

Presenters



LYNN STODDARD – Environmental Analyst, CT Dept. of Environmental Protection; BA Bucknell University, MA, University of PA in Regional Planning.



MIRIAM THERESE MacGILLIS, OP – Co-founder, Genesis Farm, Blairstown, NJ; MA University of Notre Dame; former coordinator of Peace and Justice Education, Newark Archdiocese; coordinates programs exploring the work of Thomas Berry and the New Cosmology.



YAHYA MICHOT – Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, Hartford Seminary; editor, *The Muslim World* journal; former faculty member, Oxford University, UK; PhD in philosophy, Catholic University of Louvain.



LLOYD M. ELM – Associate Professor, Buffalo State College; MA and PhD, Pennsylvania State University; former Principal of American Indian Magnet Schools in MN and NY; member of the Onondaga Nation in the Iroquois Confederacy serving as a “Faithkeeper”.



ANDREA COHEN-KIENER – Director, Interreligious Eco-Justice Network; spiritual leader of Congregation Pnai Or of Central CT; teacher, rabbi and community organizer; author, *Conscious Community* and *Claiming Earth as Common Ground*.



MARIE CHIODO, DW – Facilitator and Designer of Group Processes.



OCTOBER 30–NOVEMBER 1, 2009

Friday, October 30

4:00-6:00 pm Registration
6:00 pm Dinner
7:15 pm Welcome

Miriam Therese MacGillis, OP
The Universe Story: a New Cosmology
Marie Chiodo, DW, *Facilitator*

Saturday, October 31

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Lloyd M. Elm.
Climate Change: An American Indian Perspective
10:30 am Andrea Cohen-Kiener
Climate Change: A Jewish Perspective
12:00 Lunch
2:00 pm Yahya Michot
Climate Change: A Muslim Perspective
3:30pm Conversations with presenters, Session 1
4:30pm Conversations with presenters, Session 2
5:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Miriam Therese MacGillis,OP
The Cosmic Walk

Sunday, November 1

8:00 Breakfast
9:15 am Lynn Stoddard
Climate Change: the State of the Question
10:45 am Panel
11:30 am Closing Prayer
11:45 am Lunch

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Please indicate 1st & 2nd choice

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