

Gospel Hope and the Climate Crisis: A Workshop for Preachers

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

St. Andrew's Church 3 Maple Street, Framingham, MA

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Climate change is called the moral challenge of our time, yet many preachers avoid preaching about it.

In this ecumenical, hands-on workshop we will:

- share the latest research on how to communicate about climate
- discuss the links between climate, poverty, and other justice issues
- receive theological and homiletic resources
- claim our prophetic voice
- learn how to preach vibrant, faith-filled sermons about climate change

New England Regional Environmental Ministries has organized this workshop to support

[“A New Awakening.”](#) an ecumenical season of prophetic climate witness
from October 4, 2015 (Feast Day of St. Francis) to February 7, 2016 (end of Epiphany).

The workshop is open to all Christian preachers, lay or ordained. Join bishops and denominational leaders and set your sights on preaching inspired sermons about climate justice.

To Register:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/gospel-hope-and-the-climate-crisis-a-workshop-for-preachers-tickets-18190022848>

Advance registration by October 15 is strongly recommended.

Cost: \$15.00 (includes lunch and all materials)

Students are free. No one will be turned away because of financial hardship.

Car-pooling is encouraged. Parking is limited.



From the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry,
The Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop-elect:

"I encourage my brother and sister preachers to attend 'Gospel Hope and the Climate Crisis: A Workshop for Preachers.' Before you go I invite you to read my favorite sermon about creation, which you'll find in [God's Trombones](#), by James Weldon Johnson. 'The Creation' begins: "I'm lonely – I'll make me a world." Let that poem inspire you. Let it into your soul. And then go to this conference and learn how to preach it!"

TAKE THE PLEDGE TO PREACH on climate change at least once during Creation Season (www.climatewitness.org). Let's strengthen our Christian response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor! We hope to see you on October 20th!

Sponsors include Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island Conferences of the United Church of Christ; Episcopal Dioceses of Massachusetts, Western Massachusetts, and Rhode Island; Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light; Rhode Island Interfaith Power & Light; and others. We are grateful for their support.