



WATER JUSTICE

MARCH 22-24, 2017 TRINITY INSTITUTE 2017

You're invited to attend Trinity Institute, an annual conference that takes place in New York City and at partner sites around the country via webcast, including at Grace Episcopal Church located at 555 Michigan Avenue in Holland.

Join the water justice movement! We'll develop a deeper appreciation for water as a sacred gift, gain a thorough understanding of the relationship between water justice and climate change, and learn what we can do about water issues of access, pollution, drought, and rising tides.

FEATURING:

Barbara Boxer



U.S. Senator (1993-2017) and Climate Change Activist

Winston Halapua



Archbishop of Polynesia and Aotearoa New Zealand, author, and dean

Katharine Hayhoe



Author, climate scientist and director of the Climate Science Center at Texas Tech University

Thabo Makgoba



Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa, past chair of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network

ALSO FEATURING: Christiana Peppard (Professor of Theology and Author of *Just Water*), Maude Barlow (*Blue Planet Project*), and others

DETAILS:

To register for Trinity Institute: There is no need to register.

WHERE: Grace Episcopal Church, 555 Michigan Avenue, Holland. (Downstairs)

WHEN: March 22-24, 2017 (see complete schedule on back) Attend as many sessions as you would like. Sessions will be "LIVE" HD broadcasts from Trinity Church in New York City.

COST: There is NO CHARGE for the attendee.

CONTACT: For more information, contact: Grace Episcopal Church 616-396-7459

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TRINITY INSTITUTE'S NATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE—including speaker bios, schedule, videos, and more—visit TI2017.org

Wednesday, March 22

Opening Worship

7:00pm

Celebrating the gift of water, with a sermon lifting up its spiritual significance—water is life!

Preacher: Winston Halapua, Archbishop of Polynesia

Keynote Address

8:00pm

Barbara Boxer, four-term U.S. Senator, a national leader on environmental protection and water justice, will frame the challenges we face in this moment in history and how we can join together to protect the most vulnerable, both people and planet.

Thursday, March 23

9:00am

Gathering in Song and Prayer led by Melanie DeMore

Session 1: “Water: Commons or Commodity?”

9:30am

The United Nations has declared water as a human right. Global markets regard it as a commodity. Can a fresh approach to market capitalism serve the common good, or does the world need a new and different system of exchange?

Opening Talk: Maude Barlow, international water justice advocate and best-selling author

Response: Christiana Peppard, theologian (Fordham University) and author

After introductory and response, a diverse group of storytellers from around their world will describe how they experience the water crisis in their contexts.

2:00pm

Gathering in Song and Prayer

Session 2: The Global and the Local

Speakers in Trinity Church, New York; and St. Paul’s Cathedral, London will address issues in those cities to model how communities can solve local problems in light of global realities.

2:30pm

Opening Talk: Kim Stanley Robinson – The award-winning, best-selling science fiction author’s forthcoming novel *New York 2140*, offers a vision of the future of New York City in the 22nd century, “a flooded, but vibrant metropolis” where inhabitants have adapted to sea-level rise caused by climate change.

Panel response – Those working on addressing how we can preserve New York from sea level rise and storm surge – the science, the politics, the cost.

Moderator: Catherine McVay Hughes, former Manhattan Community Board 1 Chair

Panelists: Bill Golden – New York/New Jersey Storm Surge Working Group; Siobhan Collins – Manager, Water Program, Ceres; Rob Freudenberg – Regional Plan Association (RPA)

Friday, March 24

9:00am

Gathering in Song and Prayer

Session 3: “What Churches Are Doing to Make a Difference”

Opening Talk: Archbishop Thabo Makgoba from St. George’s Cathedral, Capetown, South Africa

9:30am

A diverse, global group of presenters will relate stories about where faith communities are working to address the water issues presented thus far.

Dialogue and Q&A

Session 4: “Being Agents of Change”

This session will explore ways to make creative responses to the issues we’ve raised.

2:00pm

Opening Talk: Katharine Hayhoe, climate scientist (Texas Tech), author

Q&A

3:00pm

Break

Session 5: “What Can We Do Together?”

A representative group of emerging leaders in the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion will present initiatives they are implementing, invite others to join them, and offer resources for participants to develop and sustain ministries in their own contexts.

3:15pm