

## Agenda for National Faith and Climate Forum 2025

- **12:00 pm ET -- Opening Prayer + Welcome - Speaker(s):** Rev. Carol Devine, *Director, Blessed Tomorrow*; Senator Rev. Raphael Warnock, *U.S. Senator (D- GA)*
- **12:10 pm ET -- Opening Keynote** - Join us for a compelling opening keynote from a congregation profoundly impacted by the recent LA fires. **Speaker(s):** Rt. Rev. Francine A. Brookins, Esq., *Presiding Bishop 5th Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church*; Rev. Dr. Miriam Burnett, *Supervisor of Missions 5th Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church*
- **12:20 pm ET - Holding Space: Processing Eco-Grief Together** Here we offer a reflective space to honor our collective grief. **Speaker(s):** Rev. Scott Hardin-Nieri, *Co-Minister, Green Chalice, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*
- **12:30 pm ET**  
**Healing Creation: Restoring Sacred Connections** Reflect on our sacred relationship with creation through the story of the undamming of the Klamath River and the salmon who live there.
- **1:10 pm ET**  
**Break + Musical Interlude** - Enjoy a moment of reflection with music celebrating the divine energy of creation and hope.
- **1:20 pm ET - Faith in Justice: Solidarity with Vulnerable Communities** Champion climate justice by addressing the disproportionate impacts of climate disasters on vulnerable populations. **Speaker(s):** Rev. Heber Brown, *Executive Director The Black Church Food Security Network*; Sarah Flint, *Creation Care Fellow, St. Peter's Episcopal Church + Blessed Tomorrow Climate Ambassador*
- **2:00 pm ET - If God Were a Great Big Bear: A Reading with Paul Harbridge** Explore a child's imaginative journey through nature with author Paul Harbridge as he reads his rhythmic meditation on the divine in every element of creation.
- **2:10 pm ET - Guided by Hope: Uplifting Youth as Catalysts for Renewal** Young leaders are rising with clarity and purpose, showing us the path forward in addressing the urgent challenges of climate change. **Speaker(s):** Daniel Mitchell, *2024 Summer Justice and Creation Care Fellow, Green Chalice Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*; Lori Petrie, *2024 Ecojustice Fellow, The Episcopal Church*; Elizabeth Simpson-Falck, *Communications Associate, Diocese of California*
- **2:30 pm ET Break + Musical Interlude**
- **2:40 pm ET - Resilience in Action: Building Prepared Faith Communities** Explore how faith communities can prepare for and respond to climate disasters **Speaker(s):** Rev. Dr. John Frey, *Advisor, Green Chalice*; Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold, *Associate Director for Domestic Disaster Response, Week of Compassion*
- **3:20 pm ET - Strength in Unity: Partnering to Transform Communities - Discover** how to build collaborative networks with other congregations and organizations, amplifying local climate action.
- **4:00 pm ET - Break + Musical Interlude**
- **4:10 pm ET - Building Thriving Congregations: Foundations for Creation Care** - Lay the groundwork for impactful climate action by fostering a culture of environmental stewardship within your congregation. **Speaker(s):** Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin, *Chair, Rabbinical Assembly*; Kim Rahebi, PhD, *Student, Texas Christian University*; Sharee Wharton, *Director of Education + Community Engagement, Potomac UMC*

- **4:40 pm ET - Faith as Our Foundation: Stewarding Our Resources** - Explore how faith communities live out their faith and reduce costs and environmental impacts through energy efficiency. **Speakers:** Rabbi Seth Goldstein, *Rabbi, Temple Beth Hatfiloh*; Daniel Gottlieb, *Board Member/Buildings and Grounds Committee, Temple Shir Shalom*; Steve Vining, *Green Chalice Team Leader, Woodmont Christian Church*
- **5:20 pm ET**  
**Returning to the Source: A Collective Commitment to Climate Action** - Closing and reflection. Reflecting on the Klamath salmon's journey and the innate wisdom of creation.
- **5:30 pm ET**  
**Closing Song** - Sing along to 'One Home One Future Hymn,' celebrating our shared commitment to building a thriving and just future for all. This closing song serves as a powerful reminder of the unity and purpose that drive our climate action.