Ecology, Economy and Ethics: Mobilizing for a Just Transition
Union Theological Seminary
Wednesday, September 16, 2015

9:00 am - Opening Session:

10:00 am Religions for the Earth: The Road to Paris
Description: A look back at the year since our Religions for the Earth gathering at Union in 2014; a look ahead to the Pope’s visit and COP21.

10:00 am – Panel Discussion:
11:30 am Climate, Culture, and the New U.N. Development Agenda
Description: An examination/discussion about the transformation of our legal, economic, and cultural structures to mitigate climate change and respond effectively to the social and environmental challenges – growing social inequities, biodiversity loss, etc. – that are part and parcel of the root causes of climate disruption and injustice. How well does the U.N. Post 2015 Development Agenda advance this transformation through its sustainable development goals, and new financing and government mechanisms?

12:00 pm - Lunch Discussion:
1:30 pm The Encyclical and Energy Ethics

1:45 pm - Divest & Reinvest Workshop
3:45 pm
Description: A symposium addressing the role of religious institutions and communities in fossil fuel divestment and clean energy and sustainable community investment.

1:45 pm Overview of the Divest/Reinvest Movement in Faith Communities
2:00 pm Making Divestment and Reinvestment Real
3:30 pm Frontiers in Reinvestment

4:00 pm - Panel Discussion:
5:30 pm Earth Ethics: In Solidarity with Grassroots Activism for Ecojustice
Description: What are effective ways of taking action to protect poor communities from toxic waste, preserve Native American sacred places, and stop fossil fuel development.
Confirmed Speakers:
Donnel Baird, BlocPower
Kara Ball, ecoAmerica
Eddie Bautista, NYC Environmental Justice Alliance
Erin Lothes Biviano, College of St. Elizabeth
Rudemar Bueno de Faria, World Council of Churches
Rick Clugston, Center for Earth Ethics
Tim DeChristopher, Climate Activist
Ellen Dorsey, Wallace Global Fund
Catherine Flowers, Center for Earth Ethics
Michael Gerrard, The Earth Institute
Al Gore, Climate Reality Project
Karenna Gore, Center for Earth Ethics
Henrik Grape, Church of Sweden
Fletcher Harper, GreenFaith
Lyla June Johnston, Center for Earth Ethics
Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary
Bevis Longstreth, Former SEC Commissioner
Betty Lyons, American Indian Law Alliance
Oren Lyons, Onondaga Nation
John W. O'Shaughnessy, Franciscan Sisters of Mary
D. Swaminadhan, Sri Ramanuja Mission Trust
Anders Thorendal, Church of Sweden
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology
Mirian Vilela, Earth Charter International
Archbishop Anders Wejryd (ret.), Church of Sweden
Elizabeth Yeampierre, UPROSE