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Christianity and Climate Change: Understanding the Range of Responses

Featured speaker: Dr. Janel Curry, Professor of Geography and holder of the Byker Chair in Christian Perspectives on Political, Social, and Economic Thought, Calvin College



Since Lynn White's famous article (1967) on the relationship between Christianity and ecological destruction, many environmental activists have accused this faith community of inaction (or worse, actions that are ecologically destructive), when it comes to environmental protection and health. However, recent concerns over climate change have led several scientific and environmental organizations to begin to build bridges with the range of Christian traditions—mainline Protestant, evangelical, and Roman Catholic—recognizing that all must be part of the solution to global climate change. This talk helps get beyond the stereotypes of the relationship between Christians and the environment. A framework is presented for comparing Christian traditions in terms of their attitudes toward environmental issues and policies, along with a discussion of the implications for climate change policy.

Saturday, 20 November 2010, at 3:00 pm.

Location: Hostetter Chapel Sanctuary, Messiah College, Grantham, PA. Directions and a campus map are at <http://www.messiah.edu/visitors/direction.html>.

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