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Bishop Charleston is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. He was born and raised in that state in a family that has had a long history of service in the Christian Native American community.

A Sacred Trust

**A Fall Forum on
Religion and the
Environment**



Tuesday, October 29, 2002

4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

At: First Baptist Church,
90 North Main Street,
West Hartford, CT

**Presented by Hartford Seminary
and
The Interreligious Eco-Justice
Network**



NETWORK

PROGRAM

- 4:00 P.M. — REGISTRATION
4:15 P.M. — WORKSHOPS
5:30 P.M. — FREE TIME FOR VIEWING DISPLAYS
5:45 P.M. — GROUP DISCUSSIONS
6:30 P.M. — DINNER
7:15 P.M. — PLENARY SESSION
8:00 P.M. — LITURGY AND REFLECTION

COST: \$20; STUDENTS 18 YEARS OLD AND UNDER, \$15

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WORKSHOPS:

A) Healing the Coyotes

Presenters: Owen Owens, co-chair of the Religious Campaign for Forest Conservation, and John Cook, a Navajo spiritual leader who introduces people to Navajo teachings about balance, order, humans fitting into nature and restoration of loving family relationships.

Dr. Owens and Cook will use learnings from the Navajo Coyoteway Blessingway Ceremony to demonstrate how people can unravel the knots that bind them in unbalance and violence, and move toward the true path to long life happiness.

B) You Have the Power

Moderator: Lynn Fulkerson, chair, Committee on the Environment for the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, and co-chair of the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network

Save money. Save energy. Save the planet. Use renewables. A panel of experts will explore this important initiative.

C) Greening Your Congregation

Presenters: The Rev. Tom Carr, pastor, First Baptist Church, West Hartford, and co-chair of the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network, and Rabbi Andrea Cohen-Kiener, Congregation Pnai Or of Central Connecticut

Using the “Greening Congregations Handbook” and other resources, these religious leaders will identify practical ways for congregations to live faithful and sustainable lives.

D) Farming — Our Food Supply

Presenter: Michael T. Keilty, a farmer and farm educator who runs Maple Spring Farms in Morris, a diversified farm raising livestock, produce, and herbs for culinary and medicinal uses.

A slide narrative examining environmental and human health issues of bio-diversity, soil and farm health, food safety and local agriculture.

E) Working for Environmental Justice in Urban Connecticut

Presenter: Dr. Mark Mitchell, Mitchell Health Consultants, who is president of the Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice.

Dr. Mitchell will address current environmental issues impacting the health and well-being of our urban communities.

F) Affecting Public Policy on Global Climate Change

Presenters: Brooke Suter, Connecticut Director of Clean Water Action, and Martha Phillips, Consultant and Advisor to Americans for Equitable Climate

How can you work to combat our changing climate? This workshop will present the issues surrounding global climate change and offer ways that people, both individually and as groups, can take action locally, in Connecticut and nationally.