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(Forum on Religion and the Environment)

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Sister Miriam Therese MacGillis

Sister Miriam Therese MacGillis is a member of the Dominican Sister of Caldwell, New Jersey, and lives and works at Genesis Farm, which she co-founded in 1980. Since then, she has helped develop the farm as an ecological learning center and a large community-supported garden. The unfolding scientific and spiritual understandings of the universe articulated by Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme, among others, form the basis of the learning center. Genesis Farm seeks to make this univers story accessible as a trasformative story wich evokes deep awe in those who hear it and leads them towards a more reverent and sustainable way of living in the world. Presently more than 250 families are shareholders, receiving produce in exchanged for their economic support of the farm.

Sister MacGillis is an articulte advocate of a new cosmology, a vision of humans in dynamic and life-sustaining relationship with earth, with community and with the divine. She is an impassioned proponent of “Creation Cosmology”, a theology that presents a loving, living picutre of the universe –which is appealing acrosss denominational lines. She proposes a “deep ecology” which is not simply about recycling or supporting conservation groups – she invites us to see ourselves as a living part of a living cosmos, alive with love and connection. Her message is timely and timeless, spirited and inclusive.

A SACRED TRUST A FALL FORUM ON RELIGION AND THE ENVIRONMENT



Tuesday, September 30, 2003

4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

At: St. Patrick's-St. Anthony's Church
285 Church Street
Hartford, CT

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

PROGRAM

- 4:00 P.M. — REGISTRATION
4:30 P.M. — MESSAGE FROM
SISTER MIRIAM THERESE
MACGILLIS
6:00 P.M. — DINNER AND FREE TIME FOR
VIEWING DISPLAYS
7:00 P.M. — BREAKOUT GROUPS
8:00 P.M. — REPORTING: BREAKOUT
GROUPS AND CLOSING
MEDITATION

COST: \$25; STUDENTS 18 YEARS OLD AND
UNDER, \$20

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FROM THE CHURCH



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Sister Miriam Therese MacGillis, the keynote speaker for this forum, is an articulate advocate of a new cosmology, a vision of humans in dynamic and life-sustaining relationship with earth, with community and with the divine. Following her presentation, we will have ten facilitated breakout groups, each focusing on a different interest area. Each group will be asked to ponder "How does it look to live this theology? How would our lives be transformed if they truly reflected this cosmology?" Break out groups will report back to the larger gathering.

The sessions and their facilitators are:

Preaching

The Rev. Tom Carr, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Hartford, and co-chair of the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network and The Rev. Norman MacLeod, pastor of Christ Church, Guilford.

Buildings

Douglas Disbrow, an architect with Fletcher-Thompson, Inc., Bridgeport, and chairman of the Connecticut Green Building Council. He is a specialist in environmental design.

Congregational Life

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

Food Systems

Michael Kielty, a farmer and farm educator who runs Maple Spring Farms in Morris and teaches at the University of Connecticut.

Community Gardening

Donna Gordon, community gardening coordinator for the Knox Parks Foundation, Hartford.

Energy Systems

Brooke Suter, Connecticut director, Clean Water Action and a collaborator with SmartPower on the "20% by 2010" Campaign.

Urban Justice

Sharon Lewis, Hartford Environmental Justice Network project director.

Transportation

Sandra Fry, principal transportation planner, Capitol Region Council of Governments. She coordinates the Bike to Work program for the capitol region.

Youth Education

Mindy Shilansky, chair of the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network Youth Initiative program and a Christian educator at First Baptist Church of West Hartford and David Blumenkrantz, founding director of the Center for the Advancement of Youth, Family and Community Service, Glastonbury.

Life Styles

Kathryn Jesch, coordinator of the Unitarian Universalist national program on environment living, the Green Sanctuary Program.