

Canberra Region Uniting Church Social Justice Network

invites you to a forum on



Climate Change—making informed choices

Exploring an ethical Christian response to climate change

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Dr John Williams on the relationship between science and theology, and various response options to climate change including carbon credits/taxation, carbon capture/storage, alternative energy sources.
- Bishop George Browning on the ethical/theological issues surrounding the challenge of climate change.
- Live performance from *'The Gifts of the Furies'* that seeks "to answer those frightening questions which burn in an increasing multitude of human hearts and minds as the Earth warms." (Glenda Cloughley).
- An open Panel discussion exploring an ethical Christian response to climate change, including the choice between an emissions trading scheme or carbon tax.



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Saturday 4 September 2010
10.00am—3.00pm
Canberra City Uniting Church

\$15.00 including lunch and breaks
\$10.00 for students and concessions

TO REGISTER call 62574600
or email office@canberracityuca.org.au
before Wednesday 1st September

Free underground parking available



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KEY CONTRIBUTORS:

Dr John Williams – former Chief of the Division of Land & Water, CSIRO, Commissioner of Natural Resources in NSW, and a member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists. John, a committed member of the Uniting Church, has undertaken formal higher education in theology. John said: *“The reality is climate change is signalling the profound impact we are having on God’s creation and is therefore calling us to respond in new ways as God’s people.”*

Bishop George Browning - Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn until retirement in 2008, George has been outspoken on social justice issues. Since 2005 George has convened the International Anglican Communion’s Environment Network, and is currently researching a thesis on sustainability. George believes *“Climate Change is the great moral issue of our time because it is exacerbated most by the life style of the affluent and impacts both upon the lives of the poor and upon future generations whose choices are in consequence diminished... This is especially a matter of conscience to people of faith and, while matters of personal morality dominate Christian discourse, it is this issue that should be given most urgent attention by the prophetic voices of the Church”*.

Glenda Cloughley & ‘The Gifts of the Furies’ - part of a new story song opus presented by a Citizens’ Chorus of men and women singers and Storyteller. Based on the ancient story of "The Oresteia", this Canberra-grown work tells what happens when power and hubris set the "mortal law of cities and people" above the "immortal law of earth and sky".

Rev Rex Graham – Social Justice Consultant, Synod of NSW & the ACT.

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