

SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 9, 2013

- 8:30** Gather, check in, enjoy organic, Fair Trade coffee and homemade muffins
- 9:00** Welcome, opening reflection and ritual
- 9:20** Keynote address Part I followed by group work, Duane Ninneman
- 10:30** Break
- 10:45** Keynote address, Part II
- 12:00** Lunch: a deliciously simple, local and sustainable meal
- 1:00** Q &A with keynote speaker.
- 1:15** Climate Change Panel - Stories of response, adaptation and hopefulness
- 2:15- 2:30** Q & A with panelists
- 2:30-2:40** Break
- 2:45 -3:15** Table conversations, sharing and harvest
- 3:45-4:00** Closing ritual and door prizes!


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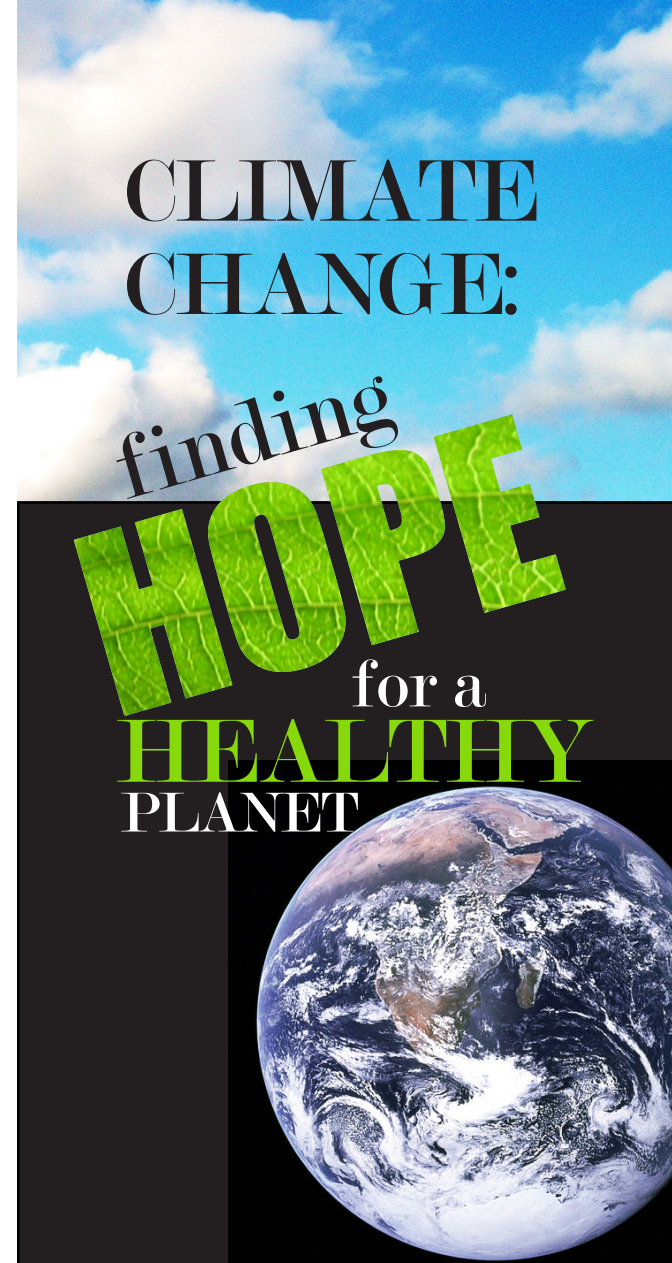
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CLIMATE CHANGE: finding HOPE for a HEALTHY PLANET

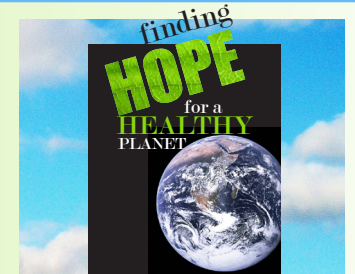

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8th ANNUAL
EARTH CONFERENCE

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CLIMATE CHANGE:



Climate Change: no matter how fervently the naysayers deny it and cling to an unsustainable economic reality, a drastic human-made change in climate is upon us. Rising temperatures, shrinking ice caps, depleting coastlines ... there seems to be no end to the crisis.

The time for action is now! We need to move past disbelief, apathy, and the fears holding back ecological balance and recognize climate change for the moral issue that it is. We as individuals are connected with all creation on Earth. Where do our morals and ethics come into play in climate change?

In this conference we will delve into the science and get to the heart of the moral issues surrounding climate change. We will focus on how we can move ourselves further than simply changing a light bulb or shopping with reusable bags.

Climate change is happening.

*We will come together
in a spirit of positive energy
to answer the questions,*

“What kind of life will I live?”

What kind of life will we live together?”

REGISTRATION



Due by November 5, 2013

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____
CEUs Yes ☐

Note Early Bird Discount!

Registrations postmarked

BEFORE October 28, pay \$30 (\$15 students)

ON or AFTER October 28, pay \$45 (\$15 students)

**Fair Trade Coffee
and locally grown lunch included.**

work exchange or scholarships available

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Duane Ninneman

Duane Ninneman is a thought leader in the climate movement in the Midwest. He is



an educator, organizer, public speaker and policy advisor who believes that the climate movement needs to grow deeper roots with people to be effective. Duane believes that everyday activists must

be engaged at all levels on a regular basis in a strategy that encourages new leaders, new relationships, and a new climate story that is values-based, deeply moral, and just.

After earning a BA from St. Olaf College, Ninneman worked as a seasonal bee breeder, published a small town newspaper, and owned and operated a small construction company. His energies were soon taken up with social change efforts. He currently serves as the Senior Director and Climate and Energy Director at Clean Up the River Environment (CURE) in Montevideo, Minnesota. He and his wife Maureen live at Borrowed Farm, a sixteen acre reclaimed farmstead which is nurtured chemical free for food, friends, fauna and flora.

CLIMATE CHANGE PANEL

Monika Antonelli, Founding Member

Transition Mankato – An Associate Professor and Librarian at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Monika co-edited the book *Greening Libraries* which was selected business book winner in the 2013 Green Book Festival. She received her Permaculture Certification in 2005. Monika currently serves on the Environmental Committee at MSU, Mankato.

Rob Bergh, DNR Energy Coordinator

Over the last thirty years, Rob has promoted the mission of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which works with citizens to conserve and manage the state's natural resources, to provide recreation opportunities and to provide for commercial uses of natural resources in a way that creates a sustainable quality of life.

Rob designs, manages and supervises the strategies and organization to make the DNR missions come alive. His accomplishments were recently recognized for a Minnesota Environmental Initiative Award in the Energy and Climate category.

J. Drake Hamilton, Science Policy

Director for Fresh Energy – Fresh Energy works for a future where energy production and transportation stimulate local economies and create clean energy jobs. J.'s responsibilities include scientific analysis, policy development, and advocacy of clean energy solutions to climate change. J was awarded an international leaders fellowship from the European Union. She used that award to study climate policy solutions. She serves on the Board of Directors of the U.S. Climate Action Network.

