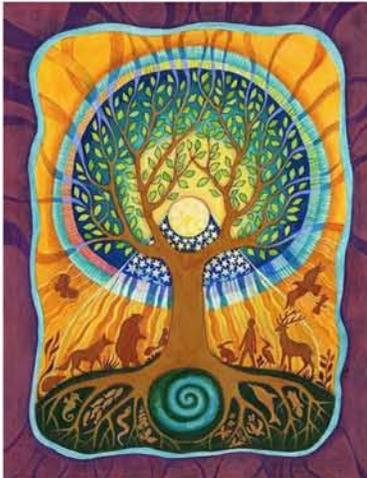


Edgewood College Department of Religious Studies  
and Churches' Center for Land & People  
invite you to *Study, Contemplation & Action:*



Responding to Pope Francis' Encyclical  
***Laudato Si' – On Care for  
Our Common Home  
& Sustainable Agriculture  
in Wisconsin***

**Sunday, September 27, 2015**

1:30 to 6:00 PM, Anderson Auditorium, Predolin Hall, Edgewood College  
1000 Edgewood College Dr., Madison, WI

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**Contemplative Prayer** – Songs, readings, and silence celebrating the interconnectedness of all things.

**Panel Presentation** – Responses to the science, economics, spirituality, and practicalities of the encyclical by:



**Calvin DeWitt, Ph.D.**  
Emeritus Professor of Environmental Studies,  
UW-Madison



**Eric Anglada**, Coordinator of Ecological  
Programming at Sinsinawa Mound, Founder of  
New Hope Catholic Worker Farm in LaMotte, IA



**Sr. Miriam Brown, O.P.**  
Sinsinawa Dominican, Spiritual Companion,  
Editor of *Sustaining Heart in the Heartland:  
Exploring Rural Spirituality*



**Kevin Biller, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor of Economics,  
Edgewood College

**Follow-Up Sessions** – with each of the panelists.

**Sustainable Living Fair** – Network and take action with local efforts and organizations while enjoying fresh apples and specialty cheeses produced locally and sustainably.

All are welcome!

Donations (payable to **Edgewood College Religious Studies**) are invited to help defray the costs of this event.

For more information, please contact Carolyn Kennedy at [fffnetworkdirector@gmail.com](mailto:fffnetworkdirector@gmail.com) or call (608) 712-6142



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***Edgewood College and the Churches' Center for Land & People Plan a Conversation on Pope Francis' Letter Regarding Environmental Stewardship***

“*Laudato Si: On Care of Our Common Home & Sustainable Agriculture in Wisconsin*” will be held Sunday, September 27, 1:30 to 6 PM in Anderson Auditorium, Predolin Hall, Edgewood College. Panelists will include environmentalist Calvin DeWitt, Sister Miriam Brown, Eric Anglada of the New Hope Catholic Worker Farm, and Edgewood economics professor Kevin Biller. The speakers will lead break-out sessions after the panel concludes. An exhibit hall will feature representatives from local non-profits and environmental groups. There will be a reception with the opportunity to try locally grown food.

The event is a project of the Edgewood College Religious Studies Department and the Churches' Center for Land and People, with support from the Wisconsin Council of Churches and other community organizations. It was inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical and its message of care for creation and justice for the poor has generated widespread excitement and hope among people of faith everywhere. In fact, it is explicitly addressed to “every person living on the planet”, urging a cooperative approach to reducing pollution and fostering environmental balance.

Professor John Leonard, chair of the Edgewood Religious Studies department said, “The Dominican way is to engage in study, contemplation, and action in the context of community. We hope this event will inspire people to make some concrete changes in their lives. Environmental stewardship is an act of love.” Leonard continued, “The Holy Father has made connections among over-consumption, spiritual hunger, and harm to creation. He inspires us to show our love for each other by caring for the world we share.”

Carolyn Kennedy, the director of the Churches' Center for Land and People, who is Protestant, said, “This will be an exciting conversation about an exciting document. We don't all have to be the same to recognize that we are in this together. We have a common responsibility to care for Creation and for the most vulnerable among us.” She said, “I know that leaders in my denomination, the United Church of Christ, are encouraging us to pay attention to the encyclical. It's a beautiful letter.”

Peter Bakken, Coordinator for Public Policy, Wisconsin Council of Churches; and Coordinator, Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light, a faith-based environmental group, said, “I'm looking forward to the panel discussions and the breakout sessions. It will be interesting to hear a multifaceted dialogue.”

Leonard was particularly pleased with the diverse panel. “We want to make connections among science, theology, economics, and agriculture. So many times we hear that we have to sacrifice economic stability if we want a clean environment. We can find ways to live well and live lightly.”

Professor Emeritus Calvin DeWitt, from the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, often speaks on scientific issues from a faith perspective. He recently spoke in Milan at a symposium on “Food, Faith, and the Environment”.

Sister Miriam Brown is a member of the Sinsinawa Dominican Community and a spiritual director at the Siena Retreat Center in Racine. She was a co-founder and first director of the Churches' Center for Land and People. She has devoted much of her ministry to environmental justice issues.

Eric Anglada is the founder of New Hope Agronomic University is a Catholic Worker project which teaches sustainability, community living, and environmental stewardship on an organic farm. He is the new director of environmental programming at Sinsinawa Mound.

Professor Kevin Biller is the chair of the Economics Department at Edgewood College. His focus areas include labor issues, the environment, health care, and international trade. Biller will discuss the economic impacts of sustainable agriculture and implementing some of the ideas in Laudato Si.

Anyone who wants more information about the event, or would like to set up an informational table, should contact Carolyn Kennedy at [fffnetworkdirector@gmail.com](mailto:fffnetworkdirector@gmail.com) or call (608) 712-6142.