



THE CALL TO CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME: Community Conversation for Lasting Change

2 - 4:30 PM on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015
at Virginia's Natural Bridge Park and Historic Hotel
In the renovated Washington Hall

PURPOSE

- Awaken collective wisdom and engage in collaborative action
- Examine environmental problems from the perspective of “being” as well as “doing”
- Build on common ground: explore shared values and promote understanding
- Increase collaboration: work together to confront common problems

GOALS

- Generate awareness and educate
- Foster productive discussion
- Develop actionable steps
- Establish networks for further discussion and action

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In the recently released Encyclical on ecology, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis makes an impassioned appeal for our planet, suggesting that humanity needs “reconciliation with creation” and to create a “culture of care.”

What this means to us as individuals, members of a community, and global citizens warrants further exploration. A model for engaging in a dialogue about societal issues, Community Conversations bring people together with diverse perspectives to solve problems. Let's explore what we can do to heal our planet and ourselves!

The Common Home Community Conversation, hosted by the Virginia Conservation Legacy Fund, will be co-led by Dr. Eileen Crist, Associate Professor at Virginia Tech's Department of Science and Technology in Society, and Dr. H. Bruce Rinker, Executive Director of the Valley Conservation Council.

The event is free and open to the public. Space is limited. Please register by October 27 at NaturalBridgeVa.com. You can find the Encyclical free online at NaturalBridgeVA.com/event/conversation

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