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Presenters



The Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas – Margaret is an Episcopal priest and a long-time climate activist. She is Missioner for Creation Care of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts and a leader in faith-based organizing around the Climate Crisis. We came to appreciate Margaret's expertise when we invited her to the West Coast for a ten-day tour during which she conducted a series of workshops and retreats in the dioceses of Los Angeles and El Camino Real. Subsequently we based a study group on the excellent book she co-edited, "Rooted and Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis."

Session 5: How Are We Called to Be Public Advocates for Climate Health?



The Rev. Mike Eggleston—Mike pastored seven United Methodist Churches in California and Arizona before retiring to Los Osos. He worships both at Trinity UMC in Los Osos and at St Benedict's Episcopal Church where he is a member of the Earthcare Team. With a life-long love and respect for nature, he is a docent at Montana De Oro State Park, a member of People of Faith for Justice of San Luis Obispo County, and is presently working to help start an Ecological Civilization group on California's Central Coast.

Session 4: What Can We Do as a Congregation?



The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall – Caro is Rector (senior Pastor) of St. Benedict's. She loves to preach, teach and lead worship. One of her passions is helping people, who feel excluded from the Christian faith community because their beliefs don't fit the traditional mold, to realize that Christianity is a lot bigger and broader than they thought and that God's abundant love is available to everyone.

Session 2: How Do Christians See Creation? How We See God Shapes Our Actions. Session 4: What Can We Do as a Congregation?



John Horsley, Ph.D. -- John is a long-time member of St. Benedict's. He earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from Oxford University in England. His career spans decades as a chemist in industry and as a professor. John brings his love of God and understanding of science to our climate efforts.

Session 1: What Is Climate Change and What Are Its Consequences?

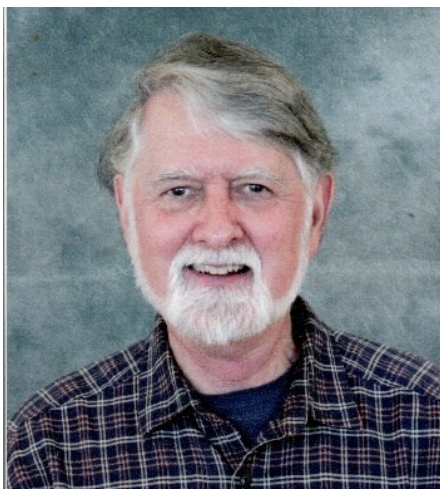
Session 3: [What Is a Christian to Do About Climate Change?](#)



Don Maruska, MBA, JD, Master Certified Coach – Don's experience in public advocacy began in the 1960s with the civil rights movement and in the 1970s as a legislative assistant in the U.S. Senate. After a career as a Silicon Valley entrepreneur, he turned to coaching others and climate action. Don's learned from experience how very important personal actions and voices like yours are to gain policies that steward creation. He is the author of the upcoming book, "Climate Health Today—How You Can Have Fun Taking Action."

Session 3: What Is a Christian to Do About Climate Change?

Session 5: How Are We Called to Be Public Advocates for Climate Health?



The Rev. Barry Turner – Barry glories in the presence of God through all of creation with a special interest in the intersection of science and theology. After retiring as rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in San Luis Obispo, California, he now serves as an Associate Priest at St. Benedict's.

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Additional Contributors



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Bob Pelfrey – Bob taught in the Art department at Cuesta Community College for more than thirty years. Now retired, he has exhibited his dream-based art in local galleries and has also led a “dreams and spirituality” group at St. Benedict's. He contributed importantly to the design and content of the sessions and the glossary of key terms.



The Rev. Robyn Provis -- Rev. Dr. Robyn Provis is an ELCA pastor, writer, editor, and communication coach living on the California Central Coast. She's also a mom, grandmother, spiritual activist and slave to a two-year-old ShihTzu dog and elderly cat.