

FAITH LEADERSHIP IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

A CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE FOR FAITH LEADERS

Series Overview:

As we are increasingly experiencing the impacts of climate change and becoming aware of the threat it carries for human and planetary wellbeing, this new context for ministry brings new challenges for faith leaders and ministers. Once its urgency is understood, it results in new priorities and actions. It raises significant theological and ethical questions. It calls for leadership and preaching that help congregations rise to their calling to care for creation. It involves new forms of pastoral care for those experiencing climate anxiety and grief. It also requires new forms of ministry and missional engagement that are relevant to the needs of this unique time in history. It involves recognizing that faith leaders and congregations can be important in helping to build the spiritual and public will needed to enact the impactful solutions for climate change that are available. And it invites us to a deeper spirituality that is equal to the challenges of this day.

📅 Second and fourth Tuesdays, September - November 2025

🕒 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

📍 Virtual

💰 Free



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Dr. Leigh Stearns
September 9

Climate Change as Ministry's Context: Basic science of climate change, climate solutions, and urgency of action.



Rev. Dr. Leah Schade
October 28

Pastoral leadership in the context of climate change: Preaching, teaching, leading worship, talking about climate change, and dealing with conflict.



Rev. Dr. Greg Hunt
September 23

Eco-theological Grounding: Biblical, theological, and ethical perspectives on climate change and creation care.



Josh Richardson
November 11

Ministry opportunities in the context of climate change: Building church and community resiliency, advocacy, climate justice, and mercy ministries for those affected by climate change.



Dr. Rachel Wheeler
October 14

Eco-spirituality: Nurturing spirituality and faith practices in the context of climate change.



Rev. Dr. Ruth Rosell
November 25

Pastoral care in the context of climate change: Caring for those experiencing anxiety, grief, guilt, and hopelessness related to climate change.

READY TO REGISTER?

This continuing education series for faith leaders is designed to explore these many dimensions of faith leadership in the context of climate change. Each session will include an hour of content presentation and half an hour for discussion. There will be no fee for participants, as a Climate Science in Theological Education grant will cover all costs. However, participants are asked to make a commitment to attending all six sessions in hopes that a cohort of support will be developed. A certificate of completion for nine hours of continuing education from Central Seminary will be available for those that participate in all sessions. Register here:

www.cbts.edu/buttry

