

# About the Conference

God's Earth: Too Big to Fail? An Eco-Justice Conversation Among Faith, Science & Culture is the 2011 Presbyterians for Earth Care National Conference.

Explore the wonders of God's creation in the Rocky Mountains through worship, workshops, field trips, dialogue, fellowship, and Sabbath.

Presbyterians for Earth Care is a member-based, grassroots, 501c3 non-profit organization operating primarily alongside the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) but also in ecumenical circles.

For over fifteen years, PEC has helped the church to fulfill its current environmental policies, to create new environmentally responsible policies and practices, and to equip and educate Presbyterians about earth care ministry.



# For More Information

Visit the conference website at:  
[toobigtoofail.wordpress.com](http://toobigtoofail.wordpress.com)  
for leader bios, workshop options, transportation, and many other things to know before you go!

This event will be held at Highlands Camp & Retreat Center which is in Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado near the base of Mount Meeker.



It is important to note there is no cell phone signal at Highlands, but a landline phone and wireless internet are available for guests.

To learn more about this beautiful PC(USA) Camp & Retreat Center, including directions and housing details, visit [www.highlandscamp.org](http://www.highlandscamp.org)



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An Eco-Justice Conversation among Faith, Science & Culture

August 31 - September 3  
Highlands Camp and Retreat Center, Allenspark, Colorado

# Leadership

## Plenary and Worship Leaders



Dr. William P. Brown  
Conference Plenary  
Moderator and  
Worship Leader



Teyvn East  
Conference Creative  
Artist



Dr. Tyrone B. Hayes  
Conference Plenary  
Presenter



Dr. Marcia Ishii-  
Eiteman  
Conference Plenary  
Presenter



Dr. John E. Ikerd  
Conference Plenary  
Presenter



Carolyn Raffensperger  
M.A., J.D.  
Conference Plenary  
Presenter



Dr. Holmes Rolston  
Conference Plenary  
Presenter



Rev. Stacy Smith  
Conference Music  
Leader



Rev. Ashley-Anne  
Masters  
Conference  
Coordinator

## Workshop Leaders

**Andrew Kang Bartlett**  
Presbyterian Hunger Program

**George Beck**  
Bioagricultural Scientist

**Gary Beil**  
Minnesota Crop Improvement Association

**Teyvn East**  
The Affording Hope Project

**Marcia Ishii-Eiteman** - PANNA

**Tyrone Hayes**  
Biologist and Herpetologist

**Jenny Holmes** - PEC Moderator

**Katie Holmes**  
Environmental Ministries Office PC (USA)

**John Ikerd**  
Agricultural Economist

**Bill Somplatsky-Jarman**  
Peace, Compassion and Justice Office PC (USA)

**Celia Kiewit** - Algalita Marine  
Research

**Jane Laping** - PEC

**Tom Pakurar** - Hands Across the Lake

**Carolyn Raffensperger**  
Science & Environmental Health Network

**Peter Sawtell** - Eco-Justice Ministries

**Diane Waddell** - PEC Vice-Moderator

# Schedule

## Wednesday August 31

Pre-Conference Field Trips (optional)  
4pm-5:30pm Check-in & Registration  
5:45pm Highlands Orientation  
6pm Dinner  
7pm Opening Gathering & Worship  
8:30pm-10pm Optional Activities & Fellowship

## Thursday September 1

7:30am-8am Yoga (Optional)  
8:15am-9am Breakfast  
9am Gathering & Announcements  
9:10am Leaps & Bounds Performance  
10:45am Break  
11am-12:30pm Workshop I  
12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch  
1:30pm-3pm Workshop II  
3pm-6pm Sabbath and Optional Activities  
6pm-7pm Dinner  
7pm-8pm Plenary I  
8pm-8:30pm Worship  
8:30pm-10pm Optional Activities & Fellowship

## Friday September 2

7:30am-8am Yoga (Optional)  
8:15am-9am Breakfast  
9am Gathering & Announcements  
9:15am Worship  
9:45am-10:45am Plenary II  
10:45am-11am Break  
11am-12:30pm Workshop III  
12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch  
1:30pm-3pm Workshop IV  
(or Field Trip; See Workshop Options Category)  
3pm-6pm Sabbath and Optional Activities  
6pm-7pm Dinner  
7pm-8pm Plenary III  
8pm-8:30pm Worship  
8:30pm-10pm Optional Activities & Fellowship

## Saturday September 3

7:30am-8am Yoga (Optional)  
8:15am-9am Breakfast  
9am-12pm Worshipful Work & Closing Celebration  
12pm Lunch & Departures

# Registration Info

Ready to Register? You may create a login name and password on the Highlands site to see more details prior to committing to attend/selecting payment options. Go to [highlandscamp.org](http://highlandscamp.org), click "Retreats & Conferences," and choose the "Conferences" option.

## Costs of Registration, Housing, & Meals:

Retreat Center Triple/Quad	\$359.50
Dorm Cabin	\$340.50
Rustic Cabin	\$315.50
Tent Adult	\$300.50
Commuter (Excludes Housing)	\$238.00

*Please note costs increase by \$25 on August 1.  
Registration concludes August 15.*

## PEC Pre-Conference Trips

This year, those who arrive early for the Presbyterians for Earth Care Conference will have an opportunity to visit three world class environmental laboratories:

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory  
in Golden, Colorado

The National Center for Atmospheric Research  
in Boulder, Colorado

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration, Boulder Laboratories

*Cost is \$60 per participant, including transportation, guided tours and the box lunch. This trip is limited to the first twenty participants, with a waiting list. Reservations will be accepted until August 10, 2011. For additional information including housing options, transportation, site details, and registration please visit the "Pre-Conference Field Trips" tab on the conference blog.*