



WATERJUSTICE

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March 22-24

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Water is a gift. Water is life. As water crises increase, access to safe and clean drinking water decreases. Faith communities worldwide can help.

Schedule

Wednesday, March 22

- 7:00pm **Opening Worship.** Celebrating the gift of water, with a sermon lifting up its spiritual significance—water is life! Preacher: Winston Halapua, Archbishop of Polynesia
- 8:00pm **Keynote Address.** Barbara Boxer, four-term U.S. Senator, will frame the challenges we face and how we can join together to protect the most vulnerable, both people and planet. Q&A

Thursday, March 23

- 7:45am Registration, Coffee and Tea
- 9:00am Gathering in Song and Prayer led by Melanie DeMore
- 9:30am **Session 1: "Water: Commons or Commodity?"** The United Nations has declared water as a human right. Global markets regard it as a commodity. Can a fresh approach to market capitalism serve the common good, or does the world need a new and different system of exchange? Opening Talk: Maude Barlow, international water justice advocate and best-selling author. Response: Christiana Peppard, theologian (Fordham University) and author. After introductory and response, a diverse group of storytellers from around their world will describe how they experience the water crisis in their contexts.
- 11:00am Break
- 11:30am Reflection Group Meeting or Film to be announced
- 12:45pm Lunch (bring your own or order from \$10 menu options on arrival each day)
- 2:00pm Gathering in Song and Prayer
- 2:30pm **Session 2: The Global and the Local.** Speakers in Trinity Church, New York; and St. Paul's Cathedral, London will address issues in those cities to model how communities can solve local problems in light of global realities. Opening Talk: Kim Stanley Robinson – offers a vision of the future of New York City in the 22nd century, "a flooded, but vibrant metropolis" where inhabitants have adapted to sea-level rise caused by climate change. Panel response – Those working on addressing how we can preserve New York from sea level rise and storm surge – the science, the politics, the cost. Moderator: Catherine McVay Hughes, former Manhattan Community Board 1 Chair. Panelists: Bill Golden – New York/New Jersey Storm Surge Working Group; Siobhan Collins – Manager, Water Program, Ceres; Rob Freudenberg – Regional Plan Association (RPA)
- 4:00pm Break
- 4:15-5:00pm Reflection Group Discussion

Friday, March 24

- 8:00am Registration, Coffee and Tea
- 9:00am Gathering in Song and Prayer
- 9:30am **Session 3: "What Churches Are Doing to Make a Difference".** Opening Talk: Archbishop Thabo Makgoba from St. George's Cathedral, Capetown, South Africa. A diverse, global group of presenters will relate stories about where faith communities are working to address the water issues presented thus far. Dialogue and Q&A.
- 11:00am Break
- 11:30am Reflection Group Meeting or Film to be announced
- 12:45pm Lunch (bring your own or order from \$10 menu options on arrival each day)
- 2:00pm **Session 4: "Being Agents of Change".** This session will explore ways to make creative responses to the issues we've raised. Opening Talk: Katharine Hayhoe, climate scientist (Texas Tech), author. Q&A
- 3:00pm Break
- 3:15pm **Session 5: "What Can We Do Together?"** A representative group of emerging leaders in the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion will present initiatives they are implementing, invite others to join them, and offer resources for participants to develop and sustain ministries in their own contexts.
- 5:00pm Conclusion and adjourn