

Orange Congregational Church

205 Meeting House Lane, Orange CT 06477

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Presents - "A Green Symposium"

Saturday, March 17th from 3:00 to 9:00pm

Registration begins at 2:30pm

Cost: \$20 (dinner included)

Please call the church at 203-795-9749 to register by March 7th.

Come listen to three speakers on how to live in community with the world around you. Come hear how you can be an agent of change in your community. Come hear about organic, sustainable gardening for yourself and about how this can help reduce hunger around the world. Come hear how you can navigate and be empowered through these changing times.

Guest Speakers:



Michael Harris from Earth Charter – He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Jordan Energy Institute in 1984 with a bachelor of Renewable Energy Engineering Technology. He worked in the engineering, contracting and public utility realms for 20 years before starting Harris Management Services, LLC, a sustainability consulting firm dedicated to strengthening the link between individual wellness and growth, and the cultural transformation from the dominant empire paradigm to something that author David Korten calls Earth Community. He earned a Professional Engineering license in 1994 and continues to provide consulting services to the global carbon offset and energy efficiency trading markets. He is the President of the Earth Charter Community of the Lower Valley, Inc. (ECCoLoV), a 501c3 non-profit organized under the principles of the Earth Charter, and the Interim Executive Director and founder of the ECCoLoV Earth Wellness Center in Deep River, Connecticut. He has an MBA from the University of Connecticut and is a Certified Emotional Clearing Facilitator.



David Maier – Continuing his more than 50 years of growing organic small fruits and vegetables described in his 2002 published book, *A Zillion Worms*, he feeds his wife and himself and receives contributions of more than \$1000/year for ECHO from the "excess" harvesting offered at coffee hours to the members of his Orange Congregational Church. He and his wife (of 63 yrs) have served as volunteer for over 20 years in leading the winter tours of the demonstration farm at the headquarters of "Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization" in North Fort Myers, FL. ECHO provides training, technical information, free trial packets of 400 underutilized food plants, and networking among 4000 missionaries and development workers in more than 180 countries around the world.



Jim Garrison – He serves as President of Wisdom University, a graduate school providing Masters and Doctoral degrees in the world wisdom traditions. The University has a refined pedagogy that combines deep intellectual work with creative artistic expression. University courses are offered worldwide and are designed to catalyze what Plato called the "enlargement of the soul." Garrison also serves as President of the State of the World Forum, a San Francisco based non-profit institution created to establish a global network of leaders dedicated to creating a more sustainable global civilization. With President Gorbachev as its Convening Chairman, the Forum convenes leaders from around the world and a spectrum of disciplines to its annual and regional conferences; creates action-oriented strategic initiatives, and has catalyzed the creation of several independent organizations. Jim Garrison was born in China of Baptist missionary parents and grew up in Taiwan. After returning to the US, he began college at Pepperdine University (1969-70), attended the University of Tel Aviv in 1972, and received a B.A. magna cum laude in World History from the Santa Clara University (1973). He then received a double M.T.S. in Christology and History of Religion from Harvard Divinity School (1975); and a Ph.D. in Philosophical Theology from Cambridge University (1982).

Schedule for the day:

3:00 – 4:00 PM Michael Harris from Earth Charter

"Awakening the Dreamer is a worldwide initiative that has inspired thousands of people to realize their tremendous potential as agents of change. Our workshops equip you to take on the challenges and opportunities of this moment in history, make a positive impact on your community, and live a fulfilling a life." (Awakeningthedreamer.org)

4:15 - 5:15 PM David Maier's presentation of the Florida-based "ECHO"

"ECHO's Mission is to equip people with resources and skills to reduce hunger and improve the lives of the poor. ECHO's Vision is to honor God through sustainable hunger solutions." (<http://www.echonet.org>).

5:30 - 6:30 PM Dinner - with choices of corned beef, cabbage and veggies or Black Bean soup for vegetarians.

7:00 – 9:00 PM Jim Garrison's presentation: "Navigating through Turbulence"

Navigating through turbulence requires a specific understanding of the world. This session will explore five ways in which people can be empowered by what is happening:

- Be Aware of Context
- Form Resilient Community
- Learn the Language of Mother Nature
- Plan Strategically
- Hold a Positive Vision of the Future