

Environmental Forum on Climate Change

Sponsored by the Environmental Action Committee of Village Church

Saturday, March 9, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Forum begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.
Gathering and Registration begin at 9:10 a.m.
Break at 10:30 a.m. (Snacks and drinks provided)

**Village Presbyterian Church — Room 228 (Friendship Hall East)
6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208**

This Forum will be a *moderated panel discussion* with panelists who represent and articulate differing perspectives on climate change — moral, social, theological, economic, environmental and national security. They will give opening and closing statements and respond to questions in between.

Panelists

Kristin Riott,
Executive Director
of Bridging the Gap

Dennis Murphey,
Chief Environmental Officer
of KC, MO

Dr. Chris King,
Dean of the US Army
Command and General Staff
College at Ft Leavenworth

Dr. Glen Miles,
Senior Minister of Country
Club Christian Church, KC, MO

Moderator

Dr. Cynthia Holder Rich,
Executive Pastor for Ministry
at Village Church

This Forum is being offered under the auspices of Village University. **There is NO CHARGE.** To register or ask questions, contact Marianne Weber in the Adult Ministry Office, 913.671.2333 or marianne.weber@villagepres.org.



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The Purpose

The purpose of this Forum is to seek common ground and to move folks beyond “groupspeak” toward a better understanding of the increasingly critical issue of climate change. Our intent is to answer questions from those who have doubts or want reliable and up-to-date information. Our hope is to move people along the continuum from denial to awareness to hope to action — so that they will respond faithfully to “the fierce urgency of now” by discovering ways to slow, stop, and reverse the effects of Climate Change on all God’s People and all God’s Creation.

We want to inform and to inspire.

Panelists

Kristin Riott: Executive Director of Bridging the Gap in KC, MO; an Al Gore Climate Change presenter; and a Village Church member who collaborated with Rev. Tom Are, Jr. to pass out 1500 CFLs on Palm Sunday 2007. Prior to her environmental work, Kristin enjoyed a 20-year career at Hallmark Cards, concluding with the leadership of the writing and editorial division.

Dennis Murphey: Chief Environmental Officer of KC, MO, since 2006 who is in charge of developing the city’s Climate Protection Plan; former Administrator of the Chemical Demilitarization Program at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. He received an MS in biochemistry from Oklahoma State University and a BS degree in chemistry from Oklahoma City University.

Dr. Chris King: Retired Brigadier General, currently serving as Dean of the US Army Command and General Staff College at Ft Leavenworth. He has represented the US on an international military advisory council dealing with security and climate change and was invited to deliver technical sessions at the Copenhagen Climate Summit in 2009. On Earth Day last April, he presented a class at St. Paul’s UMC in Lenexa titled “The Impact That Climate Change, Water Scarcity, and Other Related Environmental Issues Will Have on National Security/International Stability.”

Dr. Glen Miles: Senior Minister of Country Club Christian Church, KC, MO, who preached three environmental sermons in September 2009 that were influenced and inspired by *The Green Bible*. In 2011 and 2012, he served as Board Chair of the Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition.

Moderator

Dr. Cynthia Holder Rich: Executive Pastor for Ministry at Village Church and a self-described “passionate” environmentalist. Asking questions and fielding questions from the audience, she will facilitate a thoughtful and respectful conversation about this divisive issue.