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## Seminary supports forum on climate justice and Indigenous allyship

WATERLOO – The Centre for Public Ethics at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary is supporting a daylong forum designed to help faith groups combat climate change by allying with Indigenous groups. The event, taking place in Wilfrid Laurier University’s Senate and Board Chamber on **June 11**, is dubbed **Climate Justice & Indigenous Allyship: What does it mean? How do we get there?**

**John Milloy**, co-director of the Centre for Public Ethics, said part of the centre’s work is to promote the participation of faith groups in the public square.

“People of faith have important contributions to make to the betterment of civil society,” said Milloy, who will also serve as a panellist during the forum. “In supporting this event, I hope that we can encourage people of faith, and their communities, to build relationships with our Indigenous neighbours in an effort to be good stewards of creation.”

The event is being organized by Divest Waterloo, Faith & the Common Good, Sacred Water Circle, and the Green Awakening Network. The forum is also supported by the Justice & Reconciliation Fund of the United Church of Canada.

**Laura Hamilton**, an event organizer and member of Divest Waterloo, says that the harnessing of energy, environmental protection and Indigenous rights are inextricably linked.

“We want to offer a learning opportunity with a positive focus on solutions,” said Hamilton. “Our goal is to create a safe space for difficult conversations about allyship and meaningful climate action.”

Featured speakers include: Myeengun Henry, elder, speaking on the struggle of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation against Line 9; Byron Williston, associate professor in Laurier’s Philosophy department, speaking on climate justice and the demands of justice; and Kelly Laurila and Dorinda Kruger Allen, of Mino Ode Kwewak N’gamowak (Good Hearted Women Singers), speaking on the hard work involved in reconciliation and building effective partnerships.

In addition to Milloy, panellists include Mardi Tindal, former moderator of the United Church of Canada; John Dillon; Leah Gazan; Lindsay Gray; Melissa Ireland; Sheri Longboat; Dorothy Taylor; and Interfaith Grand River.

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## **Climate Justice & Indigenous Allyship: What does it mean? How do we get there?**

**When:** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Saturday, June 11, 2016

**Where:** Senate and Board Chamber, Wilfrid Laurier University, 75 University Ave. W., Waterloo

**Cost:** \$35, or pay what you can.

**To register:** <http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/faith-the-common-good-greening-sacred-spaces/events/climate-justice-indigenous-allyship/>

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