



You are invited to attend our next

Elder Exchange

A monthly Academic Forum Discussing Issues
of Christian Faith & Life

“Caring for God’s Creation: Anabaptists and Climate Change”

Doug Graber Neufeld, Harrisonburg, VA
Wednesday, December 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Detwiler Auditorium, VMRC

The Format: A thoughtful presentation will be shared, followed by two invited responders and then open group dialogue, to discern its resonance with vibrant Christian faith.

Synopsis: There is a scientific consensus that climate change is real, is caused by humans, and will have serious impacts. None-the-less, there is little motivation in the general public for either personal or political action to address this issue. Although Anabaptists communities traditionally have a close relationship to the land, attitudes and practices on climate issues generally reflect those of the general public. This talk will explore what current research tells us about what determines our responses to the threat of climate change, with a focus on how theology intersects with science and social science disciplines in forming a Mennonite understanding of creation care.

Speaker Biography: Doug Graber Neufeld is Director of the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions (a collaborative effort of EMU, Goshen College, and MCC), and Professor of Biology at EMU. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Texas, Austin, and works with environmental issues both locally and in international contexts. Doug lives in Harrisonburg with his wife and two sons, Alex and Evan, with whom he enjoys many nights of camping in beautiful Appalachia.



Responders: Wayne Teel, Professor of Geographic Science, JMU
Calvin Redekop, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Conrad
Grebel College, Park Village resident, VMRC

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