



**Forum on Faith and a Sustainable Economy  
Commission on Justice and Peace, The Canadian Council of Churches  
May 12 2009 - Ottawa**

**Program**

8:15 Arrivals, Clear Security

8:30 Enjoy Coffee, Tea and Fruit

9:00 Welcome, and Opening Prayer

9:15 **Community and Policy Panel: Community, Canadian and Global Economic Update**

**Moderator: Kathy Vandergrift, Christian Reformed Church in North America**

*Bob Watts, Chief Executive Officer, Assembly of First Nations*

*John Dillon, Program Coordinator, Global Economic Justice, KAIROS*

*Graham Saul, Climate Action Network*

*Judy Whiteduck, Director, Economic Partnerships, Assembly of First Nations*

– Break –

11:00 **Theology Panel: Faith and a Sustainable Economy**

**Moderator: Grant Effer, The Salvation Army, Canada**

*Roy Berkenbosch, theologian, Director Micah Centre, Kings' University College Edmonton*

*Keith Helmuth, theologian/economist, contributor new Quaker book on Moral Economy*

*Darlene O'Leary, Ph.D., theologian specializing in ethics and economics*

11:45 Plenary Questions

– Lunch Line –

12:30 **Lunchtime MP roundtable**

Co hosted by The Canadian Council of Churches and The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada

**Moderators: Mike Hogeterp, Vice-chair CJP; Don Hutchinson, Office of Public Life, EFC**

*Yves Lessard, Bloc Québécois*

*Rick Dykstra, Conservative Party of Canada*

*Hon Carolyn Bennett, Liberal Party of Canada*

*Peter Julian, New Democratic Party of Canada*

1:30	<b>Brief Promotional Spotlight</b> (by invitation only)
1:35	<p><b>Church Panel</b>  <b>Moderator: Joy Kennedy, Chair, Commission on Justice and Peace</b>  <i>Bishop Mark McDonald, National Indigenous Anglican Bishop</i>  <i>Marion Parry, Vice-President, The Canadian Council of Churches</i>  <i>John Jillions, Dean, Annunciation Orthodox Cathedral, Orthodox Church of America</i></p> <p>Brief Comments by Panellists followed by Small Group Dialogue</p> <p style="text-align: center;">– Break –</p> <p>Panel Presentations &amp; Plenary Dialogue.</p>
4:30	Closing Comments and Prayer
5:00	<b>Adjournment</b>

<b>Forum Context</b>	
<p>Faith and a Sustainable Economy is the main program area of the Commission on Justice and Peace of The Canadian Council of Churches. This forum is designed to provide a firm policy and community analysis along with theological reflection on the three-fold crisis of poverty in Canada, the global economic recession, and the environment/ecology challenge.</p> <p>Some theological entry points are whether the economy is for humankind or if humankind is made for the economy. What does it profit a man, if he should gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? In a policy context, what is the scale of the crises Canada is facing, and in response to them how do we focus on the dignity of the human person and creation? We also recognize that traditional communities in Canada bring a different and helpful perspective to these challenges that may point out a helpful way forward.</p> <p>What particular gifts do churches bring, and what strategies can churches support that will contribute to the common good and a sustainable future? We need our leaders to be aware of some essential questions on the deep meaning of human endeavors, and we need some concrete steps to the future.</p>	
<b>Invitees</b>	
<p>This Forum is designed for members of the Commission on Justice and Peace, their invited guests, government officials, and invited representatives from the faith, social justice and academic communities.</p>	