

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST @ 7-8:30pm — COMMUNITY FORUM FOR THE HEART & MIND -- at First Universalist Church of Denver (4101 E. Hampden Avenue, Denver, CO 80222 – NE corner of Hampden Ave. & Colorado Blvd.) in sanctuary. **“Earth Day**

Commemoration: Divest from the Old Way and

Re-Invest in the New Way”. Prior to the Community

Forum, you are invited to join the Earth Day Vegetarian potluck dinner from 5:30-6:30pm.

The Community Forum will be a panel discussion consisting of people representing a variety of perspectives about how we can move *from old ways* of corporate agriculture, Wall Street financing and investing, fossil fuel based lifestyles and *toward new ways* of local food, local economics, local investing, alternative energy, and more. Ample opportunity will be provided for questions from all attendees. Anticipated panelists include:

****Alec Tsoucatos, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor, Economics and Business, Regis University and Metro State University.** Alec Tsoucatos was born in Alexandria , Egypt on December 6 1941 (a day before Pearl Harbor) of Greek parents. Alexandria then was a cosmopolitan city that embraced English, French, Italian, Greek, Jewish and Arab communities. Alec went to an English school for his primary education and in Athens to a Greek school for Junior and Senior high school. He came to the University of California, Berkeley 50 years ago exactly and received a Bachelors and Master degree in Economics. He received his PhD under Kenneth Boulding in 1978. He now teaches Economics at Regis University and Metro State University of Economics as an Adjunct Professor. He is particularly interested in the next form of Economic Organization once the present one withers away, as all systems must eventually!

****Dr. Jonathan F. Ormes** is a Research Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Denver. Before coming to Denver (2004), he was the Director of Space Sciences at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center. He has a PhD in physics from the University of Minnesota (1967) and a BS from Stanford University. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society. His most recent research involved in studies of high-energy cosmic gamma rays, and antimatter and electrons in cosmic rays. Recently he has turned his attention to issues involved in human stewardship of the planet including climate change and population.

Cat Jaffee, Re-Vision Communications Director. From growing up on farms in Colorado, Cat has pursued food justice and sustainable agriculture across the planet. Her love of wild lands and people driven solutions has led her to Japan as a Luce Scholar; to Turkey as a Fulbright Scholar; and to walk sections of the Silk Road as a National Geographic Young Explorer. Before joining Re:Vision as Communications Director, Cat helped to build the divestiture movement as a communications associate at 350.org. Prior endeavors include founding a community-run honey tasting trekking company on the Turkish/Armenian border called Balyolu and working at the Aspen Institute, the Asian Rural Institute,

Ashoka: Innovators for the Public, and Principium. In her spare time, Cat can be found in the Colorado backcountry with her dog Maya, or volunteering for public radio. She is a graduate of Wellesley College.

Tom Abood immigrated from Nebraska back in 1974 to attend the University of Denver College of Law and has practiced business transactional law in Colorado since 1977. On a transformational journey, he has divested his money from Wall Street, has transitioned from fossil fuels by installing a 10Kw rooftop solar PV system, rides his bike and uses public transportation as a priority, drives a plug in Volt when necessary, is passionate about supporting local food and economy and has converted his entire yard to a no grass, permaculture, edible foods landscape. He is a co-founder of Local Matters LLC in Denver and a member of Colorado Food Investments, LLC in Boulder, two of the four investment clubs in Colorado inspired by Slow Money. He is also an active investor in Investors Circle and RSF Social Finance committed to high social and environmental impact investments where planet and people returns are just as important as financial returns.

Milt Hetrick, a member of First Universalist since 1976, received his bachelors degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from the Ohio State University and a Master of Science in Physics from the University of Denver. After a career in aerospace engineering and energy technology, he retired in 2010 to learn how to live more sustainably by creating a personal plan for total divestment from fossil energy. By divesting in Wall Street and reinvesting locally, he was able to transition his home away from fossil fuel by adding a rooftop solar PV system for all his electrical power needs, by replacing the natural gas furnace with a geothermal / ground source heat pump for heating /cooling and by trading in his old Volvo for a plug-in hybrid (Chevy Volt) he can drive 10,000 miles a year using energy from the Sun. Milt is the author of "Living without Fire-just the Sun and Earth" that documents how he has lived comfortably for the past three years without buying /burning fossil fuels.