

GLOBAL WARMING: CHANGING CO₂URSE

A FIVE – WEEK DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR THE WORKPLACE, FAITH CENTER, OR HOME

“We are no longer passive victims of the climate system’s slow oscillations; we are now, as a collective, atmospheric engineers.”

- Alan AtKisson

GOALS:

- ◆ To explore personal values and habits as they relate to climate change.
- ◆ To understand the history and science of global warming.
- ◆ To empower individuals to take action to curb global warming.



SESSION THEMES

OFF COURSE: Communities around the world are experiencing the effects of global warming. This session explores personal responses to climate change and why society has been slow to respond.

COLLISION COURSE: To better understand the complexities of global warming, this session breaks down the history and science of global climate change, and identifies our participation in this ecological crisis.

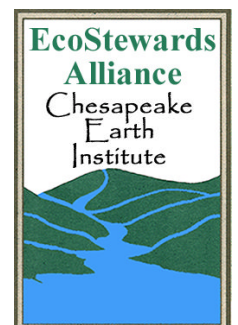
CHANGING COURSE: Although global warming is a daunting issue, there are accessible and significant actions we can all take. This session explores new strategies for addressing climate change and considers personal action to mitigate the effects of global warming.

SETTING A NEW COURSE: What will it take to create a sustainable future? Explore our individual and collective power to shape an effective response to climate change, enabling future generations to meet their needs.

For more information on how to start a course in your community, please contact Maureen Becker at MaureenESA@Gmail.com or visit the EcoStewards Alliance web site at www.ecostewardsalliance.org.

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*Awakening our selves,
aligning with nature,
one choice at a time*



Reading List for Global Warming CO₂URSE

I. Off Course

- *Global Warming Twenty Years Later* by Dr. James Hansen
- *A Storm of Denial* by Paul Rogat Loeb
- *Global Warming Tipping Point* by Michael Bloch
- *Global Warming Feedback Loops* by Madeline Ostrander
- *It's the End of the World as We Know It* by Daniel Gilbert
- *How to Be a Climate Hero* by Audrey Schulman
- Carbon Footprint Exercise

II. Collision Course

- *The Right War* by Ban Ki-Moon
- *Sea Change* by Julia Whitty and Robert Knoth
- *The Climate Divide* by Andrew C. Revkin
- *Global Warming Hastens Spring's Arrival* by Seth Borenstein
- *Breaking the Boundaries of Life* by Gary Braasch
- *Facing a Threat to Farming and Food Supply* by Rick Weiss
- Excerpt from *The Climate of Man III* by Elizabeth Kolbert
- Session 2 Action Plan: Immediate Actions

III. Changing Course

- *Why Bother?* by Michael Pollan
- *Is Local Always Better?* by Tess Taylor
- *My Low-Carbon Diet* by Seth Zuckerman
- *Are We Ready to Track Carbon Footprints?* by John Tierney
- *Brother, can you spare a carbon credit?* by Rebecca Tuhus-Dubrow
- *Where Have All the Joiners Gone?* by Bill McKibben
- Session 3 Action Plan: Further Actions

IV. Setting a New Course

- *Beating the Heat* by Matt Sutkoski
- Excerpt from *Soul of a Citizen* by Paul Rogat Loeb
- *Mayors Stand Up* by Madeline Ostrander
- *The Green-Collar Solution* by Thomas L. Friedman
- *This postman always thinks green* by Max Christern
- *The Politics of Limits* by Ted Nordhaus and Michael Shellenberger
- Excerpt from Al Gore's *Nobel Lecture*
- Session 4 Action Plan: Organizational

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