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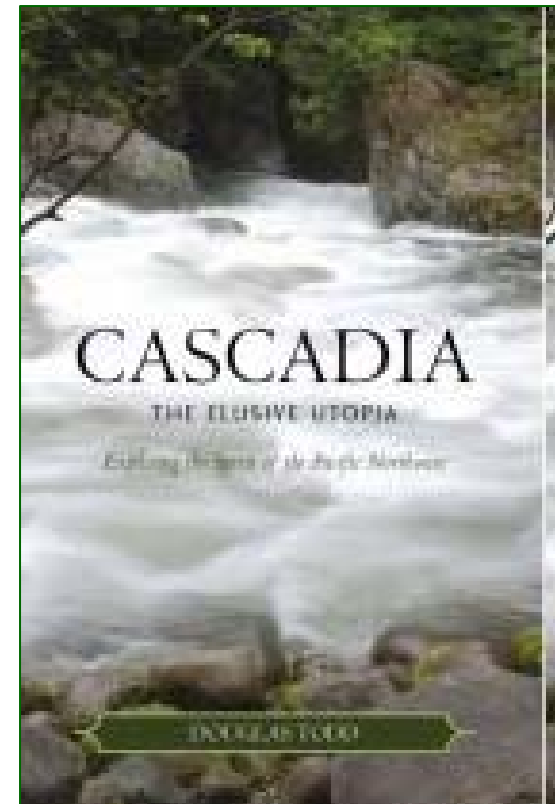
Rev. Ken Gray



Cascadia

Cascadia is the greenest part of the wealthiest civilization ever to inhabit the Earth. If we cannot reconcile our way of life with this bountiful place, it probably can't be done. But if we can, we may set an example for the world

Alan Durning, Seattle's Sightline Institute





Welcome to my world

A new Cascadian civil religion would include a way of thinking and acting that underscores the beauty and intrinsic value of nature as well as our inexorable dependence on it. It would situate human beings in an **appropriate stance toward the world**: gratitude for the wonder of living on this beautiful planet, and care for its fragile, deteriorating creatures and systems.”

- **Sallie McFague**, Vancouver School of Theology



ACC and challenges

- Culpable participation in cultural genocide through historical participation in Aboriginal Residential Schools
- Effects of schism arising from sexuality discussions
- Dominance of neo-liberal politics and economics – a Petro-State



Be it resolved that this General Synod (2010)

Join with other faith communities and secular groups to press the Government of Canada to adopt a comprehensive climate action plan with firm targets for greenhouse gas emissions

Encourage dioceses and parishes to incorporate concerns about the care of creation more fully into regular liturgies

Encourage dioceses and parishes to join with other faith communities and secular groups in researching and providing information on the climate crisis to members of their own communities;



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Encourage dioceses to work with the “Greening Anglican Spaces” project group of the Partners in Mission and Ecojustice Committee to **estimate and place their data in a national database, to consider professional audits, and to participate in a measurable and authoritative monitoring process.**



Greening Anglican Spaces

Calculate your Annual Carbon Footprint and Contribute an Offset
Donate to a Greening Sacred Spaces Project and Receive a Charitable Receipt

Using this Calculator

- Begin by filling in the basic information. Different provinces generate electricity in different ways and vary in climate, so your place of residence helps determine your emissions.
- You may calculate your annual greenhouse gas emissions as an individual or as a household.
- You may calculate and offset your emissions in one category only, or for your total emissions (far right column).
- If you are unsure how to respond to a given question, use the default values provided. An average value will then be used. All values calculated in terms of CO2 equivalents.

Basic Information
 Complete this section first.
 Choose your Province:
 (Select your province) [dropdown]
 Calculate for people
 Note: Calculations for cars, transit, and flights are personal. Home and food are multiplied by the number of persons above.

About our Carbon Offsets
 Greening Sacred Spaces uses offset funds to help green buildings of different faith communities through alternative energy, energy efficiency, and related eco-projects. Unlike most offsets, ours are not a purchase per se, but rather a donation. You contribute to support greening projects and we issue a charitable receipt. This in turn helps us to reduce CO2 emissions by the equivalent of about one tonne per \$20.
 Faith & the Common Good receives your donation via the CanadaHelps.org website. You may designate your offset for a particular faith community or give to the general offset fund. Charitable receipts are issued instantly online - please print the receipt immediately for future reference.

Air Travel
 Last year, how many non-stop flight legs have you flown (of each length)?
 flights of hours
 flights of hours
 flights of hours

Cars & Transit
 Each year, how far (km) do you travel by each of the following?
 by SUV or Truck
 by van/large car
 by mid-size car

Home
 Home size: bedrooms
 Shared by: people
 Type: (Select home) [dropdown]
 Heating type: (Select) [dropdown]
 Zero-emission electricity?

Food
 I eat a diet that includes...
 Lots of meat (beef, pork)
 Some meat (poultry)
 Low meat, some dairy
 Dairy & eggs only
 No meat, dairy, or eggs
 I purchase organic food...

Totals

Category	Value
Air Travel	1.6
Cars/Transit	1.4
Food	1.2





Good Friday and Earth Day

Liturgical resources for Earth Day 2011 (Good Friday) April 22, 2011, is Good Friday as well as Earth Day. The Greening Anglican Spaces Task Group has assembled a [Good Friday Earth Day Reflection](#), a [Good Friday Liturgical Resource](#) designed to be interpolated into the *Book of Alternative Services* Good Friday rite



Alberta Tar Sands

- For some, our economic future
- For some, a total embarrassment
- Specific concerns around carbon footprints, affect on local First Nations
- For all, the foundation of our national economy
- A huge investment in traditional, fossil fuel extraction-based industry and dependence



More on Tar

- Huge federal and provincial subsidies and revenues
- Huge employer of Canadians
- Subject of massive PR campaigns (James Cameron et. Al.)
- Significant pushback from (amongst others) KAIROS Canada and PWRDF



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Got oil?

Credit:

Introduction

Have you Got Oil?

We now know that BP grossly underestimated the risks in the Gulf, with devastating consequences. Are oil companies doing the same with climate change? Ask your pension provider to question oil companies about their risky business and make sure your money is used to move them beyond oil.

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If you are a member of a pension scheme, it is very likely that money is invested in your

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On the floor – with support

At a time of growing international consensus regarding the need to regulate and price GHG emissions there is a risk of significant costs arising from future projects. It involves a method of oil production that is among the most energy and carbon intensive of any used in the oil industry producing on average 3 times the GHG emissions of conventional production



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Bright Spots

- Primate Fred Hiltz, a growing public role
- Numerous Diocesan initiatives including Enviroaction in the Dioceses of Huron, Ottawa and recently Nova Scotia and PEI
- All volunteer based
- Some youth energy – Gray family example



Cameron and Hannah





STOP COAL

Wilderness Committee dot CA (ACNS)

Canadian environmental group, The Wilderness Committee is calling on Anglicans, and members of all faith-based communities, to take a stand against the globally destructive practice of coal mining.

The group is asking for an immediate moratorium on new coal mining projects, and the phasing out of existing coalmining projects by 2050. Cam Gray, a coordinator for the Wilderness Committee said,

"The proposed Raven Coal Project would have devastating ecological, social and economic impacts. Over its 16 year lifespan, the mining operations would emit over 52 million tonnes of climate-change causing greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere, and would have devastating impacts on local groundwater supplies.



My own contributions

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grayintheforest

Stop Coal.mp4

katakanadian

136 videos

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Uploaded by katakanadian on Jan 26, 2011

Public action calling for the phasing out of coal mining in BC. This is

1 likes, 0 dislikes

Suggestions

- Cell Isolation - Compare**
by cellcollabon
64,630 views
Promoted Video
- Environmental Issues Surrounding Quinsam Coal**
by ANewsVanIsland
457 views
- Galactic Federation Of Light Sheldon Nidle Marc...**
by Korsuroon
8,658 views
- Global Warming - A Scientific and Biblical Expo...**
by TheMedien
520 views
- Global Warming: The Greatest Scientific Fraud o...**
by PoeticHeretic90
97 views
- Global Coal Showreel**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZPtHxyKS4A>



Ecumenical Conference on Mining – Toronto, Canada





From the FINAL TEXT

Those who came from beyond Canada's shores encountered its resource-based economy. We met in Toronto, Canada, as this country is home to 75 per cent of the world's mining and mineral exploration companies, and Canadian stock exchanges raise 40 per cent of all mineral exploration capital worldwide.

Mining activities in the global South, as well as in Canada, raise critical ethical issues of social justice and respect for God's Creation that are matters of concern for all people of faith the world over. Some speakers pointed to the role of Canadian companies that take advantage of, exacerbate or provoke conflict in contexts of weak democracies.



We have heard this elsewhere and we need to hear it everywhere

Many participants spoke of a crisis in the relationship between human beings and the environment. New commitment to peaceful struggle for social and ecological justice is required



Sabbath in Canada?

- A potentially poignant image for Canadians today
- A unique language?
- A matter of Vocation (Williams)
- A hard sell – like most other things which are worthwhile