



North American Gathering 2009 – Schedule and Highlights

Thank you for your interest in this summer's bi-annual NWEI gathering!

Check-in begins on Friday June 19th at 4pm, with informal welcome activities and networking until dinner at 7pm. We will have programming through Monday morning, with check-out at 12pm (you are welcome to leave Sunday evening if this works better for you). Do stay longer and enjoy the Pacific Northwest! We will have lists of recommended activities in Portland and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, if you would like to spend more time in the area before or after the retreat. Thank you for joining us!

Program Highlights of the Weekend Include:

- ✚ Shelley Green, of Arkansas Earth Institute, on **“Networking with a Purpose”**
- ✚ Tobey Fitch, of Fitch Associates, on **How to Bring NWEI’s Work and Cultural Change to the Wider Society through Effective Messages and Communication**
- ✚ Judy Alexander on **Community Organizing How-to’s**
- ✚ Joanna Macy inspired workshop with Barbara Ford, who will discuss **“Ground and Grace: Tools for Spiritual Activism”**
- ✚ **“We’re All In” Panel Discussion**, featuring Barbara Ford—Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth, Alysa Rose—Rejuvenation Inc., Scott Dawson—Dean of PSU Business School, and Rex Burkholder—Portland Metro Councilor, on how every segment of society is working together to bring about a sustainable future – and what we can do to strengthen the trends
- ✚ **Break-out sessions on how to bring sustainability work to every segment of society** in order to affect the changes we wish to see
- ✚ **Workshops on How to Simplify our Lives, NWEI’s newest course on creating a Sustainable Workplace, Grant Writing How-to’s, and much more...**

“The NWEI North American Gathering gave me strategies (specific and concrete) on how to use my current networks for building infrastructure around sustainability efforts. I have a stronger sense of my own influence and ability to impact others. I left with ideas for furthering sustainability in my community. Most importantly, I feel a deeper sense of connection to this work...”
-Past Gathering Participant

We look forward to a time of renewal and shared learning in community as we continue our work for Earth!