

**"Disrupting Environmental Degradation"**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL JUSTICE TOUR OF NEW ORLEANS**  
**WITH FOLLOW-UP PANEL**

Sponsored by the Environmental Ethics and Theology Interest Group  
 Co-Conveners: Dawn M. Nothwehr, OSF, Ph.D. and J. Andy Smith III

**Tour:** You are cordially invited to participate in our preconvention tour of New Orleans. The tour is designed to provide members with an overview of some of the central social justice and environmental justice issues that are linked to the post-Hurricane Katrina / Gulf Oil Spill recovery efforts in New Orleans. The tour will take place Thursday, January 6, 2011, departing from the Astor Crown Plaza Hotel at Bourbon & Canal Streets, 1:00 p.m. and returning at 5:00 p.m.

Buses will load at the hotel. As we travel together on the bus, experts from various Ecumenical and Interfaith partners who are directly, involved in the New Orleans and regional recovery efforts will provide us with information and guidance about the various issues and sites. The tour will go to 4 sites:

- The Rebuild Center (See <http://www.ccano.org/immigration>),
- The P.A.C.E. Center for the Elderly -upper 9<sup>th</sup> Ward (See <http://www.ccano.org/pace.htm>),
- Tour through the Lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward, and then make stops at
- The Providence Community Housing Center (See <http://www.providencecommunityhousing.org/>), and
- The Café Hope (See <http://www.ccano.org/cafehope.htm>).

The four agencies we will visit are “not-for-profit” groups. It seems just that we give each agency something for their work and for their generosity in teaching us about the issues and their recovery efforts. Thus, you may make a donation that will be divided among the four agencies, as part of your registration for the tour, or by using envelopes we will distribute on the bus. You may also designate your donation for a specific agency (See tour registration form).

**Panel:** Upon our return to the hotel (5:00 – 6:30 p.m.), there will be time for debriefing, discussion of the experiences on the tour, and a panel presentation: **"Disrupting Environmental Degradation."**

**[NOTE:** *This panel will be presented as a pre-convention session – even if the tour needs to be canceled due to low registration. See convention program for details.]*

Panelists: Dawn M. Nothwehr, OSF, Ph.D. – Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL  
 R. Eugene Turner, Ph.D. – Coastal Ecology Institute, and Dept. of Oceanography  
 & Coastal Sciences, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Keith Douglas Warner, OFM, Ph.D. - Department of Religious Studies and the  
 Center for Science, Technology & Society, Santa Clara University  
 Leaders from the local agencies visited on the tour

**NOTE:** Please register **no later** than **December 1, 2010**. Registrations **after Dec. 1st** will be accepted only as space is available. We need at least **30 people** to register for the tour in order to make it available. If the tour is cancelled because of insufficient registrations, your registration fee and donation will be fully refunded.

\_\_\_\_\_ (number of persons) on Tour (\$19.00 per person) . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_ (subtotal)  
 My donation to be divided among the 4 agencies we visit . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_ (subtotal)  
 My donation is for (name of agency)\_\_\_\_\_ . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_ (subtotal)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL**

**Tour registration and donation may be sent separately or included with the annual meeting registration.**