



Divestment or What?

Economic Tools for Creation Advocacy in a Time of Crisis

Sat. March 1, 2014, 9 am—2 pm

Beach United Church, 140 Wineva Ave, Toronto

Forum Themes

The **350.org 'Do the Math'** film has underlined the disastrous impact of continued exploitation of fossil fuels and highlighted that many of our private and institutional investment strategies are built around that collision course. What are we to do? The purpose of this year's Forum is to openly explore the dilemma presented by our investments in a fossil-fuel based economy and our need to address the worsening climate disruption. Are there better alternatives to the current path?

- Is there a moral imperative for society to face up to the dilemma? Should faith communities and other groups divest from fossil fuels and invest in a clean energy future?
- Are there alternative green investment strategies open to Canadian institutions that rely on return on capital to fund good work?
- Are there constraints on charities, such as universities and faith communities, in this area?

SETTING THE STAGE

'Do the Math' (the film) - segments of **350.org's Bill McKibben's** tour launching their **Fossil Free** campaign; introduced by Toronto 350.org with a closing summary of their University of Toronto divestment campaign.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Fletcher Harper**, GreenFaith (US) - Faith based divestment rationale: historical roots for action today.
- Jane Ambachtsheer**, Mercer (Toronto/Global) - Is divestment the right option? Fiduciary responsibility and ethical investment options.
- Mike Bringham**, SolarShare (TREC) (Ontario) - clean / renewable energy "reinvestment" opportunities for Canadians.
- Christine Boyle**, Spirited Social Change (Vancouver) - Should Canadian faith communities be "faithfully disruptive" and divest?

Advocacy and Alternative local investment options will be represented at the **Eco-Fair** within the event

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