THE PROGRAM
Friday October 31st

4-6 PM Registration
6 PM Dinner
7 PM Opening remarks and introductions
7:15 Margot Adler - The meaning of spirituality. The emerging earth-centered spirituality
8:00 Charles Mulolland A response
8:10 Amy Hannon A response
8:20 Audience reaction
8:30 The Halloween Party. A celebration of Nature - Dancing - and Blue Grass music.

Saturday, November 1st Breakfast, 7:15
Lunch, Noon - Dinner, 6:00

9:00 Peter Borrelli - The meaning of spirituality - The functioning spirituality in the working world of courts and legislatures. The need for a deeper more spiritual approach to nature from which to derive an environmental ethic.
9:50 Dan Graham
10:00 Evelyn Mattern A Response
10:15 Small group discussion
10:45 Reassemble Exchange between audience and podium Free Time

1:30 Margot Adler Spirituality within and outside organized religion. Spirituality and liberation of nature, of women. The connection between the two.
2:20 Will Hooker Response
2:30 Jim Gorman Response
2:45 Break and small group discussion
3:15 Exchange between audience and podium Free Time

7:00 Peter Borrelli Toward a theology of earth. Review the literature and the movements -bioregionalism, green politics... The prospects for the future.
7:50 Clay Stalnaker Response
Claude Stewart Response
8:15 Audience reaction
Celebration An earth ritual A Religious Ceremony

Sunday November 2nd

9:00 Hannon-Stalnaker-Mattern-Gorman compose a panel. Adler and Borrelli will interrogate the panel and highlight conflicting views. The audience will be involved also.
10:30 Summation and closing ceremony

CAMP NEW HOPE

Camp New Hope, located on NC 86 north of Chapel Hill, lies nestled among 165 acres of rolling pine and hardwood forest. This retreat/Conference center has an olympic-size pool, two freshwater lakes, basketball and volleyball courts, nature trails, and boasts many other recreational facilities for individuals, families, and groups of 200 or more in the rustic cabins. An excellent kitchen staff provides delicious meals in the modern dining hall.

ECOLOGY:
The Spiritual Imperative

A Reenchanted Earth
An Earth Suitable for All Living Things

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In one sense, spirituality is that aspect of human withinness that distinguishes right action from wrong action and urgently prefers the right. So it is that human behaviour, both public and private, is condemned or condemned out of spiritual perceptions. And it follows that significant changes in human behaviour can be brought about only through significant changes in spiritual judgement. Ecologists, therefore, increasingly enter the world of the spirit in pursuit of an environmental ethic capable of saving the earth from degradation. Which is what Margot Adler and Peter Borrelli are going to talk about at this conference: Borrelli from the standpoint of the Judeo-Christian tradition and Adler from the standpoint of the "natural" religions and also from the standpoint of the feminine.

"By whose authority is the air to be cleansed and the water purified", and by how much?" asks Borrelli, intending to make the point that the accommodation of human comfort is not the criteria by which to judge. The true criteria is whether or not the interdependent, interacting life systems of the earth flourish as they are meant to flourish. Is it not the function of theology and religion, of spirituality, to lay this out for us? Yet classical western spirituality, as interpreted by established religion, fails to include the health of the earth as a matter of importance when instructing on human behaviour. Borrelli has made this a subject of his study. He speaks to it with scholarship, a grounding in environmental history, and a thorough knowledge of modern environmental movements. Outside established religion there has existed for most of human history a spiritual connection between humans and nature. Thomas Berry says that the failure of Christianity to assimilate this connection from paganism, constitutes a serious problem, and may lie at the root of our ecological troubles. That is why we will examine at this conference the question whether we have something to learn from animism, polytheism or paganism. Margot Adler, the brilliant radio journalist for National Public Radio and a much sought-after speaker, has studied this subject, written about it and teaches a course on it at the Institute for Social Ecology in Vermont. Also, she has something to say on the subject of women's spirituality. Surely there will arise at the conference discussion over the relationship between attitudes toward women and attitudes toward the earth.

**THE SPEAKERS**

**Margot Adler** - can be heard frequently on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*, often as anchor person. But she is not only a well known journalist, she is a teacher and an author. At the Institute for Social Ecology in Vermont she holds classes on Ecology and Spiritual Renewal and covers such topics as the relationship of liberation theology, creation theology and women's spirituality to social ecology (the interaction between culture and environment). Ms Adler was a Nieman Scholar at Harvard and she holds a Master's degree in Journalism from Columbia University. Her book *Drawing Down the Moon* explores neo-paganism in America today. It's a work of extensive scholarship and qualifies her to bring to this conference aspects of spirituality which few of us have heard much about.

**Peter Borrelli** is the founding editor of *The Amicus Journal*, a publication of the Natural Resources Defense Council. It deals with national and international environmental policy. He has been active in conservation since 1967 when as a Washington correspondent for *Time* magazine he helped create its Environment Section. He has been director of many conservation groups and on the Board of many. He has been an advisor to many state and federal agencies. Currently he is the director of the Environmental Planning Lobby in New York, the nation's first legislative coalition: the Catskill Center: The Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks; and the New York State Political Action Committee on the Environment. He writes extensively and he has shown a particular interest in the spiritual aspects of environmentalism.

**THE RESPONDERS**

Charles Mulholland  
Parish Priest, Earthsaver

Amy Hannon  
Philosopher-Environmental activist-Earth Celebrator PhD

Dan Graham  
Graduate Student Green Politics

Evelyn Mattem  
Peace and Justice activist-Nun-Earth Lover. PhD

Jim Gorman  
Trappist-Zen practitioner

Claude Stewart  
Theologian-Author of *Nature in Grace-A Theology of Nature* PhD

Don Huisinge  
Plant Pathologist. Pollution Preventer. PhD

Clay Stalnaker  
Philosopher-Theologian-Ethicist-PhD

**THE EVALUATOR**

J. Linn Mackey  
Bioregionalist-PhD