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announces its

FALL CONFERENCE 1992

THE CONTEXT FOR HUMAN
SURVIVAL
Geography and The Piedmont Bioregion

November 27, 28, 29
Starting at 6PM Friday - Ending at Noon Sunday
Register 4PM - 6PM Friday

As we move into the ecozoic age it becomes incumbent on us to find a human behavior which accords with the place where we live in such a way as to make it possible for both the human segment of the life system and the life system itself to prosper. In the ecozoic age the human will not regard Earth as a collection of supplies for human exploitation but as a community of subjects (beings) wherein humans exist and interact with the rest of the community. This being the case it is necessary for us to know well the place where we are, know the community in which we find our being and our fulfillment. We must know the condition of the place where we are and what is needed to insure its continued well being, or to restore it to health. Before one chooses a response one must know the situation, the challenge. The challenge to the inhabitants of the Piedmont is its condition.

Therefore the Center for Reflection on the Second Law will devote the Fall 1992 conference to examining the geography of the Piedmont Bioregion.

The roles of geography are to delineate the bioregion; to spell out a proper relationship between the human and the environment; to foster a sense of place; to define and acknowledge the constraints that geography places on the activities of the human inhabitants, (carrying capacity); to describe the spatial linkages, global to local; to include as a geographical subject all the spheres: bio-, litho-, atmo-, hydro-, and their interactions.

Sense of place deals with the biophysical, the cultural, the economic, the built environment, shared images. Self-sufficiency deals with energy alternatives, food, population, the commercial establishment.

Regional carrying capacity deals with population and development and with sacredness and it deals with values: land use, land ownership, eminent domain, animal rights, pollution, contamination, waste disposal.

We are dealing with the awakening of human understanding to the point where we abandon the current belief that humans are supposed to find happiness by diminishing and degrading Earth; and the emergence of that understanding into a belief that humans can not survive unless they can conform their behavior to the context within which and on which human life is given. Theodore Rozak says that guilt or fright or even self-interest will not bring on the necessary change. The change will come about only when humans see themselves as joined to Earth in a sacred bond. Love is the essential ingredient.

We have received the gift of life and a context within which it can be fulfilled. It's up to us to cope adequately. We have a proprietary interest in the geographic conditions of our home place.

Is it possible that we might at this conference work on the LAND DECLARA-
TION produced by CFRSL at our conference in 1988?
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The human connection to and dependence on Earth is best acknowledged and accommodated to when a relationship of shared identity with Earth is established. That requires an intimate and detailed knowledge of what the land where we are is and is capable of. It requires that we inhabit it with loving skill so that the land flourishes and so does the life community. This conference will consider how to do that in our region of Earth, the Piedmont.

Geography is the art and science of location or place; it's about the relationships between place and inhabitant, about environment, climate, soil, life-forms, topography, about the whole context of being and becoming.

Jonathan Phillips, a geographer at East Carolina University has agreed to lead us through a consideration of geography in general and in the Piedmont in particular. Margaret Nygard of the Eno River Association and Louise Kessel of the Haw River Festival will tell the stories of two remarkable rivers. How ought we to live? — how ought we to inhabit this place? That's our subject. We will also carry on with workshops and a lot of free time as usual. Look at the list of resource persons! There will be a celebration of our ancestors around the fire. Good food, good music. Please come.

Speakers, Advisors, Resource Persons
Jonathan Phillips, ECU - Geographer
Amy Hannon, Rituals
Margaret Nygard, Eno River Association
Phillip Cox, Geologist
Louise Kessel, Haw River Festival
Mark Marcopulos, Musican
Carmen Elliott, Piedmont Bioregion
Jim Gorman, Monk
Johanna Haymore, Dancer, Piedmont Bioregion
Zach Ralston, Haw River Festival
Dave Cook, Musician, Piedmont Bioregion
Acasia Pfau, Haw River Festival
Anne Berry, Piedmont Bioregion

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Supper at 6PM

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