



**Climate Crisis:
Science and Solutions Workshop**
Presented by:
Heartland Climate Project
Ruth Siress and Leigh Smith

Date: September 15, 2007
Dominican Sisters Convent
3600 Broadway
Great Bend, KS 67530
Pre-register for lunch \$6
(No fee required for the workshop)
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9:00 a.m. Check in (*pay for lunch*)

9:30 a.m. Examination of the Science of Global Warming and IPCC reports

Breakout Groups to

LEARN about local resources, organizations and action groups involved in solving the climate crisis

SHARE personal experiences and successes that are making a positive difference now...and explore what changes might be next.

ACT with confidence to make informed decisions for effective lifestyle changes.

Noon – Lunch

1:00 p.m. LEAD...Develop the leadership skills that serve your community and our world through empowering your family, school, neighborhood or organization to take immediate actions.

Leadership Packet available for \$10.

(Participants can come to the morning session only or attend all three hours for leadership training.)



"We are pleased that Ruth and Leigh have made a serious commitment to helping solve the global Climate Crisis by coming to Nashville to become Certified Climate Project Presenters. They are part of an unprecedented grassroots effort." - Al Gore

HCP Mission Statement

Awaken local communities in the heartland to the reality and moral imperative of the climate crisis and transform global consciousness so that synergistic solutions begin immediately.

Action Plan

Provide an understandable overview of the scientific information and consensus on the Global Climate Crisis and its implications for the future of our planet.

Provide actionable resources and solutions so that individuals, families, organizations and local communities are motivated and empowered to take effective action to reverse the effects of global warming.

Living Green in the Heartland

Save Money
Save Energy
Save the Planet

- Use compact fluorescent bulbs. Replace 3 frequently used light bulbs with compact fluorescent. Save 300 lbs. of CO₂ emissions and save \$60 per year.
- When replacing worn out appliances purchase Energy Star Models which meet strict efficiency standards, www.energystar.gov
- Local Shopping - Buy local whenever possible and reduce energy used in shipping. Most produce travels 1500 miles to grocery stores. www.localharvest.org
- Take shorter showers and install a low-flow shower head. Showers account for about 2/3 of all water heating costs. Save 700 lbs. of CO₂ emissions and \$250 per year.
- Recycle, Recycle, Recycle. Learn how to properly recycle everything from aluminum to motor oil. www.earth911.org
- Check car maintenance monthly. Properly inflated tires save 250 lbs. of CO₂ and as much as \$840 per year.
- Contact your Local and National Representatives and support policies that will reduce Global Warming pollution.

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Heartland Climate Project Presentations

Leigh and Ruth have developed several presentation formats. Based on the needs and preferences of your organization, any of these formats are available free of charge. Handouts, discussion guides and travel expenses (if applicable) are invoiced at cost.

One Hour Overview Science & Solutions

Overview Science of Global Warming (Slide Show)

IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Crisis) Reports and Recommendations

Discussion of Actionable Solutions

Two Hour Science/Solutions/Groups

Everything included in one-hour format ... PLUS breakout groups to expand learning, include group sharing and create responsible action.

LEARN about local resources, organizations and action groups involved in solving the climate crisis.

SHARE personal experiences and successes that are making a positive difference now ... and explore what changes might be next.

ACT with confidence to make informed decisions for effective lifestyle changes.

Three Hour - Add Leadership Skills

More in-depth examination of the Science of Global Warming and IPCC Reports.

Breakout Groups to **LEARN, SHARE, ACT** ... plus ...

LEAD ... Develop the leadership skills that serve your community and our world through empowering your family, school, neighborhood or organization to take immediate action. (Leadership Kits are available.)

Why bring a Heartland Climate Project presentation to your organization?

Learn the facts of global warming. Our overview and discussion of the science is understandable and up to the minute.

*"Education is necessary to help people **understand** the problem, the urgency **of taking** action, and what they can do. Empowering citizens to act is crucial. "*

Progress Report on Climate Protection - City of KC, MO - April 2007

Bridge the gap between awareness and action. Most Americans (nearly 85%) are aware of the Climate Crisis, yet less than 20% are taking action and making changes. We provide inspiration, resources and "how-to's"

"To know and not do is to not know. "
St. Ignatius of Loyola

Being Green Is Good Business

"We think green means green. This is a time period where environmental improvement is leading toward profitability

-Jeffrey R. Immelt,

Chairman and CEO, GE

Heartland Climate Project Presenters

Ruth Siress, MA

Ruth's professional work spans the educational field, and the public and private sectors of business. She has developed and delivered leadership and communication based programs throughout North America, South Africa and New Zealand. Best selling author of 'Working Woman's Communication Survival Guide', she delivers many results focused how-to's that impact personal and career excellence.

Leigh Smith, MA

Leigh's professional background includes education, counseling, teaching, coaching and training. For three decades she has developed and presented workshops across the US. Her retreats and seminars include topics ranging from communication, leadership, meditation and spiritual development to the transformative power of forgiveness. Participants leave her workshops feeling informed, inspired and motivated for action.

It was watching Al Gore's Academy Award winning documentary 'An Inconvenient Truth' that compelled them to move from "half-hearted individual efforts" into full commitment and activism to solve the global Climate Crisis. Al Gore and The Climate Project Training Program certified Leigh and Ruth as presenters, and support their efforts through weekly scientific news, research updates and teaching tools. Their compelling presentations motivate and empower their audiences to take immediate action.

For information or to schedule a presentation:

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