

**PRICING**

*Tax included in all amounts*

Early Registration Cost.....\$280 / week  
 After April 2<sup>nd</sup> \$300 / week  
 (\$40 / lecture)  
 Full-time students and 65 +.....\$200/ week  
 (\$30 / lecture)

Please include fee with registration form. Registrants are responsible to arrange their accommodation and may stay at the residences at the Dal AC campus, or the many B&B's, hotels or motels in the area.

**STAIRS**

Do you have difficulty navigating stairs?  
 \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**Meal Options**

Lunch Only. Supper and Breakfast not provided

An Assortment of Refreshments and Snacks will be provided during breaks

\*When registering for lunches, please note that vegetarian and gluten free options will be available, but regrettably, accommodations for other allergies can not be provided. Thank you for your understanding

**Option 1** ..... \$75

5 days, Lunch only

**Option 2** **Lunch**  
 Create your own \$15 each

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**GUEST LECTURERS**



The Rev. Michael Dowd is a former pastor and sustainable communities organizer, bestselling eco-theologian, and pro-science evangelist whose work has been featured in The New York Times, LA Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Newsweek, Discover, and on television nationally. His book, Thank God for Evolution: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World, was endorsed by 6 Nobel Prize-winning scientists, noted skeptics, and by religious leaders across the spectrum. Michael and his science writer, evolutionary educator, and fellow climate activist wife, Connie Barlow, have spoken to more than 2,000 groups throughout North America since 2002.



CONNIE BARLOW is an author of popular science books and articles, and developer of THE GREAT STORY website. Connie's 2001 book, The Ghosts of Evolution (Basic Books), was Amazon.com's top-recommended science book for several months. Her previous books, Green Space, Green Time: The Way of Science (Copernicus Books), Evolution Extended: Biological Debates on the Meaning of Life (MIT Press), and From Gaia to Selfish Genes: Selected Writings in the Life Sciences (MIT Press), all explore the nexus of science, meaning, and inspiration.

She is founder and webmaster of Torrey Guardians, a community of botanists, naturalists, and others dedicated to ensuring the persistence in the wild of America's most endangered conifer tree: Torrey taxifolia. The group's efforts in moving this tree northward in a time of rapid climate change have been showcased in Orion and Audubon magazines. Science journals (e.g. Nature and Science) and national media (e.g., New York Times and The Economist) have reported on this group of citizen volunteers as leading the way for "assisted migration" of climate-endangered plants.

**STEERING COMMITTEE**

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Use ONE of these three Options For Registration

1. Mail form and Payment to address on form
2. Email form to: [asteregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:asteregistrar@gmail.com) and send payment to: [fmminister@eastlink.ca](mailto:fmminister@eastlink.ca) use the password: **aste2019**
3. Register on **EventBrite (fees extra)**

[www.eventbrite.ca/e/atlantic-seminar-in-theological-education-registration-55806426524](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/atlantic-seminar-in-theological-education-registration-55806426524)

**A bursary to cover the cost of registration is available to a lay person attending for the first time. For further information, visit:**

[www.astes.ca](http://www.astes.ca)



The **51<sup>st</sup>**  
**ATLANTIC SEMINAR**  
**IN**  
**THEOLOGICAL**  
**EDUCATION**

**Presents**

**The Spirituality of Ecology**

**Evolving Meaning in a Changing World**

**with**



**Rev. Michael Dowd**



**Connie Barlow**

**June 9-14 2019**

at

**First United Church**  
**711 Prince Street**  
**Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 5C1**

## Theme Statement

The Spirituality of Ecology: Evolving Meaning in a Changing World.

This planet has been changing drastically due to the influence of humanity's actions and attitudes. We see the destruction of habitat and the introduction of multiple pollutants to the land, sea and air. The effects of Global Climate Change are becoming ever more apparent with the increasing number of natural disasters and extreme weather events. Humanity's impact on the environment is shown by the destruction caused by larger wildfires and more powerful hurricanes. How long can this continue before we understand we must make drastic changes to save ourselves from disaster?

Spiritual ecology calls us to recognize that there is a spiritual facet to issues of conservation, environmentalism and the proper way to care for this planet. There is a need for current conservation work to include spiritual elements. Religion today must also recognize and engage in the ecological issues we face.

The U.S. advisor for climate change, James Speth makes the need for spiritual change clear:

*"I used to think that top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change. I thought that thirty years of good science could address these problems. I was wrong. The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy, and to deal with these we need a cultural and spiritual transformation."*

We will have two presenters for June 2019, Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow. The Rev. Michael Dowd is a former pastor and sustainable communities organizer, bestselling eco-theologian, and pro-science evangelist. Connie Barlow is an author of popular science books and articles, and developer of The Great Story website. (www.thegreatstory.org) No longer writing science books, Barlow has retired into full-time forestry-climate activism.

Please join us as we explore this question with guest presenters Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow at the 51st Atlantic Seminar in Theological Education.

## Schedule

### Sunday, June 9

2:00-5:00 Registration – First United Church  
7:00 Welcome and Introduction of our Guest Speakers

### Monday, June 10

8:45 Gathering Time  
**9:30 Lecture 1**  
10:30 Break\*  
10:45 Small Group Discussion  
11:30-12:15 Question/Answer  
12:30 Lunch  
**2:00 Lecture 2**  
3:00 Break\*  
3:15 Small Group Discussion  
3:45 – 4:30 Question/Answer  
5:00 Supper

### FREE EVENING

### Tuesday, June 11

9:00 Gathering Time  
**9:45 Lecture 3**  
10:45 Break\*  
11:00 Small Group Discussion  
11:30-12:15 Question/Answer  
12:30 Lunch  
**2:00 Lecture 4**  
3:00 Break\*  
3:15 Small Group Discussion  
3:45 – 4:30 Question/Answer  
5:00 Supper

### 7:00 'I. Judson Levy' Evening Forum

**\* You may bring a mug or water bottle for personal use.**

**Thank you for complying with our NO-SCENTS policy**

### Wednesday, June 12

9:00 Gathering Time  
**9:45 Lecture 5**  
10:45 Break\*  
11:00 Small Group Discussion  
11:30-12:15 Question/Answer  
12:30 Lunch  
**FREE AFTERNOON**  
5:00 Supper  
6:00 Doors Open  
**6:30 Lecture 6**  
7:30 Small Group Discussion  
8:00 – 8:45 Question/Answer  
8:45 Closing

### Thursday, June 13

9:00 Gathering Time  
**9:45 Lecture 7**  
10:45 Break\*  
11:00 Small Group Discussion  
11:30-12:15 Question/Answer  
12:30 Lunch  
**2:00 Lecture 8**  
3:00 Break\*  
3:15 Small Group Discussion  
3:45 – 4:30 Question/Answer  
5:00 Supper  
7:00 Fun Night

### Friday, June 14

9:00 Gathering Time  
9:45 A.G.M.  
10:30 Break\*  
10:45 Speakers Closing Remarks  
11:30-12:15 Questions and Wrap-Up  
12:30 Lunch and Departure

**Lecture Order TBA**

## REGISTRATION FORM

Registration fee required with form.

**please send by May 10, 2019**

**ASTE Registration  
c/o Max Gourson  
796 Bideford Rd  
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Because privacy laws require your permission, please indicate your desire to remain on our mailing list.

**Book Room** - A selection of books, courtesy of the Cole Harbour Book Room, will be made available for purchase Monday through Thursday. Times will be posted.