



FORUM

## Caring for the Earth and Equal Rights

March 23, 2024, 2:00 – 4:00 pm (PT)

Presenters: Nancy Martin and Hugh Kelly

[Live Webcast](#) and In Person

Concord House, 1407 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, CA

To provide an ethical and practical foundation for creating a Culture of Conscience, the study of a document, *Towards a Global Ethic*, may be helpful. This document was first presented at the initial Parliament of World's Religions in 1893. In it there is an insightful analysis of our contemporary social circumstances and plans for active improvement of human interactions and living conditions. The document contains five Directives, three of which have been discussed at Forums at the Institute in January 2024 (*available on the IWC YouTube Channel at the link below*). *Directive 4: Commitment to a Culture of Equal Rights and Partnership between Men and Women*, and *Directive 5: Commitment to a Culture of Sustainability and Care for the Earth* will be the focus of today's forum.

For women to have equal rights with men, our speaker, Nancy Martin suggests that we need to make the Commitment from The Parliament come true. It states that we commit ourselves to a culture of non-violence, respect, justice and peace. This means that women need to be safe in their homes, work and out in the community. If women are safe in the world, chances are that men will also be safe. Men need to have the same amount of respect for women as they do for other men. Justice needs to be accessible to all people regardless of standing, religion, race, ethnicity or class in the community and the governments of the world. We need to learn to trust women and respect their decisions.

When we talk about sustainability, we're essentially talking about the future of life on Earth. We're talking about healthy ecosystems. Now that humanity has made the whole planet its ecosystem, we need to develop conscious awareness that when we act, we are inevitably interacting with the complex systems of which we are an integral part, and on which we are totally dependent. Hugh Kelly will focus on the ecosystem impacts of our food systems, on how the choice between destructive agriculture and regenerative agriculture impacts those ecosystems; and in turn, how the sustainability of all life is impacted by these choices.

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