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Community of Christ Peace Forum

October 16-18, 2026

The Peace Forum is an event hosted at the Community of Christ Temple in Independence, Missouri, USA, serving the global church and the broader community.

This year's focus is environmental justice, rooted in our commitment to the Sacredness of Creation.

The Forum has three primary purposes:

- **Formation:** To shape disciples who live their faith through ecological responsibility and climate action.
- **Public Witness:** To embody our declaration of climate emergency with visible, courageous action.
- **Community Building:** To gather across generations, cultures, and communities to strengthen relationships and shared purpose.

Featured Guest

The 2026 International Peace Award will be presented to Bill McKibben, environmental author and activist.

Event Highlights

Friday Evening

International Peace Award Service

Saturday

Plenary Session

Breakout Sessions

Youth Programming



Bill McKibben



Bill McKibben is a renowned environmental justice advocate and the 2026 Community of Christ International Peace Award recipient. His groundbreaking book, *The End of Nature* (1989), was the first on climate change for a general audience, translated into 24 languages. With over 20 books and contributions to *The New Yorker*, he is a leading voice on environmental issues. As co-founder of 350.org, McKibben has driven global climate campaigns, opposed oil pipelines, and advanced fossil fuel divestment. A Schumann Distinguished Scholar at Middlebury College, he has earned the Gandhi Peace Prize and Right Livelihood Award.