

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DISCUSSION AND FILM SCREENING AT
THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND:

JOURNEY OF THE UNIVERSE

Tuesday May 6th, 1.00 – 3.00 pm EST
World Wildlife Fund, 1250 24th St, NW, Washington DC 20037

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FEATURING

Tom Dillon, Senior Vice President of Forest Programs at WWF
Dekila Chungyalpa, Director of Sacred Earth Program at WWF
Tom Lovejoy, Leading Climate & Conservation Scientist
Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, Co-producers of the Journey of the Universe
and Co-Directors of the Forum on Religion & Ecology at Yale University

The program will consist of two parts: the joys and experiences of a three year faith-based conservation program at WWF; and the importance of inspiring wonder and awe regarding Earth's ecosystems and species, especially through film.

“**Journey of the Universe**,” is an EMMY® Award-Winning film, which weaves together the findings of modern science with cultural traditions of Asia, Africa, and the West. It explore evolution as a process of creativity, connection, and interdependence with the hope to inspire conservation and restoration.

Speakers Bios

Tom Dillon, the Senior Vice President of Forest Programs at WWF, will give welcoming remarks. Since joining WWF in the early 90s, Tom established the WWF Vietnam and Laos offices in Asia, played a leading role in developing the Amazon Regional Protected Areas Program (ARPA) in Brazil and, has helped establish the Terai Arc in Nepal and India.

Dekila Chungyalpa, the Director of Sacred Earth program at WWF, will speak on the lessons learned from the past three years of faith-based conservation

projects in WWF priority sites. Prior to initiating the Sacred Earth program at WWF, Dekila spent six years leading WWF's efforts in the Mekong region on large-scale strategies for hydropower and climate change and five years designing and managing community-based conservation projects with WWF's Eastern Himalayas program.

Thomas Lovejoy, one of the leading conservation and climate scientists today, will speak on the importance of reaching different audiences. He directed the World Wildlife Fund-US program from 1973 to 1987 and was responsible for its scientific, Western Hemisphere, and tropical forest orientation. He is one of the best known advocates for the science and conservation of biological diversity. He was the first person to use the term biological diversity in 1980 and made the first projection of global extinction rates in the Global 2000 Report to the President that same year.

Mary Evelyn Tucker and **John Grim** are the leading academics in the field of religion and ecology. They are Senior Lecturers and Research Scholars at Yale University where they teach in a joint MA program in religion and ecology between the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the Divinity School. They established the Forum on Religion and Ecology after organizing a series of ten conferences at Harvard (1995-1998), which resulted in ten books. Their latest book is **Ecology and Religion** (Island Press, 2014). Mary Evelyn will give the keynote and they will lead the discussion following the film.

If you are interested in attending the event, please RSVP to
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