

INVITING YOU TO COME TO LYFE III August 1 to 4

Leadership By Youth For Faith and the Earth

MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER

**Register for
LYFE III
this summer at
North Van Outdoor School
and
Quest University
Squamish**



After two successful years with week-long sessions at Brew Creek Lodge, LYFE is moving down Valley to Squamish for the August long weekend.

We have space this summer for 50 young adults from all faith and spiritual traditions to explore with us what Faith Communities and People of Spirit teach us about caring for the Earth we all share - and the practical ways we can take a lead and make a difference.

Go online to www.whistlerLYFE.org to download the registration form or email info@whistlerLYFE.org

ANNOUNCING THE 2008 LYFE III TEAM

Plans for LYFE III are coming together with a team at the helm that is stronger than ever - including:

Richard Chu - Buddhist Soka Gakkai International
Alicia Cundall - Bahai International
Michael Barkusky - Jewish Community
Deanna Lewis - Squamish Nation
Michael Symonds - Be The Change
Rachael Lythe - Music and Registrar
William Roberts - Program Director



Thanks to the members of the Board of the Whistler Interfaith Society and Peter Shrimpton Board Chair.
See below for the schedule of events.

Friday Evening August 1st We Welcome You with a Witness Ceremony by Youth From the Squamish and Lii'wat First Nations

Registration at the North Van Outdoor School begins at 7 pm on Friday August 1st. By 8:30 when all have arrived we plan for a special welcome to the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation. Youth from both the Squamish and Lii'wat First Nations will welcome us in a Witness ceremony that begins the journey together for Leadership by Youth for Faith and the Earth.



We will also hear about Heartsong, a program that brings aboriginal and non-aboriginal kids together around the beats of many drums in their school.

Thanks to the North Van [Outdoor School](#) in Paradise Valley north of Squamish for being the morning and evening setting for our activities and residence.



And the new [Quest University](#) in the Garibaldi Highlands overlooking the Squamish Chief and Howe Sound is our setting for lunch and afternoon sessions Saturday and Sunday.



Costs and Financial Support



The costs for the LYFE III weekend including three nights at NVOS, eight meals, and all the speakers, activities and resources at Quest is \$475 per person.

We will work with participants to obtain the funding support they need beyond what they can raise themselves from their own resources and faith communities. We will do everything we can to find ways for all young adult leaders to participate who can.

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Saturday August 2nd BRINGING LYFE TO FAITH

Through special presentations, dialogues, activities, music and celebrations we will experience the richness of the different faith traditions we represent. In Paradise Valley by the Mamquam River and high in the Garibaldi mountains we will lift up our voices in songs and prayers and celebrations. Alicia Cundall and Deanna Lewis who participated in the [Interfaith Youth Core](#) Conference in Chicago last fall will be the leaders for our day of Bringing LYFE to Faith.



Sunday August 3 BRINGING LYFE TO THE EARTH

The One Earth we share from our many worlds of Faith is threatened by climate change from greenhouse gas emission, by pollution and misuse of water, and over-consumption from those at the top leaving more than a billion at the bottom. On Sunday we will bring LYFE to the issues of climate change, water conservation and material over-consumption.

We will hear from and learn what actions people of faith around the world are doing to address problems that are threatening the Earth:

Changing Climate
Wasted Water
Over Consumption

We will connect with them and with points of sacred activism on these three issues all over the world. Once identified we will create our own Google Map of Bringing LYFE to the Earth.

Monday August 4 BRINGING LYFE TO POWER

As we prepare for returning to our own places and communities, we will plan together LYFE Campaigns that will address the three EARTH issues we discussed and actions we mapped. We will work to commit to actions that we can all take to make a difference in BRINGING LYFE to POWER.



We learn from each others faiths, hopes, beliefs and the [The Earth Charter](#) :

"We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise. To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny. We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace. Towards this end, we, the peoples of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations"