Interfaith Panel on Climate Change

Tuesday, February 2, 2016
4:00 – 6:00 pm
Jennifer and Thomas Hillman Hall
Maxine Clark and Bob Fox Forum

Please join us on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 to learn about Dr. Peter H. Raven’s role in the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, one of the advisory groups to Pope Francis, in the development of his Encyclical Letter *Laudato Sí*. After an introductory statement by Dr. Raven, we will host an interfaith panel on climate change exploring the role of faith, ethics and social justice as it relates to climate change.

Dr. Peter H. Raven, president emeritus of the Missouri Botanical Garden and director of the Washington University Climate Change Initiative, is a member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. In April 2015 he participated in a summit held at the Vatican focused on strengthening the global consensus on the importance of climate change in the context of sustainable development. Himadri B. Pakrasi, Director of the International Center for Advanced Renewable Energy and Sustainability (I-CARES), will introduce the panelists and Dr. Raven will moderate the panel discussion between participants to include:

• Maysa Albarcha, Islamic Speakers Bureau of St. Louis
• Rev. Rodrick K. Burton, Pastor, The New Northside Missionary Baptist Church
• Benjamin de Foy, Associate Professor of Atmospheric Sciences, St. Louis University
• Rabbi Yonason Goldson, Block Yeshiva High School
• Swami Nishpapananda, Assistant Minister of the Vedanta Society of St. Louis