

Fresno Center for Nonviolence 2022

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Your welcomed to come celebrate the Fresno Center for Nonviolence on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Tickets available soon



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Environmentalist Bill McKibben to speak at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Fresno on the afternoon of Saturday, June 11th.

Bill McKibben speaker of FCNV 30th Anniversary

This article is from a transcript from *Democracy Now!* Apologies to Amy Goodman's other guest Svitlana Romanko for her comments being removed for space. To read the transcript in its full goto: [Bill McKibben: Latest IPCC Climate Report Underscores "Fossil Fuel Is at the Root of Our Problems" | Democracy Now!](#)

AMY GOODMAN: I want to get both of your actions to this climate report, beginning with Bill McKibben, getting lost, to say the least, in the top news of Russia's war on Ukraine. But the significance of this and how it directly connects to the war?

BILL McKIBBEN: Well, yeah, I mean, first of all, it's not as if there's something brand new in what they said, but what's new is the tone. I mean, every time the IPCC (the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,) issues another report, we're further down this road without having done anything. And it was quite interesting, Amy, to listen to António Guterres, the secretary-general [of the UN]. This man is the top diplomat on the planet, so he's used to speaking in diplomatic language. He has abandoned that. He's also the one guy whose political jurisdiction is the whole Earth, and he's clearly scared.

He said, among other things – I thought this was maybe the most important... because of the amazing work she's been doing on banks. He said, "At this point it is economically and morally insane to continue new investment in the development of fossil fuels." And yet, last week we also saw the release of this new report showing that the biggest U.S. banks are doing just that, which is why at Third Act we've got this pledge to get people to, at year's end, cut up their credit cards from Citi, Chase, Wells Fargo and BofA [Bank of America] if they haven't changed.

But that report reminds us that fossil fuel is at the root of our problems. It is at the root of the despotisms we see in Russia or in Saudi Arabia or indeed the Koch brothers' efforts to deform our own democracy. And it's also at the root of the biggest existential challenge that we've ever faced. Remember, it was late last month when we watched temperatures in the Antarctic climb to 70 degrees Fahrenheit above normal. That's a horror that connects so deeply with what's going on in the Ukraine, and they both need to scare us to the, really, core of our beings.

Bill McKibben, author, environmentalist, founder of Third Act and 350.org, co-founder. He wrote the Los Angeles Times op-ed piece together, "The Ukraine war is a decision point – banks should stop funding the fossil fuel industry forever."

FCNV 30th Anniversary will be Saturday June 11th at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Currently at this writing we have commitments from Bill McKibben who will be in the Bay Area earlier in that week. We are so happy to have him come down to Fresno to speak to us. He also is having his latest book for sale at the event.



Way of Peace Awardees:

Individual awards:

Ron Martin: founder/activist of "Fresnans Against Fracking," member of the Sierra Club.

Nayamin Martinez: Executive Director of the Central California Environmental Justice Network.

Ann Caruthers.

Organizational award:
Citizens Climate Lobby

Youth Award:

Pratham Hombal, Andrew Wong, and Adam Staley (from Buchanan High School)

KFCF 88.1 FM

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Wednesday April 13th at 3 pm



In May, our radio show will be hosted by Joshua Shurley with his guest *Nayamin Martinez* and more. For more information call on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at (559) 237-3223 or check our website at www.centerfornonviolence.org

In April, Gerry Bill who interviewed David Waters, a war tax resister on the speaker's bureau of the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee. To hear it again: <https://soundcloud.com/user-32180140/0411322-fcnvs-stir-it-up>

Our radio show in March was hosted by Josh Shurely with his guest, Marianne Kast from the Fresno League of Women Voters on the topic of voting rights. To hear it again: <https://soundcloud.com/user-32180140/stir-it-up-030922>