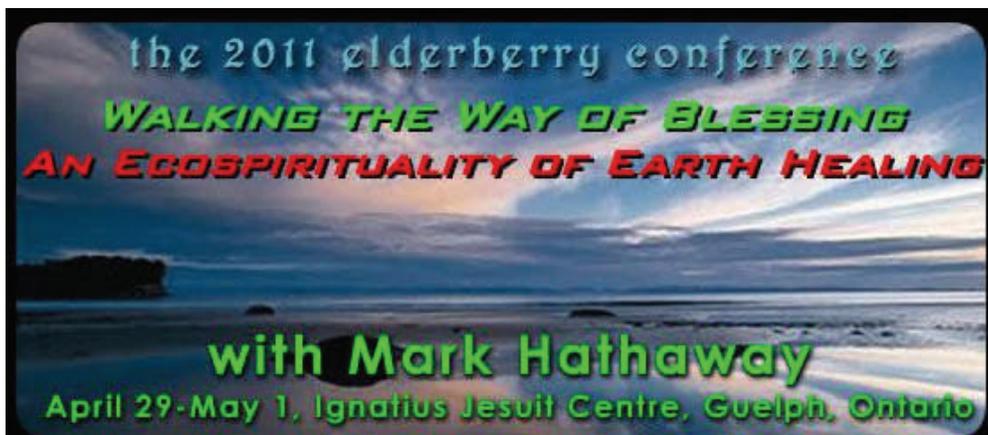


Spring 2011 Events with Mark Hathaway, MEd

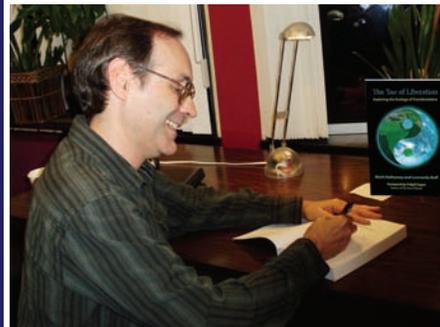
Co-author of *The Tao of Liberation: Exploring the Ecology of Transformation Ecology, Social Justice, and Spirituality*



Mark Hathaway

Mark is an adult educator and the co-author (with Leonardo Boff) of *The Tao of Liberation: Exploring the Ecology of Transformation* (Orbis, 2009 • www.taoofliberation.com).

Mark has extensive experience as a facilitator, eco-justice advocate, and researcher in Latin America & Canada. He is engaged in doctoral studies at the University of Toronto where his teaching and research focuses on adult transformative learning and ecological worldviews.



Mark Hathaway is an engaging and passionate speaker who draws on his years of study and thought about the earliest sources of the Christian tradition to help draw listeners into a fresh, lively and more profound understanding of our relationship with Creation. Mark's powerful message of hope is grounded in the understanding that although we are living in a period of crisis, this time can also be a moment of turning. – Judi McCallum, Bathurst United

When faced with the reality of deepening injustice and ecological crisis, we may feel overwhelmed and powerless to act fruitfully for change. Yet, this crisis is also an opportunity to awaken to a deeper power at work around and within us – the sense of the “I can” of the cosmos, the hidden potentiality of the *kindom* of God.

Drawing on the Aramaic version of Matthew's Beatitudes, the 2011 Elderberry Conference will explore new insights for healing our souls and healing the Earth. Weaving these insights together with those of modern science and a diversity of spiritual traditions, we will discover ways of connecting with the deep, creative power present in the greater community of life. In so doing, we will discover new ways of understanding the process of transformation itself, framing liberation in a cosmological context.

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The Tao of Liberation Exploring the Ecology of Transformation

Friday, 17 June to Sunday, 19 June, Toronto
Transformative Learning Centre's Summer Institute

Today we may stand at the most important crossroads in the history of humanity, and perhaps the Earth itself. Deepening inequality and accelerating ecological degradation challenge us to act with insight and maturity: How can we move toward a future where meaning, hope, and beauty can truly flourish?

Using holistic, experiential approaches, this workshop seeks out the wisdom needed to effect profound transformations in our world. We can understand this wisdom in terms of the ancient Chinese word Tao: A “way” leading to harmony, peace, and right relationship. The Tao lies at the very heart of the unfolding universe, encapsulating the essence of its purpose.

The workshop will begin by exploring the pathology at the root of our current crisis: We all hold basic - though often unconscious - assumptions about the very nature of reality. These assumptions both influence our ability to perceive the problems we face and limit our imagination's capacity to conceive paths toward wholeness and liberation.

Drawing on insights from ecology, psychology, systems theory, quantum physics, the emerging story of the universe, and diverse spiritual traditions, we will then seek a new understanding of our place in the cosmos and explore four intertwining paths leading towards liberation.

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Additional Events

Mark will be speaking at the “Loving the Earth Back to Health” event of the Hamilton Conference of the United Church in Fergus, ON, on May 28. Registration open to all!

Mark is also giving a retreat at Queen's House in Saskatoon from June 23-26 .

← See the event web address to the left for more information.