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Thomas Berry remembrance and award ceremony to be held in New York, Sept. 26

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All are invited to an award and memorial service in honor of Fr. Thomas Berry who died on June 1, to be held on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, in New York City.

"Thomas Berry who passed away on June 1st is being remembered in many places across North America and around the world. So many messages are coming in with words of deep appreciation for this remarkable teacher, writer, and sage.

Thus we are pleased to invite you to join us for the Thomas Berry Award and Memorial Service on Saturday, September 26th 2009 at the Cathedral of St John the Divine in New York City. For many years the Cathedral has held a special place in the religious and cultural life of New York. Thomas Berry was a canon there and he was a major inspiration for the Cathedral's long standing concern for the environment. We are delighted that Dean James Kowalski is welcoming this event with great enthusiasm.

The Thomas Berry Award was initiated in 1999 at the same time as the Thomas Berry Foundation was established. This year the award will be given to Martin Kaplan who helped to set up the Thomas Berry Foundation and has been an extraordinary supporter of Thomas' vision. He is a leader in the field of environmental grant making and has assisted environmental programs at Harvard, Columbia, MIT, and Yale. He has been instrumental in the work of the

Forum on Religion and Ecology.

All events will take place in the Cathedral which is located at Amsterdam and 112th Street near Columbia University.. The schedule is as follows:

2:00 Thomas Berry Award ceremony honoring Martin Kaplan

3:30 Break

4:00 Thomas Berry Memorial Service with Paul Winter

6:00 Reception in the Cathedral

We look forward to your joining us for this special time to honor Thomas' legacy and to recommit ourselves to the great work ahead.

Warmest wishes,

Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim

This event is sponsored by the Thomas Berry Foundation which was established in 1999 to foster his work.

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