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[NAME OF FAITH ORGANIZATION] JOINS the NATIONAL TEACH-IN

Hundreds of campuses, faith and civic organizations, and businesses seize new leadership opportunity to engage politicians on energy, the planet, the future

CITY, State. — On Feb. 4th and 5th, [NAME OF FAITH ORGANIZATION] will participate in the National Teach-In on Global Warming, joining millions of Americans gathered to discuss concrete policy options to address global warming.

The new administration now faces the entrenched opposition that blocked President Clinton and Vice President Gore from tangible action on climate during their 8 years in office. And throughout history, the only force in American politics that has overcome gridlock in Washington has been a powerful grassroots movement.

The National Teach-In supports an emerging, intergenerational movement of students and citizens demanding clean energy solutions to global warming. As Americans, we have been granted this special place in history. In 2009, our country will pass sweeping legislation that initiates a clean energy revolution, inspires global cooperation, and stabilizes the global climate.

The National Teach-In is planning a one-day launch on February 5th to engage our country in critical discussion during the First 100 Days of the incoming administration, and guide students and citizens toward actions they can take.

The Teach-In will kick off the night of Feb. 4th, with *The First 100 Days* web cast produced by the National Wildlife Federation, and a faith and stewardship version co-produced by Interfaith Power and Light. The webcast will feature Hunter Lovins, CEO, Natural Capitalism and environmental justice leader, Ray Anderson, founder and CEO of Interface Inc., Betsy Taylor, founder and president of the Center for a New American Dream, Billy Parish, co-founder and coordinator of the Energy Action Coalition and youth climate leader, and his wife Wahleah Johns.

This half-hour webcast will focus on four key recommendations of the Presidential Climate Action Project (PCAP):

- Cut carbon 40% by 2020.
- Green Jobs Now: Solarize, weatherize and rewire.
- Lead in Clean Technology.
- Carbon Neutral Power for America.

The next day, February 5th, will include a range of global warming curricula presented by [faith group] and guest speakers before culminating with *Green Democracy* round-table discussion between congregation members and elected leaders on solutions to the crisis. [NAME OF FAITH GROUP] will be inviting local and regional civic leaders to engage in the *Green Democracy* round-table. The National Teach-In has partnered with a company called SightSpeed to provide live, video-conferencing technology to connect campuses, congregations, and communities with Congress.

“Today’s college students are truly the greatest generation,” says Lewis & Clark professor of economics Dr. Eban Goodstein, project director for the National Teach-In. “No other generation has ever had to face this kind of civilizational challenge. And we as educators would be failing if we did not prepare them with the tools to meet this challenge.”

“We are thrilled to be a part of this initiative. Achieving solutions to climate change will require everyone; every person has the ability to care for the Earth,” said [NAME OF FAITH LEADER], pastor, [NAME OF FAITH GROUP]. “It represents the enormous power that citizens have when they use their education to create positive change in the world.”

For more information on [NAME OF FAITH GROUP] and their participation in the National Teach-In, please visit www.thenationalteachin.org, or call [PHONE NUMBER OF CONGREGATION CONTACT] [LOCATION AND TIME OF THE EVENT].

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The National Teach-In On Global Warming is occurring at more than 700 institutions in all 50 states on February 5th, 2009. The Teach-In is a new effort to engage decision makers in direct conversation with young people who will inherit the challenges associated with climate change. Involving thousands of Americans through hundreds of campuses, congregations, and civic groups, the NTI is helping put solutions to climate change and energy policy at the top of Presiden-elect Obama’s agenda. For more information, please visit www.nationalteachin.org