

Eloheh Farm: Native American Spirituality & Environmental Ethics
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Three Interest Groups are co-sponsoring:

Environmental Theology and Ethics

Fieldwork and Ethics

Climate Justice

Eloheh Farm (ay-luh-hay) exists as a farm, community and school whose goal is to cooperate with all creation and create a model farm for an abundant future. "Eloheh" is a Cherokee Indian word representing "harmony, balance, well-being and abundance." "We grow food for ourselves and we share it with others. We respect the earth and her creatures and we use no chemical sprays or unnatural additives from soil to seed to plant to harvest. We utilize and teach principles of Permaculture, Biomimicry and Traditional Indigenous Knowledge (TIK)." Through this, Eloheh Farm seeks to be a model of regenerative agricultural and animal husbandry systems that support human needs while improving the earth and all creation inhabiting the web of life.

ELOHEH FARM



PLANT, GROW, HARVEST, SHARE

Eloheh Farm was founded by Edith and Randy Woodley. With almost three decades of personal experience together in service among Native Americans, Randy and Edith have been addressing these needs, often building bridges of hope where hope has been abandoned.

Randy is descendent of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma and teaches at George Fox University. Randy writes in a variety of areas concerning spirituality, earth-care, racial and ethnic diversity, peace, social justice, eco-justice, interreligious dialogue and agriculture. His most recent book is a diversion from non-fiction, aimed at children, called *The Harmony Tree: A Story of Healing and Community*. In 2012 he wrote *Shalom and the Community of Creation: An Indigenous Vision*.

Edith is a member of the Eastern Band of Shoshone Indians from the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming where she was raised. Besides her many years of service and activities among Native Americans, Edith is a full-time homemaker, a planter/farmer, a bead-worker, a seed seller, a mother and a grandmother. In her free-time Edith enjoys a number of things including beadwork. Her jewelry line is called *Jewelry by Edith: Indigenous beauty for your ears, neck and wrists*.

During this pre-conference experience, Edith and Randy will give participants a tour of the farm and also lead a session on earth and spirituality and environmental activism. The cost for the pre-conference will be \$35 which will include lunch and transportation to and from the farm. The final cost of the trip may increase or decrease slightly based on the number of people needing transportation. If you will have a car at SCE and are able drive other people, please let the organizers know. The tour will take place on Thursday, January 4th from 12pm-6pm.

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