

You are invited to submit writing to a new anthology:

## ***Facing the Change: Citizens Respond to Global Warming***

We've all heard the scientific facts and predictions about global climate change. But when you hear the experts talking, how do you *feel*? Are you stunned, frightened, angry, concerned? Do you think about the places you love, and how they may be affected by climate change in the future? Have you already observed changes in the world around you? Has global warming affected your hopes and dreams for the future, your beliefs about humanity or the natural world, your faith in God? To what people, places, and symbols do you turn for strength and sustenance?

***Facing the Change*** will be a different kind of book about global warming – filled not with bare facts and dire warnings but with human feelings, challenges, and hope, and written not by the experts but by everyday people from all backgrounds, ages, and walks of life – written by *you*. Anyone with the courage to face the emotional and spiritual dimensions of the climate change crisis is invited to submit a story, essay, or poem. Submissions should express your own personal experience and reflections about global warming, including (but not limited to) topics such as:

- ***Perceiving the reality of climate change***, through direct experience at home or while travelling, or through imagining what may happen in the future to places you love
- ***Facing the feelings*** – denial, fear, guilt, grief, anger, sadness, despair
- ***Dancing with your sources of life*** – connecting with those people, places, beings, and activities with whom you nurture love, joy, power, and hope in the face of crisis
- ***Reflecting on your religious and philosophical foundations*** – reassessing your own fundamental beliefs, values, guiding symbols, and visions for the future
- ***Choosing to change your life*** in any arena – work, family, lifestyle, community, cultural activities, political choices and involvement – and facing the personal and practical challenges of making those changes *real* in your life and in the world

Again, please ground your writing in personal experience – no purely theoretical arguments or polemics. Submissions must be typed and legible, with a brief author bio and complete contact information included in the document. English only, please; speakers of other languages are encouraged to develop similar projects of your own. Sorry, no fees can be paid for use of any work. Submissions accepted through May 1, 2008. Work may be submitted electronically (Word or plain-text documents only) to [submissions@facingthechange.org](mailto:submissions@facingthechange.org), or by regular mail to: Facing the Change, c/o Steven Pavlos Holmes, 21 Eldridge Road, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

This project is being undertaken by Steven Pavlos Holmes, Ph.D., an independent scholar and writer living in Boston. The anthology is envisioned to be published in hard copy, and I am in the process of contacting several well-known independent presses. Please pass on this invitation to anyone who may be interested. For more information, go to [www.facingthechange.org](http://www.facingthechange.org). ***Thanks in advance for your courage and concern in sharing your thoughts and feelings about global warming. The world needs your insight, strength, and compassion. Your voice matters.***