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## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

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### *Time to Go Deeper!*

**FACED WITH THE ANTHROPOCENE'S ECOLOGICAL BREAKDOWN OF MODERN CIVILIZATION**, we will search together for deeper personal spiritual growth and deeper analyses and strategies for what Thomas Berry called the breakthrough to a new Ecozoic Era for a spiritual and sustainable global future.

**IN ROME, WE WILL LEARN FROM AND DIALOGUE WITH CARDINAL PETER KODWO APPIAH TURKSON**, a native of Ghana, who led the process that helped Pope Francis craft his papal encyclical *LAUDATO SI'*. We will meet with the Cardinal in his offices at the historic Palazzo San Calisto on the famous Piazza di San Calisto in Rome's medieval Trastevere district.

**IN ASSISI, WE WILL EXPLORE MORE DEEPLY**: the lives of Saints Francis and Clare; Thomas Berry's vision of the new "Universe Story" and "Great Work" of transition to the Ecozoic Era; the wisdom traditions of world religions and indigenous spiritualities; the Earth Charter as global ethics; the United Nations "Agenda 2030" for sustainable development; and transformative path in education, the arts, and lifestyles.

**WE WILL DRAW INSPIRATION FROM** eight previous Assisi conferences in the 1990s, which featured Thomas Berry, and continue the work of the 2017 Rome-Assisi Conference on Spirituality & Sustainability. As visionary people from a range of ecological-spiritual perspectives, centers, and movements, we will explore how we can work together more deeply and effectively for a spiritual, just, peaceful, and ecological future.

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## CONFERENCE GOALS

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### **GOAL 1 – BREAKDOWN / BREAKTHROUGH**

Explore breakdown of civilization in the Anthropocene and breakthrough from Cenozoic Era to Ecozoic Era.

### **GOAL 2 – COMMON SPIRITUAL GROUND**

Explore common ground for ecological sustainability across wisdom traditions of world religions & indigenous spirituality

### **GOAL 3 – PRACTICES, POLICIES, STRATEGIES**

Explore practical tools, both spiritual and organizational, for personal, social, and ecological transformation.

### **GOAL 4 – VISIONARY YOUNG LEADERS**

Identify & support young leaders seeking transformative global change based on spirituality and sustainability.

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## CO-CONVENERS

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## PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## Rome & Assisi Spirituality & Sustainability Conference

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**MAY 25 - JUNE 1, 2018**

**ROME**

Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson on  
The Papal Encyclical "Laudato Si"

**ASSISI**

Personal Spirituality: Deeper Growth  
City of Assisi: Saint Francis & Saint Clare  
Thomas Berry: Universe Story & Great Work  
Wisdom Traditions: World Religions  
& Indigenous Spiritualities  
Earth Charter: Global Ethics  
United Nations: Sustainable Development  
Transformative Paths: Education, Arts, Lifestyles

## Friday, May 25

### *Arrival, Registration, Cardinal Turkson Laudato Si'*

Morning	Arrival Rome International Airport
01:00 pm	Motorcoach to <i>Residenza Madri Pie</i> Rome
02:45 pm	Depart from <i>Residenza</i> for lecture
03:00 pm	<b>Cardinal Turkson on LAUDATO SI'</b> <i>Palazzo San Calisto, Trastevere, Rome</i>
07:00 pm	Dinner Restaurant in Rome

## Saturday, May 26

### *Saints Francis & Clare: San Damiano, Porziuncola*

07:00 am	Breakfast at <i>Residenza Madri Pie</i>
08:00 am	Depart for Assisi
11:00 am	Hotel Check-in Assisi
12:00 pm	Flag-Throwers Ceremony Assisi Square
01:00 pm	Lunch
02:30 pm	Introduction to Conference
02:45 pm	Presentation on Assisi & Holy Places
04:00 pm	Walk to <i>San Damiano</i> for Visit
04:45 pm	Visit <i>Santa Maria degli Angeli (Porziuncola)</i>
07:30 pm	Welcome Dinner

## Sunday, May 27

### *Thomas Berry: Universe Story & Great Work*

08:30 am	Ritual
09:00 am	Presentation on Day's Theme
09:30 am	Panel & Discussion
10:45 am	Reflection Groups
01:00 pm	Lunch
02:30 pm	Plenary: Group Reports & Dialogue
03:30 pm	Ritual (30 minutes)
07:30 pm	Dinner

## Monday, May 28

### *Wisdom Traditions: World Religions & Indigenous Spiritualities*

08:30 am	Ritual
09:00 am	Presentation on Day's Theme
09:30 am	Panel & Discussion
10:45 am	Reflection Groups
01:00 pm	Lunch
02:30 pm	Plenary: Group Reports & Dialogue
03:30 pm	Ritual
04:00 pm	Optional Trip to Deruta
07:30 pm	Dinner

## Tuesday, May 29

### *The Earth Charter & Global Ethics*

08:30 am	Ritual
09:00 am	Presentation on Day's Theme
09:30 am	Panel & Discussion
10:45 am	Reflection Groups
01:00 pm	Lunch
02:30 pm	Plenary: Group Reports & Dialogue
03:30 pm	Ritual
04:00 pm	Walk to St. Francis' Hermitage <i>delle Carceri</i>
07:30 pm	Dinner

## Wednesday, May 30

### *United Nations & Sustainable Development*

08:30 am	Ritual
09:00 am	Presentation on Day's Theme
09:30 am	Panel & Discussion
10:45 am	Reflection Groups
01:00 pm	Lunch
02:30 pm	Plenary: Group Reports & Dialogue
03:30 pm	Ritual
04:00 pm	Visit Basilica of St. Francis
07:30 pm	Dinner

## Thursday, May 31

### *Transformative Paths: Education, Art, & Lifestyles*

08:30 am	Ritual
09:00 am	Presentation on Day's Theme
09:30 am	Panel & Discussion
10:45 am	Reflection Groups
01:00 pm	Lunch
02:30 pm	Plenary: Group Reports & Dialogue
03:30 pm	Ritual (30 minutes)
07:30 pm	Farewell Dinner

## Friday, June 1

04:30 am	Motor-coach departure to Rome International Airport
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*Ground transportation can also be arranged for anyone needing to depart on an earlier day*

*Brochure Version of 2018-03-09  
Subject to change*

## ROME & ASSISI SPIRITUALITY & SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

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### CONFERENCE COST

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*The total Conference cost is \$1,900 USD, with \$300 USD for the conference fee and \$1600 USD for room, board, etc. A non-refundable deposit of \$300 USD is requested to reserve a place, with a non-refundable payment of the remainder due in advance of the conference. The \$300 Conference cost is for double rooms. Single rooms in Rome and Assisi require an extra \$179 USD to be paid with the deposit. There is no conference fee for spouses or partners. Young ecological leaders may inquire about partial scholarships.*

*The Conference cost includes meals in Rome, breakfasts, lunches and dinners in Assisi, lodging in Rome and Assisi, and tours listed in the program. In Assisi, lodging and meals will be at Hotel Posta and Restaurant. The Conference cost also includes ground transportation to and from Rome's Fiumicino airport, and from Rome to Assisi, plus motor-coach excursions with guide as indicated in the program. Airfare needs to be arranged individually and is not included in Conference cost. All Conference sessions in Assisi will take place in its prestigious medieval hall, La Sala della Conciliazione.*

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### REGISTRATION

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**Early Registration Recommended**  
**Due to Limited Space**