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INTERSECTION OF FAITH AND SCIENCE: Authors Hayhoe and Farley Explore Climate's History, Future Ramifications and Christian Response in New Book

LUBBOCK, Oct. 5, 2009 – Dissecting climate change fact from fiction is at the heart of the new book, “A Climate For Change: Global Warming Facts for Faith-Based Decisions,” by authors Katharine Hayhoe and Andrew Farley. Releasing Oct. 29, the book offers a unique and practical perspective on this hotly debated issue, delving into the very real possibility of how changes to the earth’s temperature could affect life on this planet.

Married team Hayhoe, scientist and Nobel Peace Prize-winning panel expert, and Farley, pastor and author of “The Naked Gospel: The Truth You May Never Hear in Church,” have the perfect mix of backgrounds and expertise to not only lay out the case for global warming, but to discuss the reasons why believers, and non-believers alike, should take action.

In “A Climate for Change” Hayhoe and Farley write this about climate change, “It’s not about blue politics or red politics or any kind of politics. It’s about thermometer readings and history. It’s about facts and figures. It’s about reality. And that’s what we want to explore with you in this book.”

Intense weather, heat waves, droughts, rising sea-levels, famine and severe storms are all byproducts of a warming planet and have very devastating consequences.

According to Hayhoe and Farley, “Those with fewer resources and those who live in more fragile circumstances are most vulnerable, as climate change threatens their homes, their livelihoods, and even in some cases their very lives.”

While the Bible doesn’t dictate how Christians should respond to global warming, it does give an indication of how others should be treated.

“‘Love God, love others, and remember the poor.’ This was the unwavering mandate of the early church more than 2,000 years ago. And this is our solidly biblical motivation for caring about climate change today and how it is already affecting real people,” write Hayhoe and Farley.

Hayhoe and Farley argue that as Christians, and good neighbors, the faith community should give the topic of climate change fair consideration. With the occurrence of global warming and documented rising temperatures, it is important to take action now before it is too late to reverse the global damage that has already been done.

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Hayhoe and Farley drive cars. They don't have solar panels on their roof, and they're not vegetarians. They say their Christian freedom affords them these rights. At the same time, their freedom leads them to love others, to care about climate change and to make choices that do make a difference.

While there is quite a bit of hype about going "green," Hayhoe and Farley offer common sense ways each person can lower their carbon footprint—a person's day-to-day impact on the environment. For example, keeping one's car well tuned and driving less aggressively could save 10 percent on an individual's energy use. The authors also suggest changing out manual thermostats for new programmable units. While this will help conserve energy, it will also help save almost \$200 a year on electric bills. Another easy suggestion is to change out light bulbs for fluorescent bulbs (CFL). According to the book, if every household replaced just one traditional bulb with a CFL, the result in reduction of electricity use would be equivalent to taking nearly 1 million cars off the road. These are simple, practical tips that make real reductions on energy use.

Such sensible tips show that if each person does their part, it is possible to make a real difference in curbing climate change and preventing its fallout.

"A Climate for Change" (FaithWords, ISBN: 978-0-446-54956-1) releases nationwide on Oct. 29. For additional information, visit <http://climateforchangethebook.com/>.

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Note to Editors: For more information about "A Climate For Change," please visit <http://www.alrcnewskitchen.com/climateforchange>. To arrange an interview with Katharine Hayhoe or Andrew Farley, please contact Julie Shutley at 972.267.1111 or via e-mail at jshutley@alarryross.com.