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Forum Report

Dear {FIRST_NAME|For our Grandchildren Supporter},

For Our Grandchildren just wanted to send a brief summary of last Sunday's forum, "Sleepwalking to Catastrophe" to those on our newsletter mailing list who did not join the approximately 110 people who attended the meeting.



The speakers were excellent and their topics represented a wide range of relevant and thought provoking viewpoints. Discussion in the breakout sessions was very lively and the reports back to the main body reflected very different perspectives on the issue.



[Alanna Mitchell](#) gave a summary of the research on changes in ocean acidity that are directly caused by the increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide. Follow this [link](#) to read more on this topic from her book, "Sea Sick: the Hidden Crisis in the Global Ocean".

[Dr. Stephen Scharper](#) spoke about the climate change crisis from a moral perspective and emphasized that it is important to engage the religious community in order to be effective in making the changes required.

[Glenn McGillivray](#) gave a presentation that shows the extent of the trend in increased insurance claims caused by weather related catastrophic events that can be traced back to climate change as a primary cause.

[Glen Murray](#) gave a passionate speech expressing his personal commitment to effecting change at the political level within the Ontario

government given the constraints that the political process imposes.

Lively questions from the audience prompted thought provoking responses from the panel. Of particular note to me was Glen Murray's suggestion that to get attention from the press you need to make a spectacle of some sort.

We did not have time to show the promised film, "Wake Up, Freak Out - then Get a Grip". You can see it at the following [link](#). If that doesn't work, try [here](#) instead.

We reconvened after the break in small groups to discuss personal plans and suggestions for what we can do personally and as a group to effect change. The notes from the various breakout sessions are posted on the For our Grandchildren [web site](#) at this [link](#).

We will follow up with more actions based on the excellent ideas that came out of this meeting.

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