Φ **DIGGING DEEPER IV: The UFPPC Study Circle on Climate Change and Global Warming** **Φ**

A United for Peace of Pierce County Book Discussion Series

Climate Change and Global Warming: A UFPPC Study Circle

Global warming, *n.* An increase in the average temperature of the earth's atmosphere, especially a sustained increase sufficient to cause climatic change." — *Amer. Heritage Dict. of the English Lang.* (2004).

Eileen Claussen, the president of the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, said in October 2004: "The climate struggle is unique because the stakes are enormously high. Here we are talking about what kind of world we leave for future generations, and whether we can avoid environmental impacts that could potentially be catastrophic. It is a struggle in which we must succeed, and to do so we face the political challenge of finding solutions that can receive the backing of many of the people who are currently on the side of the past." — What are the facts about climate change and global warming? What will they mean for the nation and the world? How are they connected to other forces reshaping our world? Can global warming wake up the U.S. public to the need for change? UFPPC invites you to explore these issues in late March and April.

Beginning on March 28, 2005, you are invited to participate in a study circle to discuss four recent books about climate change and global warming:

- ***High Tide: The Truth about Our Climate Crisis*, by Mark Lynas (Picador, 2004)**
- ***The Long Summer: How Climate Changed Civilization*, by Brian M. Fagan (Basic Books, 2004)**
- ***Meltdown: The Predictable Distortion of Global Warming by Scientists, Politicians, and the Media*, by Patrick J. Michaels (Cato Institute, 2004)**
- ***The Two-Mile Time Machine: Ice Cores, Abrupt Climate Change, and Our Future*, by Richard B. Alley (Princeton University Press, 2002)**

UFPPC has copies of these books **available for borrowing or purchase (**contact Mark Jensen at jensenmk@plu.edu or 253-756-7519, or Ted Nation at tedn5@yahoo.com or 253-983-8997). **Participants will read one or more of these four books in the course of the month.** Monday evening meetings will consist of brief reports from participants on their reading and discussion of points of difference and convergence that emerge. **There is no charge for participation, but a purchase from the Mandolin Café, which supports this activity, is kindly requested.**

Five additional books are also recommended:

- *Atmospheric Change: An Earth System Perspective*, by T.E. Graedel and Paul J. Crutzen (W.H. Freeman, 1992)
- *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*, by Jared Diamond (Viking, 2004)
- *The Discovery of Global Warming*, by Spencer R. Weart (Harvard University Press, 2003)
- *Global Warming: The Complete Briefing*, 3rd ed., by John Houghton (Cambridge University Press, 2004)
- *The Role of the Sun in Climate Change*, by Douglas V. Hoyt & Kenneth H. Schatten (Oxford University Press, 1997)

MEETING SCHEDULE — Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in March and April (Mar. 28, Apr. 4, Apr. 11, Apr. 18) at the Mandolin Café, 3923 S. 12th St., Tacoma.

***Digging Deeper*, UFPPC's book discussion series**, has been meeting weekly since July. We have considered these books bearing on matters related to UFPPC's mission statement: "We nonviolently oppose the reliance on unilateral military actions rather than cooperative diplomacy": Kevin Phillips, *American Dynasty: Aristocracy, Fortune, and the Politics of Deceit in the House of Bush* (Viking, 2004); Craig Unger, *House of Bush, House of Saud: The Secret Relationship between the World's Two Most Powerful Dynasties* (Scribner, 2004); Bob Woodward, *Plan of Attack* (Simon and Schuster, 2004); Evan Wright, *Generation Kill: Devil Dogs, Iceman, Captain America, and the New Face of American War* (Putnam, 2004); Richard A. Clarke, *Against All Enemies* (Free Press, 2004); David Ray Griffin, *The New Pearl Harbor: Disturbing Questions about the Bush Administration and 9/11* (Interlink, 2004); James Mann, *Rise of the Vulcans: The History of Bush's War Cabinet* (Viking, 2004); Dana Priest, *The Mission: Waging War and Keeping Peace with America's Military* (Norton, 2003); Chalmers Johnson, *The Sorrows of Empire: Militarism, Secrecy, and the End of the Republic* (Metropolitan Books, 2004); Joel Bakan, *The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power* (Free Press, 2004); Catherine Lutz, *Homefront: A Military City and the American Twentieth Century* (Beacon, 2001); Robert McChesney, *The Problem of the Media: US Communication Politics in the Twenty-First Century* (Monthly Review Press, 2004); Peter Dale Scott, *Drugs, Oil, and War: The United States in Afghanistan, Columbia, and Indochina* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2003); Rahul Mahajan, *Full Spectrum Dominance: US Power in Iraq and Beyond* (Seven Stories Press, 2003); Anonymous, *Imperial Hubris: Why the West Is Losing the War on Terror* (Brassey's, 2004); Daniel Yergin, *The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money, and Power* (Simon & Schuster, 1991); Michael T. Klare, *Blood and Oil: The Dangers and Consequences of America's Growing Dependency on Imported Petroleum* (Metropolitan Books, 2004); Ross Gelbspan, *Boiling Point: How Politicians, Big Oil and Coal, Journalists and Activists Are Fueling the Climate Crisis – and What We Can Do to Avert Disaster* (Basic Books, 2004); Thom Hartmann, *The Last Hours of Ancient Sunlight: Waking Up to Personal and Global Transformation* (Three Rivers Press, 1999); Richard Heinberg, *The Party's Over: Oil, War and the Fate of Industrial Societies* (New Society, 2003); Kenneth S. Deffeyes, *Hubbert's Peak: The Impending World Oil Shortage* (Princeton UP, 2001); Amory Lovins et al., *Winning the Oil Endgame: Innovation for Profit, Jobs, and Security* (Rocky Mountain Institute, 2005).

Regular meetings of UNITED FOR PEACE OF PIERCE COUNTY are held on 1st & 3rd Thursdays at First United Methodist, 423 MLK Jr. Way, at 7:00 p.m. — See UFPPC's web site for more information. — www.ufppc.org

LEARN MORE • LEARN MORE • LEARN MORE • LEARN MORE • LEARN MORE• LEARN MORE • LEARN