



ASTE 2026

June 15th - June 18th

Earth on Edge: ecology and possibility

with
Catherine Keller and Jason Starr



Catherine Keller is Professor of Theology at the Theological School of Drew University, New Jersey.

Carefully attentive to present-day times and contexts, Catherine Keller draws together many strands of sacred text, story and imagination. She offers abundant wisdom for our faithful and courageous witness, as we persevere in peace, justice and the care of our planet. "Catherine Keller is one of the greatest living theologians" Tripp Fuller, host, Homebrewed Christian Podcast



Jason Starr is an acclaimed film producer and director and has produced over one hundred films and television programs.

He will bring us three of his Gustav Mahler films. These include musical excerpts, literary background, wide ranging cultural reflection and stunning visuals. Viewing these films together and conversing with Jason we will experience a search for meaning, culminating in a new connect-edness with the cosmos.



TO REGISTER

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<https://atlanticseminarintheologicaleducation.ca>

To Register:

<https://forms.gle/nmJ1fK2KPwjkXzTV7>



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INFORMATION

Join us in Truro, Nova Scotia at St. Andrew's United Church and the Marigold Theatre for a new and different ASTE offering in 2026. Complementing the deep theological reflections of our sessions with Catherine, Jason's sessions, in Catherine's words, "will lead us into a sense of eternal love and life entangled with the earth". It will be a feast for our souls and imagination.

SCHEDULE:

Mon	<i>Arrival!</i>	11:30 a.m. Registration St Andrew's UC	1:30 p.m. Session 1 Catherine Cosmos and Creation: The Eros of the Earth St Andrew's UC	7:00 p.m. Session 2 Jason Mahler's Symphony No. 1 "Titan" <i>Is Creativity the Answer?</i> Marigold
Tue	9:00am Gathering St Andrew's	9:30 a.m. Session 3 Catherine Earth: <i>Emergency and Emergence</i> St Andrew's UC	2:30 p.m. Session 4 Jason Mahler's Song of the Earth: <i>From Despair to Renewal</i> Marigold Theatre	7:00 p.m. Levy Lecture with Harry Thurston* St Andrew's
Wed	9:00am Gathering St Andrew's	9:30 a.m. Session 5 Catherine Last Chances: <i>Hope without Optimism</i> St Andrew's UC	2:30 p.m. Session 6 Jason Mahler's Symphony No. 8: <i>Ritual of Transformation</i> Marigold Theatre	6:30 p.m. Social Banquet with guest presenters St Andrew's UC
Thurs	9:00am Gathering St Andrew's	9:30 a.m. In-Dialogue Catherine & Jason St Andrew's UC	12:30 p.m. Lunch St Andrew's UC	<i>Departure! Safe Home!!</i>

***THE LEVY LECTURE: HARRY THURSTON Tuesday 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

As a nature writer and poet, Harry's challenge has been to navigate the rough moral and artistic terrain between despair and hope. He will trace that journey and the responsibility that comes with it through an examination and sharing of his work in both prose and poetry. The lecture is open and free to the public.

REGISTRATION;

Registration does not include meals or accommodation. Taxes are included in registration.

- Regular Registration \$350.00.
- Early Registration \$330 (Expires June 1st 2026)
- Full Time Student \$200.00
- Elder 65+ \$275.00
- Registration for part time attendees is \$90.00 per day
- SPECIAL this year – two from the same congregation, *each* attendee gets a discount of \$25. For three or more from the same congregation, *each* gets a \$35 discount!

ACCOMMODATION:

There are several very nice accommodations in Truro. We are asking attendees to make their own accommodation arrangements. There is a special group rate for ASTE attendees at Best Western Glengarry Truro - \$169 + tax per day for double room for two, includes breakfast.

MEALS:

Noon meals on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as well as a banquet on Wednesday evening will be catered. Please check the registration site for details on meals and accommodations.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS: Do not hesitate to contact Jim Wicks at mjwicks@eastlink.ca or 902-368-3207