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Dear Christian Friend,

I want to introduce you to a movie called THE GREAT WARMING and a program of the National Association of Evangelicals to care in new ways for God's earth.

You may have read about global warming or what is called climate change. A few years ago this issue was the province of the environmentalists. And, yet, climate change can be -- here's a shock -- intimidating. Is it real? Can the science be relied upon?

On February 8, 2006, eighty-six top evangelical leaders came forward in the "Evangelical Climate Initiative" saying that this is a "moral and spiritual issue" that pastors and churches can no longer ignore. I agree with them that this issue should be on our evangelical agenda.

If so, our community needs to understand why scientists say the evidence for climate change is indisputable and overwhelming. They need to understand why and how it is being induced by humans, and will negatively impact the poor here in America and around the globe. For example, the arctic plain is threatened. But also at risk are low-lying areas around the world where 100 million people live and are vulnerable to ocean temperature changes that are creating more frequent and intense storms and hurricanes (e.g. Katrina).

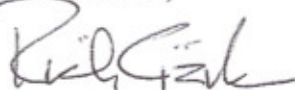
Produced by Stonehaven Productions, THE GREAT WARMING presents an objective, balanced overview of climate change -- the science, the consequences, and, most importantly, the solutions. It also features a major sequence about the evangelical response to climate change, emphasizing Christian action. I'm interviewed as are other Christians, such as Dr. Matthew Sleeth, an emergency room doctor.

Please respond positively to Stonehaven's request to present the movie to your congregation. My hope, too, is that you'll be drawn to participate in the "Creation Care Project" of the National Association of Evangelicals (www.nae.net). We're helping churches to implement the concerns demonstrated by THE GREAT WARMING and to enhance our witness to society. For example, we explain how you can reduce your energy consumption and add thousands, in the case of some churches, tens of thousands of "dollars to missions."

Additionally, our effort has an evangelistic result. By "working and caring" for the earth [Genesis 12:2], we testify to God's love and ultimate sacrifice of His Son for our redemption.

May this film challenge, inspire, and ultimately change you, as it has me. Join millions of other evangelicals in the task of bearing witness to His name throughout the earth!

In Jesus' name,



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