



## **How Will We Feed 11 Billion People?**

*A Guest Lecture delivered by Mr. Paul Hanley*

As part of the lecture series titled 'Dialogues on Development', the Baha'i Chair for Studies in Development at Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore is pleased to announce a lecture delivered online by author and environmental columnist, Paul Hanley on Tuesday August 23, 2022 from 11 am to 12 pm on the theme 'How Will We Feed 11 Billion People?'. Those interested in participating in the lecture may register online at <https://forms.gle/qJekHyXgiWAGrcKU7>

UN projections show global population reaching 11 billion—and the world economy growing by 500%—by the end of this century. But can the planet accommodate more than 3 billion additional people and a five-fold economic expansion when humanity's current ecological footprint already exceeds the Earth's biocapacity by 60 percent? Of special concern is the growing demand for food and the problem of sustaining agricultural resources. In this lecture Mr. Hanley argues that solving this conundrum will require an ethical revolution that will wholly transform humankind, reshaping its inner life and external conditions. This process will result in the emergence of a new culture, a new agriculture, and ultimately a new human race. This is neither a utopian vision, nor even a matter of choice. It is the next, inescapable stage in human evolution. Examples such as the story of the model farming village of Adasiyyah in Jordan, show how ground-breaking efforts by individuals, communities, and institutions can advance this evolutionary shift.

### *About the Speaker*

Paul Hanley has published six books and 1600 articles on the environment, sustainable development, agriculture, and other topics. He is the editor and co-author of *Earthcare: Ecological Agriculture in Saskatchewan* (1980) and *The Spirit of Agriculture* (2005). He was environment columnist with the Saskatoon StarPhoenix from 1989 to 2016. His book *ELEVEN* (2014) received the 2015 University of Saskatchewan President's Award for Non-fiction and the 2015 ABS North America Award for Distinguished Scholarship. Paul's biography *Man of the Trees: Richard St. Barbe Baker, the First Global Conservationist*, features a foreword by HRH Prince Charles and introduction by Jane Goodall. Paul's latest book is *Richard St. Barbe Baker: Child of the Trees*, part of the Change Maker series from Bellwood Press aimed at junior youth.

Paul Hanley is a recipient of the Canadian Environment Award, the Meewasin Conservation Award, the Organic Connections Pioneer Organic Communicator Award, and the Saskatchewan Sustainability Award from the Regional Centre of Excellence for Education on Sustainable Development. He is also

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