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She is also author of "[A New Paradigm for Catholic Energy Ethics](#)," "[The New Paradigm of Energy Ethics](#)," and other articles, including, "[Come With Me Into the Fields: Inspiring Creation Ministry Among Faith Communities](#)" (New Theology Review March 2014), "Worldviews on Fire: Understanding the Inspiration for Congregational Religious Environmentalism" (*CrossCurrents* December 2012, and the co-authored "[Tools for Enhancing Interdisciplinary Communication](#)," *Sustainability: Science, Practice, & Policy* 7:1 2011.

Dr. Lothes has participated in the activism and scholarship of the interfaith environmental movement since 2003 through collaborations with interfaith groups such as GreenFaith, the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale, and the Catholic Climate Covenant.

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