

Dr. Loren and Mary Ruth Wilkinson, Regent College, Vancouver, BC

Loren and Mary Ruth Wilkinson have been married to each other since 1965, and organized and taught their first Christian “environmental studies” program at Seattle Pacific in 1974. In 1977-78 Loren was one of the visiting scholars in the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship’s project on “Stewardship of Creation,” and was editor of *Earthkeeping*, one of the early books on that subject. They were on the faculty at the Oregon Extension, a residential learning program in the mountains of Southern Oregon from 1978-1981, and in 1981 joined the faculty at Regent College, a graduate school of Christian studies (affiliated with the University of British Columbia, in Vancouver). In 1988 they moved to a community-owned farm on Galiano Island (between Vancouver and Vancouver Island), and they have lived there since, teaching courses on “Wilderness, Technology and Creation,” “Theology and Food,” and “Gardening the City of God” (an exploration of the relationship between the garden and the city). They have written together the book *Caring for Creation in Your Own Backyard*. Loren and Mary Ruth have two grown children and three grandchildren. They divide their time between teaching at Regent and taking care of chickens, two dogs and a big garden. As of S2012 they have taught several times for CCSP in Belize and New Zealand.