

MOTHER

Caring for 7 Billion

A film about two women's stories, population and limits to growth

DOUBLE MIDCOAST AREA SCREENINGS!

Tuesday January 17, at 7 pm, at the First Universalist Church in Rockland

FMI - contact Beedy Parker, 236-8732

Wednesday, January 18, 6 PM, Free Library, Belfast

FMI - contact Larry, 525-7776

Both presentations to be followed by audience discussion.

Presented by the Midcoast Peace & Justice Group and the Peace & Justice Group of Waldo County, the film documents important aspects of the global problem of overpopulation. It does not focus on fixing blame for overpopulation but instead suggests we can find respectful ways through one of the most difficult problems facing our world today.

The film explores many different facets of the population dilemma, in the "developing" (low-consuming) world as well as in the "developed" (high consuming) world. With climate change already threatening the present and future harvests that must care for our much larger and still growing population, wisdom demands that we return our attention to this crucial issue.

In the film, we follow a young American mother and children's rights activist, from a large family herself, as she visits a young woman and her family in Ethiopia, and learns about a popular educational program, a radio soap opera, with family planning in the story line, being produced locally. Intertwined with this personal story are interviews with population experts, including the concurrent and equally serious problem of our overconsumption and huge ecological footprint.

"Mother is a must-see film on why population growth still matters and what is hindering action to reduce it."

- Hania Zlotnik, Director of Population Division, United Nations

"Mother leaves viewers with a ray of hope... we must not be afraid to reengage with the population issue and that the time for such renewed engagement is now." Science Magazine , Sacha Vignieri

"Mother: Caring for 7 Billion is a beautifully crafted and unique film that dispels the myths from business leaders and government that we can grow forever, consume ever more, and that the planet is our infinite dumping ground."

-Paul R. Ehrlich , Professor of Population Studies, Stanford University , Author, The Population Bomb

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