

January 27, 2010

Dear Mayor Baum and City Council Members,

In keeping with the mission statement of the Peace, Justice and Whole Earth Ministry of First Congregational United Church of Christ, we wish to urge that the land surrounding Union Reservoir in Longmont be exempt from such heavy usage as proposed by Heaven Fest and the Kinetics event.

Our main concern is the environmental impact that 50,000 people and the accompanying cars would have on an area inhabited by bald eagles, many other birds, and small animals that depend on undisturbed land for their habitat. Let us all be good stewards of the earth, living in harmony with the environment and showing respect for the land that we share.

Perhaps another place designed for large crowds, such as Boulder County Fairgrounds or Main Street, could be used for these events and then the prospective revenue could still be received by Longmont.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

**Mission Statement of Peace, Justice and Whole Earth Ministry  
January, 2007**

We acknowledge that peace, justice and care for the whole earth is God's plan for all creation in that our world has finite resources. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth, for there is no peace without justice.

As stewards of the earth, we are called to be a caring people, living in harmony with the environment, respecting and honoring the gifts of God's creation with gratitude for all that we have received.

Knowing that future generations depend upon us, we seek opportunities to make a significant impact and difference on social and environmental issues in the home, church, community, state and world through education, worship, and specific projects.

Signed by: