

# *It's the right thing to do*

*This Fragile Earth, Our Island Home*

Session 1 of 6

Interfaith Association of Greater Long Beach

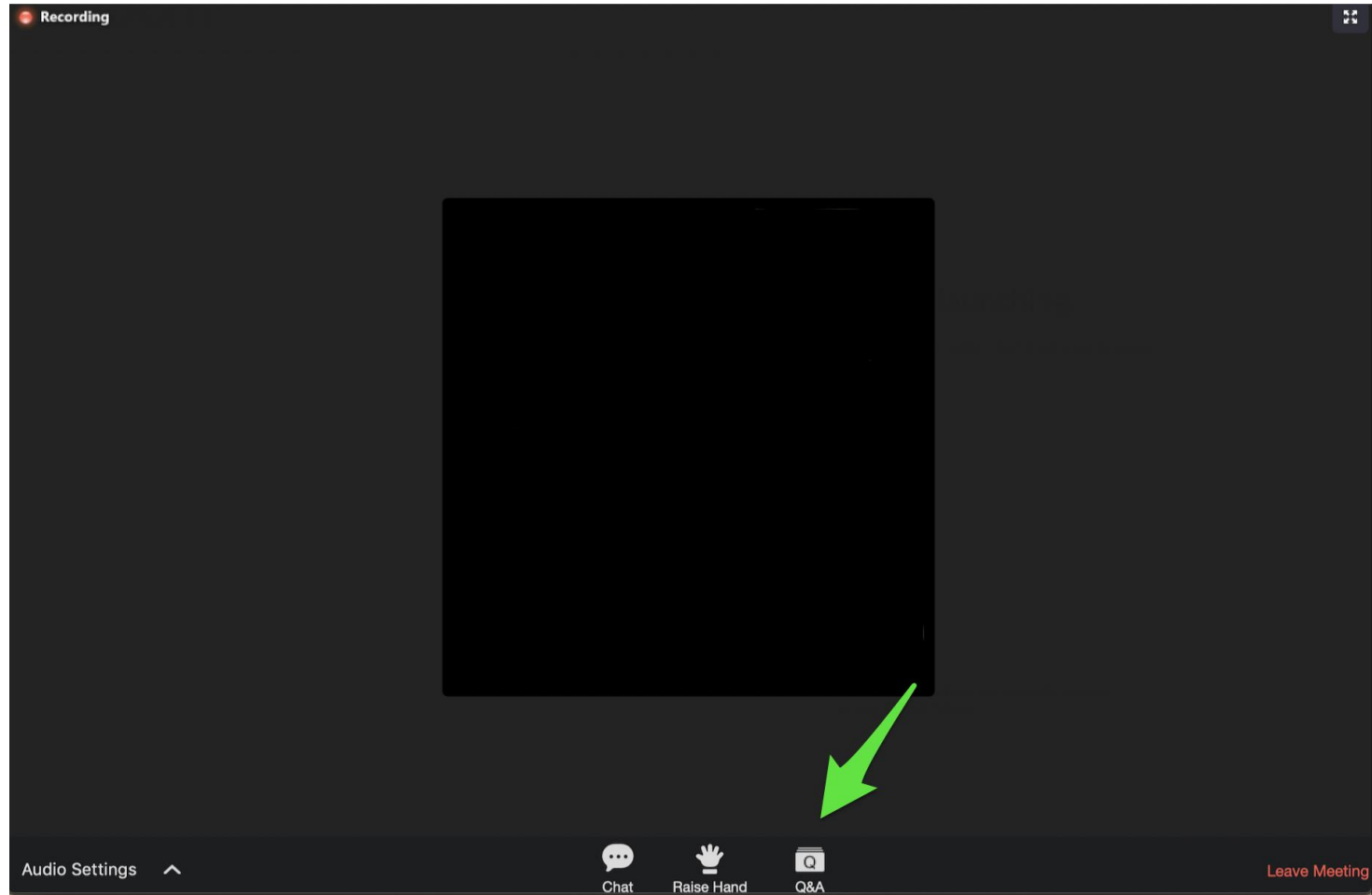


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- Poll 6 Americas
  - Environment
  - Economic
  - National Security
  - Morality
  - Preview
  - Q&A
  - What's next

## Agenda



# Questions?



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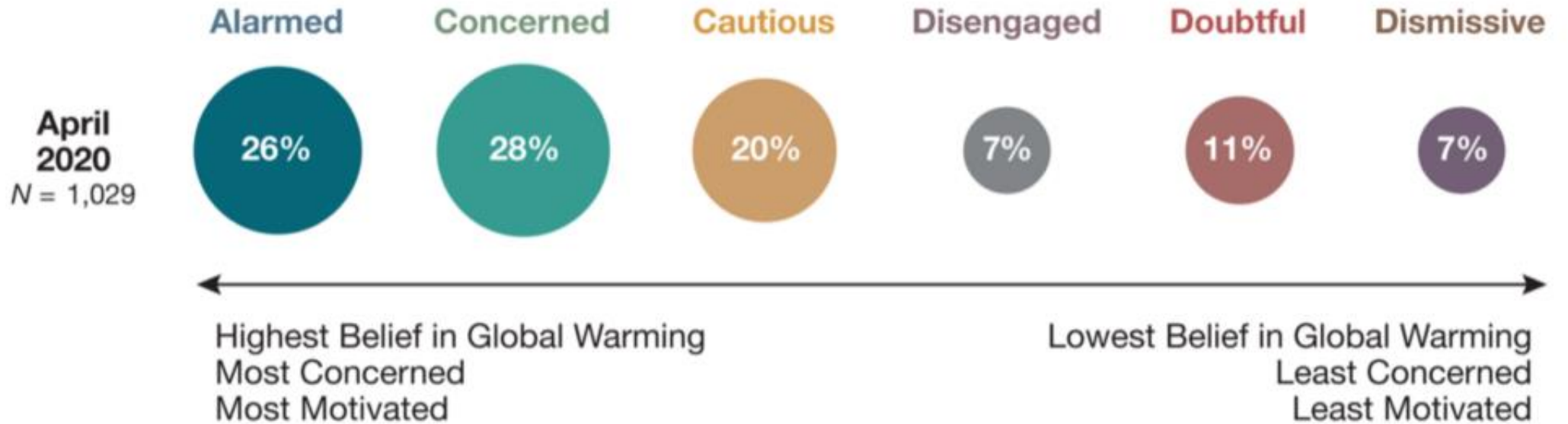
# Global Warming's Six Americas

- Yale Climate Communications research
- Trends useful in assessing public interest
- Let's see how our group compares to national



Yale Program on Climate Change Communications

# Global Warming's Six Americas



# the Environment, indeed

- Audubon Society: projecting extinction of 1/2 to 2/3 of North American birds
- Canaries in the coal mine (Sentinel Species)

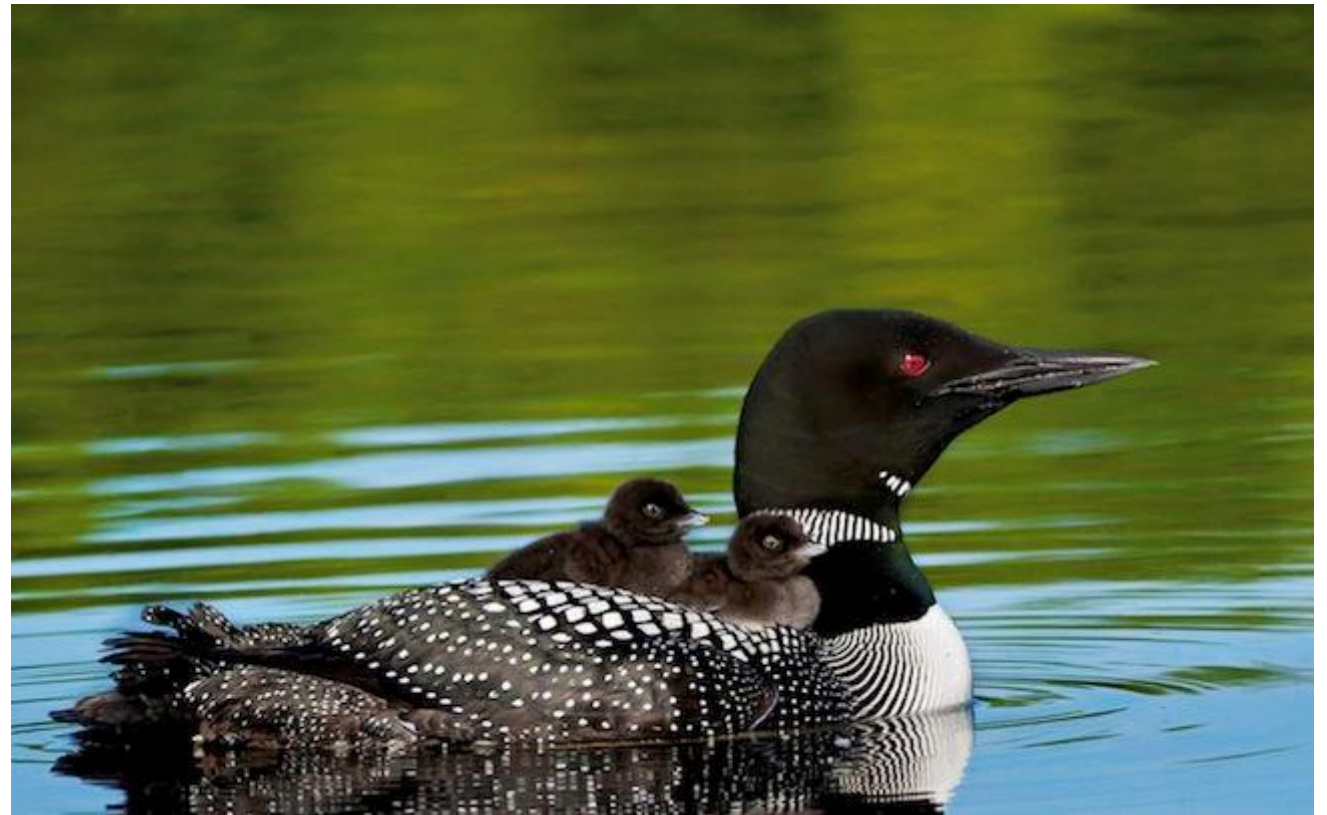
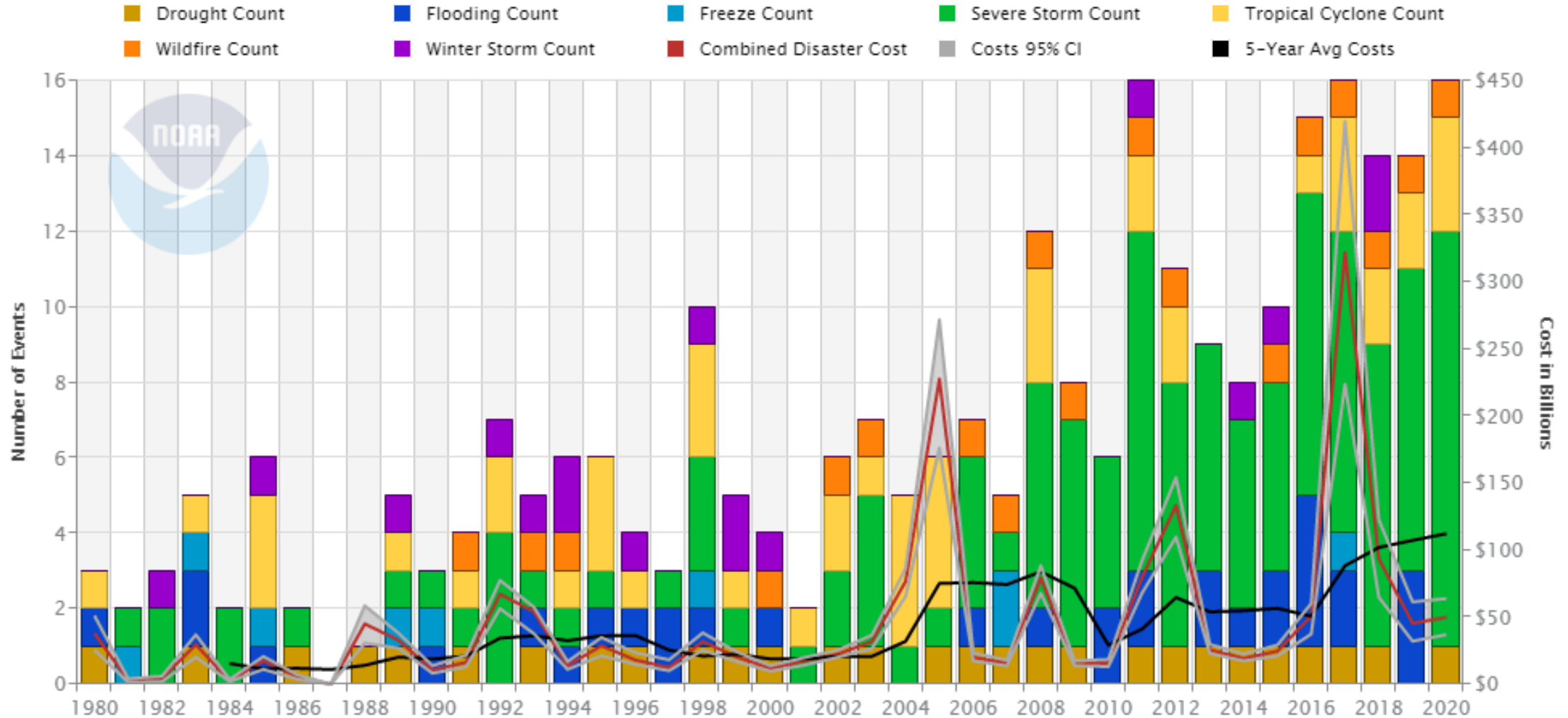


Photo: Audubon Society

# Climate as an Economic Issue

United States Billion-Dollar Disaster Events 1980-2020 (CPI-Adjusted)



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“Absent radical changes in energy policy and human behavior, we should expect severe economic and humanitarian crises by as early as 2030.” (IPCC special report on global warming of 1.5 degrees October 2018)

- Financial Markets
- Real Estate
- Insurance



Cindy Yamanaka/The Orange County Register, via Associated Press



# Global warming is a threat to national security

- Threat multiplier
- Sea level rise consuming navy bases
- Killer heat threatens training and equipment



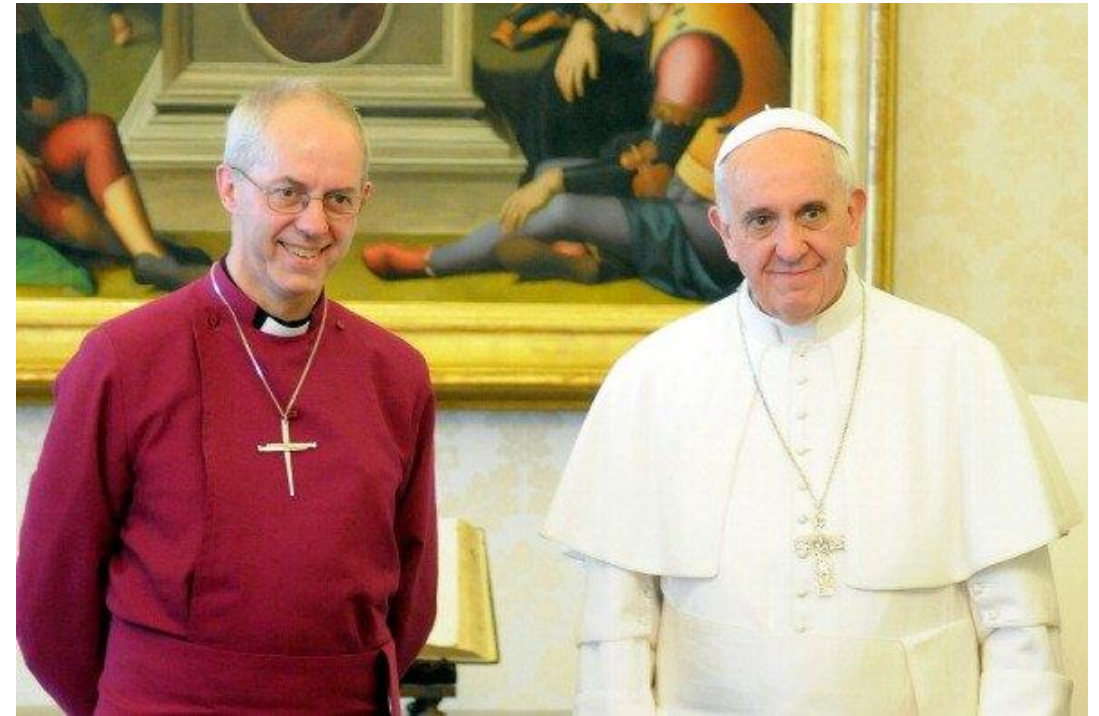
Fleet Parking, Naval Station Norfolk – US Navy

# A Moral Issue

The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone. If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all. If we do not, we burden our consciences with the weight of having denied the existence of others. Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging and of a future to be shared with everyone. (Pope Francis in *Laudato Si* or “Praise Be to You”)

# Faith Leaders Stand With Pope Francis on Climate Change

- Church of England - huge challenge
- Judaism-sustainable abundance, eco-social justice
- Buddhism -oneness of humanity
- Islam-stewardship on Earth, blessings bestowed upon us by our Creator



Pope Francis meets Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby at his private library on June 14, 2013 in Vatican City, Vatican.  
Vatican Pool—Getty Images

# Climate, Justice and Faith

## Role of Faith – a Conversation

- Christian
- Islam
- Jewish
- Buddhist

## Environmental & Racial Injustice



Interfaith Power & Light

# Dr. Katharine Hayhoe



Global warming will strike hardest against the very people we're told to love: the poor and vulnerable.



# Needed: Climate Justice

- Least responsible suffering the gravest consequences
- Responses to climate change reproduce or exacerbate existing inequalities (climate gentrification)

## Climate Solutions

- Must not repeat or reinforce existing injustices
- Must curb global warming



Eugenia Arbuggeva, for *Time*

Acting to curb global warming is *the right thing to do*

- Moral reasons
- Economics
- National Security

# Causes, Solutions, Actions

Six Sessions Thursday's 7-8 PM

- **Session 2** February 11- *The problem.*
- **Session 3** February 18 - *Bold action*
- **Session 4** February 25 -*Specific actions – in our own realms*
- **Session 5** March 4 -*Specific actions - governments*
- **Session 6** March 11– *Graduation.*







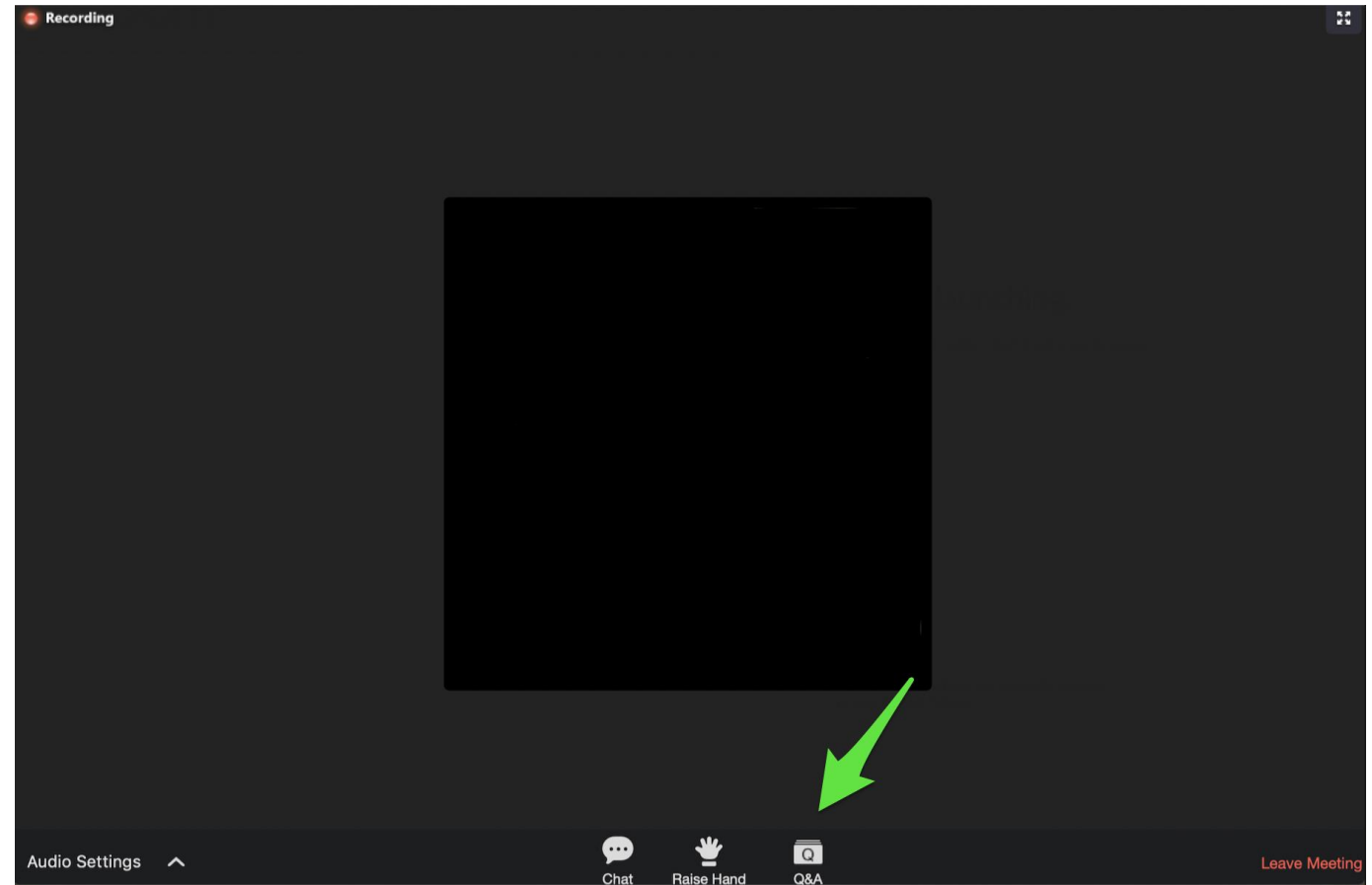
# Administration

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- Sign up (register) for each session
- What if you miss one?
- References
- Slide Shows
- Watch for *follow up* emails
- Information page:  
***<https://tinyurl.com/withGreta>***

# Questions

- Click on Q&A icon
- Follow up message – opportunity to ask more questions





# What's next?

Follow up email tomorrow with a link to the information page

- Registration for session #2, ***The Problem***
- Slides
- References
- Recording of tonight's Webinar

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