

Seeds for an Eco-Reformation

Faith communities of many denominations will mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in 2017. To commemorate the Reformation merely through historical reminiscence and worship events, however, falls far short of honoring the Reformation's life-giving dynamism that shook the foundations of Christendom and planted the seeds of the modern world. Only a dynamic resurgence of thought and action to change the Church for the sake of the world truly honors the Reformers' passion.

We join prominent theologians who are calling upon the church to participate in an **Eco-Reformation**. We are convinced that the next five hundred years are crucial for determining the fate of the Church and the world. It is not enough to recall what our spiritual ancestors did long ago. We must take action to transform every aspect of society so that people of faith and good will can nurture wholesome diversity, resilience, integrity, and beauty within God's commonwealth of creation. Churches of all denominations are invited to participate in this **Eco-Reformation**.

EcoFaith "Seeds for an Eco-Reformation" Institute

November 3 - 5th

at YMCA Camp Collins - Gresham, OR

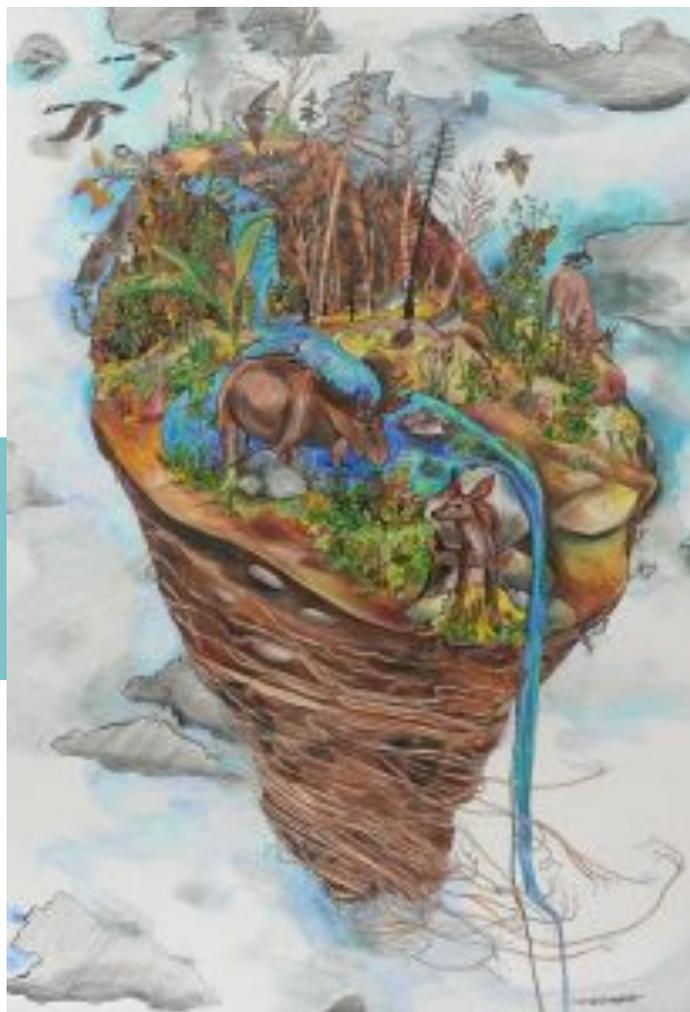
Applications Due September 13th

EcoFaith Recovery will offer LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING to equip faith communities in Oregon to become engaged in the Eco-Reformation Initiative. The program will:

- Enable up to 6 congregational team members to attend a weekend long EcoFaith Leadership Development Institute,
- Provide 10 customized 90 minutes Coaching sessions for each team.
- Offer free publicity supporting each congregation's **Eco-Reformation** ideas and actions,
- Provide training in how to use online webcam meeting (Zoom.us) and online project management software (Basecamp), as desired by each team.

The EcoFaith Institute and team coaching will ground each congregational/community team in EcoFaith Recovery's *Practices for Awakening Leadership* as a resource for developing their leadership and equipping them to carry out an Eco-Reformation Project. Teams are also welcome to participate in just the Weekend Institute. Learn more at:

www.ecofaithrecovery.org/weekendinstitute



Artist Sarah Holst, EcoFaith Intern

“We can only fully come into our power by joining with others. It was such a gift to connect with this group who are committed to making a positive difference; especially our young intern participants. Their energetic and loving spirits were truly revitalizing and inspiring...”

-Sue Koger (2016 Institute Participant)

“Robyn led us in a drumming/percussion exercise on Friday, where we connected with our own hearts and engaged with one another’s concerns rhythmically. On Saturday, Solveig led us in a guided meditation where we actually tasted the fruit of the earth... to connect our rhythms with the rhythm of the earth. The two experiences were poignant because they brought a sensory and concrete awareness to what could possibly remain a merely theoretical proposition.”

-Vicky Marie (2016 Institute Participant)

The Practices for Awakening Leadership

- 1) ACCESS Spiritual Power: Consciously connect with the indwelling God to rediscover our belovedness, our God-given power, and our place within God’s evolving universe.
- 2) DEVELOP Relationships: Consciously awaken the power-among that arises when we engage in authentic conversation and relationship.
- 3) DISCOVER Our Stories: Consciously recognize the power of God’s presence at work within our lived experience, the lives of others, and the stories of the places we live.
- 4) MENTOR One Another: Consciously draw out the gifts, wisdom and life-giving power of others, and share our own, by mentoring and being mentored.
- 5) ACT Together: Consciously engage the power of collective action, in the service of God’s healing and justice-seeking work for human communities and the whole creation.
- 6) REFLECT On Our Actions: Consciously reflect upon and evaluate our actions and the ways we use power, in order to learn and grow into mature and courageous leaders.
- 7) RESTORE Balance: Consciously re-align our lives with the sacred and natural rhythms of Life expressed through the whole of God’s creation.

Learn more about The Practices and how they can deeply impact your community at www.ecofaithrecovery.org/practices.

Sample Eco-Reformation Projects

- Incorporating principles of green building design, permaculture and other sustainable horticultural practices on your church grounds.
- Christian education that explores Care for Creation in theology, biblical interpretation, ethics, stewardship, prayer, and practices of daily living.
- Churches working with coalitions of community organizing groups to achieve local and regional goals that create a social ecology of just and sustainable communities.

More examples on our website at www.ecofaithrecovery.org/eco-reformation.

For more information or to submit your application please email office@ecofaithrecovery.org.

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