

# FAITH COMMUNITIES – A CALL TO ACTION

*At last!*  
*Something to say “YES” to!*

**Fight Climate Change  
Economic Justice  
Racial Equity**

## **Background:**

Cities all over the world are taking the lead in responding to climate change. In the United States over 1,000 mayors (including Portland’s) have signed the Mayor’s Climate Protection Agreement. Since the election, it is obvious that we cannot expect the federal government to act on climate issues.

**The measure is an opportunity for Portland to become a national model for taking proactive measures to fight climate change while providing major new economic opportunities for low-income neighborhoods and communities of color.**

Through EcoFaith Recovery’s Beyond Fossil Fuels Initiative, the faith community is embarking on an exciting new strategy for organizing communities of faith around this Portland Just Energy Transition Initiative (PJET) — a strategy that is...

- Spiritually grounded and Relational
- Ecumenical and Interfaith
- Supported with skilled coaching
- Rooted in EcoFaith Recovery’s *Practices for Awakening Leadership*

**PORTLAND**

**JUST ENERGY**

**TRANSITION**

**An Initiative**

**Join us!**



## **First:**

Learn more and find out how to access coaching and participate in this city-wide faith-based strategy.

Come to one of these two PJET Grounding for Action Meetings where clergy and lay folks across the quadrants of the city will come together to meet one another, and learn more about PJET and our faith-based strategy.

**Thursday, September 28,  
2017, 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
7220 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd.**



**Thursday, October 12, 2017,  
7-8:30 p.m.**

**Central Lutheran Church  
1820 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Ave.**



## **Next:**

*Mark your calendars for Nov. 3 – 5  
and see the reverse side for  
another dimension of this exciting  
strategy.*

**Our invitation** is for teams from congregations in each of the four quadrants of the city (NE, SE, SW, Downtown-NW) to participate in one weekend EcoFaith Institute (November 3 - 5) to become

grounded in the Practices for Awakening Leadership, build relationships with other congregations within your quadrant, and prepare to kick off the PJET Initiative. The congregations within each quadrant will then form a team which will receive ongoing coaching and support throughout the duration of the campaign. Our vision is that the relationships formed, the practices learned, the leadership developed, and the spiritual and organizing support received will increase capacity within and between congregations not only for PJET but for years to come.

Through a generous grant from the Bishop of the Oregon Synod-ELCA, the leadership of EcoFaith Recovery's Beyond Fossil Fuels leadership team, and the participation of several Lutheran congregations, the entire cost of the institute and 15 hours of coaching per team is \$128 per person! What a tremendous opportunity for faith-based organizing!

[www.ecofaithrecovery.com/weekendinstitute](http://www.ecofaithrecovery.com/weekendinstitute)

## EcoFaith Recovery's 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.