**People’s Climate March – Christian Resources**

**Sample Bulletin Announcement for Communities of Faith**

**People’s Climate March in Portland, Sunday, Sept. 21st, 3:00 p.m. Waterfront Park’s South Bowl**

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21 at 3:00 p.m., members and friends of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are invited to join hundreds of thousands of people across the country who will be taking part in the People’s Climate March and Rally. This multi-faceted, grass-roots initiative will call on the heads of state convening in New York City for a historic summit the following week to commit to a strong treaty to limit climate change. The People’s Climate March in Portland (PCM in PDX) is a solidarity event to the main march in New York City. Our congregational team will [receive a prayer of blessing during our morning worship service and then] travel together to Portland Waterfront Park’s South Bowl (just South of the Hawthorne Bridge).

Pre-gathering, 2:00pm meet at St. James Lutheran Church: 1315 SW Park Ave, Portland(on the SW corner of Jefferson) The Wilderness Way Community, on behalf of the entire EcoFaith Recovery network, will be singing, drumming and teaching songs to prepare and inspire us for the march. This will be the place for congregations to gather so we can participate in this action together!

Immediately following the March meet at St. James: 1315 SW Park Ave, Portland(on the SW corner of Jefferson). We will gather to join in our collective practice of reflection and evaluation of the event!

Information about the national march can be found at [www.peoplesclimate.org](http://www.peoplesclimate.org).

**Sample Newsletter Article or Worship Folder Insert for Communities of Faith**

**Join (Name of Church) at the People’s Climate March in Portland, Sept. 21st, 3:00 p.m. at Portland Waterfront Park’s South Bowl**

As Christians, we have a moral duty to take care of creation and preserve it for future generations.

We have an obligation to protect the most vulnerable –those who suffer from droughts, flooding and diseases spread by climate change.

We need an economy that works for people and the planet; a world with good jobs, clean air and water, and healthy communities.

That’s why, on Sunday afternoon, September 21, hundreds of thousands of people will march in New York City, and thousands will march in solidarity in Portland at 3:00 p.m. We will call on heads of state convening in New York City for a historic summit on climate change the following week to commit to a strong treaty to limit climate change.

(Name of church) has endorsed the March and will be sending a group to participate and offering a prayer of blessing for them during our Sunday morning worship service. Contact (name of contact person within the church) at (e-mail address or phone) if you would like to take part. To connect with the New York march, visit [www.peoplesclimate.org](http://www.peoplesclimate.org) and email [www.greenfaith.org](http://www.greenfaith.org). To learn more about the pre- and post-gatherings for people of faith participating in the People’s Climate March in Portland, sign up at [www.EcoFaithRecovery.org](http://www.EcoFaithRecovery.org).

The Bible teaches “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.” (Ps. 24) Jesus tells us that “Truly I tell you, whatever you did unto the least of these, your brothers and sisters, you did unto me.” (Mt. 25)

That’s why the time to act has arrived. Please join others in our faith community. Take part in the People’s Climate March.

We’ve known for years that climate change represents an enormous threat. The poor are far more likely to be hurt by climate-related natural disasters, which have quadrupled in the last two decades, than populations above the poverty line. America's military and religious leaders across the ideological spectrum have said climate change is one of the greatest threats to our future. But, sadly, the powerful fossil fuel industry is holding back progress and using its political influence to stop progress and to protect massive taxpayer subsidies – over $1 billion per day around the world.

Imagine what good could be done if those resources were invested in a healthy future.

The Earth is a stunning gift. It supports life. It is the basis of all our economies. It conveys beauty. It evokes our recognition of something greater than ourselves. It is our temple, our sanctuary, our cathedral. It is our home. But today, the balance of life on Earth is threatened by climate change.

For faith communities, the People’s Climate March is our chance to make our voices heard, to call for action that will protect life and create a pathway to a positive future. In the past, enormous, peaceful public marches have played an important role in shifting the cultural and political landscape, of demonstrating massive public will for action on matters of great moral weight.

To learn more and to get involved,

\* contact (name of contact person within your faith community),

\* visit [www.ecofaithrecovery.org](http://www.ecofaithrecovery.org) to connect with the Sept. 21st Portland Solidarity march, or

\* visit [www.peoplesclimate.org](http://www.peoplesclimate.org) to learn more about the national march in New York City, or

\* visit [www.greenfaith.org](http://www.greenfaith.org) to connect with other people of faith for the New York march.

**Request for Announcement to Your Conference/Diocese/Presbytery/Synod/Etc.**

*If a team from your congregation will be participating in the march, please request that your denominational leaders advertise the following announcement by email and any other manner available to them:*

Congregations of our [Conference/Diocese/Presbytery/Synod/etc] will be sending teams to participate in the People’s Climate March at the Portland Waterfront Park’s South Bowl (just south of the Hawthorne Bridge) on Sunday, Sept. 21st at 3:00 p.m. You are invited to join people of faith and others by organizing a team from your community of faith to participate. During the march and rally we will call on heads of state convening in New York City for a historic summit the following week to commit to a strong treaty to limit climate change. Additional information along with prayers of Blessing for Marchers, Prayer Petitions for Worship, and Sermons for the occasion are being shared among congregations of many denominations at [www.EcoFaithRecovery.org](http://www.EcoFaithRecovery.org).

Participating in the march will enable us to call on world leaders gathering in New York the following week to commit to a strong climate change treaty. For faith communities, the People’s Climate March is our chance to make our voices heard, to call for action that will protect life and create a pathway to a positive future. In the past, enormous, peaceful public marches have played an important role in shifting the cultural and political landscape, of demonstrating massive public will for action on matters of great moral weight. Let’s put our faith into action! As new information and resources become available for congregations engaging in the march and on the pre- and post-gatherings for people of faith, they will be posted at [www.EcoFaithRecovery.org](http://www.EcoFaithRecovery.org).

**Have your Communities of Faith Endorse the March**

If you are affiliated with one (or more) organizations, groups, businesses, community leader, associations or institutions - have them endorse the march by filling out this form (deadline is Sept 10th, but the sooner the better):

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sCjV53zvC15331o98nONBT0JqcRaqz8rqLXwpY3RZ4M/viewform?usp=send\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sCjV53zvC15331o98nONBT0JqcRaqz8rqLXwpY3RZ4M/viewform?usp=send_form" \t "_blank)

**Social Media**

Join the main event page on Facebook and share widely with your networks: [https://www.facebook.com/events/490972554373602/?ref=4](https://www.facebook.com/events/490972554373602/?ref=4" \t "_blank)

Also join the EcoFaith Recovery event page for people off faith subset group

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