

The Initiatives of EcoFaith Recovery

Overview: EcoFaith Recovery is a leadership development effort grounded in the Christian tradition and welcoming all who seek recovery from societal addictions to unsustainable ways of life. Our recovery begins as we come out of isolation and rediscover our relatedness to God, ourselves, each other, and the entire earth community of which we are a part. Our recovery deepens as we call our religious, political and economic institutions to enter recovery with us.



We do this by seeding and nurturing eco-spiritual practices within existing faith communities and sponsoring Leadership Development Initiatives which bring leaders together across diverse communities of faith to unleash our spiritual/relational power for the healing of human communities and the web of life of which we are a part.

Some of our Initiative areas are described below. To join us in this *great work* of our time, please sign up at our website at www.ecofaithrecovery.org!

Grounding for Action Beyond Fossil Fuels

Join Christians and others of good will who are building strength to participate in the fossil fuel resistance movement and who seek spiritual grounding, shared values, common practices, and real relationships from which to act. . . and act powerfully! In our time together you can expect:

GROUNDING in

- cultivating spiritual practices which marshal relational power through community organizing (inspired by principles and practices of the Industrian Areas Foundation),
- spirituality and scripture from the Christian tradition with an openness to insights provided to us by other religious traditions,
- values and language from the tradition of Kingian nonviolence as supported by our partnership in this effort with an organization called *On Earth Peace* which helps individuals, congregations, and communities grow in peace through training and accompaniment, and
- the wisdom of the 12-step Recovery movement.

ACTION through

- opportunities to reflect together about recent fossil fuels organizing and actions; and
- learning about and connecting with upcoming actions led by the many groups working to stop proposed fossil fuel exports.

Learn more and register at www.ecofaithrecovery.org.

Preaching in the Biocommons Retreat Days

Those who preach and teach regularly in their congregational settings gather to reflect on how the things we are learning about ecology, economy, cosmology and justice inform our preaching and worship planning. From 9:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. a facilitator lays out themes arising from the New Revised Common Lectionary for an upcoming season of the church year. The rest of the day is available for you to work individually or in small groups on your preaching themes and worship planning. Learn more, and register at www.ecofaithrecovery.org.

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Internships with EcoFaith Recovery are designed to develop leadership capacities in young adults (ages 18 – 29) who want to:

- Join people of faith in discovering how deeply affected they are by the prevailing ethos of consumerism, industrial growth society, and their impacts on the web of life;
- Share their skills and creativity to enhance EcoFaith Recovery's vision for expanding the network of faith-based eco-recovery;
- Develop their leadership potential by being mentored by a volunteer-leader with shared interests.

EcoFaith Recovery's volunteer mentors meet together every other month to cultivate the art, practices and skills of high quality mentoring. If you are interested in applying for an internship or serving as a mentor, please contact Pastor Robyn Hartwig at PastorRobyn@ecofaithrecovery.org. To learn about our current interns, visit www.ecofaithrecovery.org.

Organizing in the Biocommons is an expanding learning community of progressive Christian lay and ordained leaders and those of other faith traditions who are together exploring:

- The root causes underlying our crisis of economy and ecology,
- The impact of this crisis on our families, congregations, institutions and planet,
- How to build power to create opportunities within the double eco-crisis (ecology and economy),
- The vast theological and spiritual resources available to inspire and ground this great work of our time.

The Winter 2014 course is currently underway. Stay up to date on the timeline for the fall course by joining our email list at www.ecofaithrecovery.org.

Simply in Season Leadership Training equips new leaders to form small food faith and fellowship groups using the Simply in Season cookbook published by the Mennonite Church. Leaders are trained to start Simply in Season groups which to prepare healthy/sustainable meals, share food in community, engage in Biblical reflection, experiment with new spiritual practices, and learn how the food we eat impacts our bodies, our communities and the larger web of life. We make connections between Christian faith, spirituality, and the impact our food purchases and production choices have on ourselves, our neighbors and all of God's creation. A training for new leaders was just held on February 11th. Sign up at the website to be notified of when the next training will take place. www.ecofaithrecovery.org

Care for Creation Trainings

EcoFaith Recovery partners with the Oregon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Lutherans Restoring Creation for the purpose of training congregations interested in a Biblically and theologically grounded process of gracefully greening every area of our ministries. A team of volunteer trainers is available to offer a six-hour training in a flexible model developed by Lutherans Restoring Creation whenever leaders from a particular congregation are willing to host such a training. For more information and to request a training, visit www.ecofaithrecovery.org.

Interested in learning more? Want to get involved? Contact Rachael Johnson, Operations and Communications Coordinator at: Office@ecofaithrecovery.org

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