

ECOFAITH LEADERS TAKING ROOT TOGETHER

Building the Faith-based Movement and Focusing our Energies
August, 2014

1) STARTING NEW TEAMS OR DEEPENING EXISTING TEAMS

With our [Practices for Awakening Leadership](#) in hand and [brochures for us all to use in sharing this vision with others](#), we are focusing on engaging the practices *ourselves* with others in our congregations. We believe that we cannot sufficiently engage in “ecofaith recovery” alone. We need spiritually grounded communities! Once you have any new or existing congregational team or group intentionally engaging the practices, please email office@ecofaithrecovery.org if you would like to have your team listed on the EcoFaith Recovery website so that others can find you and join you!

2) EQUIPPING TEAMS

In order to expand our own capacities within our congregations to engage in the recovery of human life and the healing of God’s creation, an outstanding opportunity is our [Organizing in the Biocommons](#) course. Please register yourself and your teams for either the Monday evening or Friday daytime track by August 31, 2014. [Share flyers you’ll find here](#).

3) MOBILIZING OUR TEAMS TO TAKE ACTION SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST, 1:00 P.M.

“We’ll take to the streets to demand the world we know is within our reach: a world with an economy that works for people and the planet; a world safe from the ravages of climate change; a world with good jobs, clean air and water, and healthy communities.”

With these words, [Bill McKibben has called upon all of us](#) to engage in a historic grassroots mobilization called [The People’s Climate March](#). The main march will take place in New York City immediately before the UN Summit on the Climate Crisis there. If you can take a train to New York City, fabulous! If not, please join the rest of your fellow EcoFaith Recovery leaders who are inviting our congregations to worship God in the morning and head out together to join the [Portland Solidarity March & Rally at 1:00 p.m. at Shemanski Park](#) (South Park blocks, downtown Portland). In the history of EcoFaith Recovery, there has never been a better catalyst for mobilizing teams from our congregations. So if you are not going to New York, we hope you will join our efforts to engage our congregations right here. To do that please [sign up at this link](#) to come out to the Oregon People’s Climate march with others from your faith community. To best prepare, let’s all [RSVP](#) for the Sept 11th [Grounding for Action](#) Beyond Fossil Fuels gathering.

Then check back at the EcoFaith Recovery website for sermons, prayers of blessing and other liturgical resources your congregation can use in your worship service that day. (Please also share the worship/educational resources your congregation will use this day by emailing them to office@ecofaithrecovery.org.) We hope congregations will offer prayers of blessing for their teams in worship that morning before those teams head off to put faith into action.

To support your work as volunteer leaders through EcoFaith Recovery, some of our Core Team leaders are donating the monies they would have spent traveling to the New York march to EcoFaith Recovery to help build the infrastructure we all need to cultivate a more life-giving faith, economy, and politics here in the Pacific Northwest. We invite you to consider [joining us](#) in this financial mobilization, especially as we seek another [\\$31,172](#) before the end of the year to provide our volunteer leaders with the budgeted levels of support they need to mobilize people of faith.

Thank you for taking root together in God’s good soil for the recovery of human life and healing of God’s creation!