## Join Us!

- Find out more by signing up at our website to try one or more EcoFaith Recovery Initiatives events www.ecofaithrecovery.org
- 2. Check out a "Practicing the Practices" session to explore the "Practices for Awakening Leadership" more deeply.
- Enlist any existing or new team from your congregation pledging to practice EcoFaith's "Practices for Awakening Leadership," and be named on our website.
- 4. Get involved in our intern & mentor program. Know someone who is 18-29 and looking to develop leadership skills? Contact us!
- 5. Join our Circles of Giving to help us raise \$25,000 in 2015 from individual donations to fund the part-time staff, communications & infrastructure needed to support our volunteer leaders as they grow this movement.
- Use this brochure to invite others to learn about EcoFaith Recovery and participate in EcoFaith Recovery Initiatives.

### About Our Logo

We envision ourselves as a tree of life, rooted and growing at the confluence of *Ecology, Faith and Recovery* – three deep and wise tributaries, merging to form a powerful, rushing river of lifegiving water.

<u>Eco</u> is the environmental and eco-justice movements that have expanded our awareness of climate change and other causes of ecological devastation.

<u>Faith</u> is the rich biblical, theological and spiritual resources of the Christian faith traditions.

<u>Recovery</u> is the sharing of our stories in community, the discovery of our collective power, and the turn to a higher spiritual power, who many of us call God, in order to effectively face this crisis with creativity and imagination.

#### GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEER LEADERS BY CONTACTING US AT:

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#### IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



### Who We Are Together

On either side of the river is the tree of life...

and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

- Revelation 22:2

www.ecofaithrecovery.org

### Who are we?

### **Our Initiatives**

### What do we do together?

We are a broad network of volunteer leaders and faith-based communities in the Pacific Northwest who are:

- *recovering* our true vocation as people of faith and citizens of earth;
- restoring our sanity in the midst of an addictive culture and economy;
- reconciling a right-relationship with all of creation, including all human communities;
- rediscovering courage to rise up with the most vulnerable and oppressed in the face of human systems that escalate injustice and climate change;
- *reclaiming* our prophetic imagination for the flourishing of an earth-honoring and life-honoring faith, economy, and culture.

#### We are EcoFaith Recovery.

And we are recovering.

### Why does EcoFaith Recovery exist?

To identify existing and emerging leaders, develop our leadership potential through EcoFaith's "Practices for Awakening Leadership," and lift one another up to support our faith communities in taking courageous public action for the recovery of human life and the healing of God's creation.

#### 1. Organizing in the Biocommons

This course is an expanding learning community of leaders in progressive faith traditions. We "organize in the biocommons" in order to transform our public spaces, public life and public dealings to reflect and nurture the sacred life and relationships of the biosphere.

2. Beyond Fossil Fuels

Join Christians and others of good will who are ready to move beyond fossil fuels and who seek spiritual grounding, shared values, common practices, and real relationships from which to act--and act powerfully!

#### 3. Preaching in the Biocommons

Those who preach and teach regularly in their congregational settings gather to reflect on how do the things we are learning about ecology, economy, cosmology and justice inform our worship planning and preaching?

- 4. Internships & Mentoring Develop leadership capacities in young adults.
- 5. Simply in Season Equips new leaders to form small food faith and fellowship groups using the Simply in Season cookbook published by the Mennonite Church.

# What are the "Practices for Awakening Leadership?"

A spiritually grounded approach to recovering our God-given vocations so we can grow as leaders, maintain balance, prevent burnout, and become more effective over time. You can find them at www.ecofaithrecovery.org/practices

#### Together we:

- Deepen our engagement with EcoFaith's "Practices for Awakening Leadership" by joining our various EcoFaith Initiatives;
- Enlist teams of leaders from our faith communities to intentionally develop our leadership potential so we can support our congregations in taking public action for the healing of creation and its human communities;
- Co-sponsor and publicize those groups, worship services, and events which advance EcoFaith's "Practices for Awakening Leadership" that are sponsored member congregations;
- Offer five stipended, mentor assisted internships each year to help young adult leaders develop;
- Share stories of what it means to engage in "ecofaith recovery";
- Connect leaders and congregational teams with one another virtually so they can:
  - Build community;
  - Deepen their recovery as leaders:
  - Inspire one another to courageous public action for the healing of creation;
  - Develop new ministries together.