**NEXT STEPS FOR BIOCOMMONS PARTICIPANTS AND TEAMS**

**FALL, 2014**

**First and Ongoing Step:**

* **Strengthen your own OMC by using the Practices for Awakening Leadership in your team and other groups within your congregation. This IS OUR RECOVERY PROGRAM within an addictive system!  As a team, have Individual Relational Conversations regularly with people within your congregation and reflect on those conversations together as a team.**
* Optional as support and connection: Participate in EcoFaith’s Beyond Fossil Fuels’ Grounding for Action monthly meetings (next one Nov. 13) - the focus is on supporting leaders who are organizing their congregations to participate in fossil fuel resistance actions (resisting the NO)

**Continue Building Capacity through this Biocommons Process:**

* Share the stories that impacted you in the Biocommons, and practice telling your own stories within your own congregation
* Consider teaching this class (or elements of this class) yourselves in your own contexts
* Recruit the next team from your congregation to participate in OBC
* Join the teaching team for the next round of OBC

**Begin working toward Second YES:**

* Form a research team to explore possibilities more deeply
* Build relationships with groups of different racial/economic/ethnic/religious identities to deepen our analysis, expand our imaginations, and build power and capacity
* Build relationships with other Biocommons/EcoFaith congregations who are doing this work
* Invite other Biocommons congregations/participants to participate in what your team is doing

**Keep connected:**

* Participate as a team in EcoFaith leader retreats (2-4/year)
* Participate as a team in an All-Biocommons assembly (Note: This is not yet planned or in the works, but could be if there is sufficient desire.)
* Participate as a team in Dave Pritchett’s spring class: “Columbia River Watershed Discipleship: Faith and the Ecology of Liberation”
* Explore financially supporting and participating in other aspects of EcoFaith Recovery - individually and/or as a congregation
* Write a blog post for the EcoFaith Recovery blog about your experience in the biocommons, or what you are discovering along the way in this process.  AND/OR share your story with other congregations about your biocommos experience.  Submissions and/or interest in telling your story publicly can be sent to Rachael at [office@ecofaithrecovery.org](mailto:office@ecofaithrecovery.org).
* Sign up to be on an EcoFaith list serve of participants in this class.  (Through your participating in this class, you will be added automatically to the [leaders@ecofaithrecovery.org](mailto:leaders@ecofaithrecovery.org) list serve to keep connected with ongoing EcoFaith developments.  Contact Rachael Johnson at [office@ecofaithrecovery.org](mailto:office@ecofaithrecovery.org) if you do not want to be on that leaders list serve.)