

# Join Us!

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1. Find out more by signing up for our newsletter: [www.ecofaithrecovery.org](http://www.ecofaithrecovery.org).
2. Learn the “Practices for Awakening Leadership” by getting connected with an EcoFaith Initiative.
3. Enlist any existing or new team from your congregation pledging to practice EcoFaith’s “Practices for Awakening Leadership,” and be named as a “group” 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 \$30,000 in 2016 from individual donations to fund the part-time staff, communications & infrastructure needed to support our volunteer leaders as they grow this movement.
6. Use this brochure to invite others to learn about EcoFaith Recovery and participate in EcoFaith Recovery Initiatives.

## About Our Logo

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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 life-giving water.

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

Faith is the rich biblical, theological and spiritual resources of the Christian faith traditions.

Recovery 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  
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## For the Recovery of Human Life and the Healing of God’s Creation

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## 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*

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## Who are we?

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.

## 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.

**These *Practices for Awakening Leadership* include**

- 1) spiritual grounding,**
- 2) relational conversations,**
- 3) telling our stories,**
- 4) rhythms of engagement,**
- 5) mentoring, and**
- 6) conscious leadership development.**

**Each of the six Practices above has four dimensions: personal, interpersonal, community and public sphere.**

## What are EcoFaith Initiatives?

EcoFaith Initiatives bring leaders together across diverse communities of faith to learn about and engage in the *Practices for Awakening Leadership* together. By engaging in the Practices, we expand our own leadership capacity and learn how to use the *Practices* for in our leadership efforts within our communities of faith and other communities.

Past and current examples of EcoFaith Initiatives include: Care for Creation Trainings, Organizing in the Biocommons courses, Preaching in the Biocommons Gatherings, Beyond Fossil Fuels Grounding for Action Gatherings, EcoFaith Youth Camp, EcoFaith Institute, Leadership "Table Talks." To learn about or connect with an EcoFaith Initiative, visit [www.ecofaithrecovery.org/initiatives](http://www.ecofaithrecovery.org/initiatives).

## What do we do together?

*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 that are sponsored by member congregations which incorporate EcoFaith's "Practices for Awakening Leadership;"
- Offer five stipended, mentored internships each year to help young adults develop their leadership capacity;
- 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 Initiatives together.