

Nearly 70% of Americans now believe that climate change is human caused and worry about the threat it poses.

Together we are actually doing something about it!

EcoFaith Recovery is a faith-based leadership development network of volunteer leaders who are lifting up one another to support communities in taking courageous public action for a just world where all have clean air, safe water, and healthy food. We seek to reclaim the wisdom of our faith traditions, repent of the ways we participate in injustice, liberate our imaginations, claim our unique callings, and organize our communities to achieve this vision. Since our founding in 2009, EcoFaith Recovery has equipped emerging leaders through dozens of workshops and retreats, organized hundreds of people to participate in public actions, and equipped 30 young adults across the country through year-long mentored, stipended internships. Photographs of EcoFaith interns are below, with brief descriptions about their projects.



The Challenge: EcoFaith interns are thoroughly grounded in our *Practices for Awakening Leadership*, seven experiential activities designed to equip us to lead others in specific local actions to address climate change and work for justice for those who are disproportionately impacted by climate disruption. Annually, \$25,000 of our budget directly supports our interns. This represents half of EcoFaith's \$50,000 operating budget. We have received generous grant support from a variety of sources for this highly-regarded internship program, but that support rises and falls with grant cycles. For 2018, we have secured a matching grant of \$12,000 to stabilize the funding for our internship program. To receive this grant, we **must** raise at least \$12,000 in **NEW** gifts from current or new donors. In 2019, we must maintain our level of increased giving and raise additional funds to replace the current grant. We embrace this opportunity to engage more individual donors and congregations in funding our next cohort of five young adult leaders so that we can then seek additional funding to expand our internship program to even more emerging young leaders.

The Invitation: EcoFaith interns are *central* to our vision for a just world where all have clean air, safe water, and healthy food. We invite new first-time donors to make one-time gifts or to initiate on-going monthly gifts at any of our donor levels (\$5-\$400 per month) to meet the 2018 match. We also invite pledges for 2019 for one-time or monthly gifts.

Information about donating to the EcoFaith internship program is available at www.ecofaithrecovery.org.



"Not only did EcoFaith Recovery give me a platform to develop my own leadership, it also created the space for me to tie together my passions for racial, economic, and environmental justice. Looking back, my initial internship with EcoFaith Recovery was the seed that has helped me support many others in my life in building leadership capacity and creating energy to support community change."
- Nathan Holst, Youth Minister, Peace UCC, Duluth, MN



Celebrating 30 EcoFaith Recovery Interns

Thank you InFaith Community Foundation for making them possible!

 <p>Nathan Holst** Piloted EcoFaith Youth Camp 2012</p>	 <p>Turtle Farahat Alternative Economies 2012</p>	 <p>Tess Waechter Planning a Just, Community Café, 2012</p>	 <p>Karen Bailey Telling EcoFaith's Origin Story 2012</p>	 <p>Minda Jerde EcoFaith Communications Intern 2012</p>	 <p>Nikki Reutter-Harrah Consumerism & Sexism, 2013</p>
 <p>Elizabeth Herzfeldt-Kamprath Telling EcoFaith's Story via Video 2013</p>	 <p>Matt Cummings Eco-justice, Social justice, & Theology 2013</p>	 <p>Redbird Woodley Practicing Indigenous Farming & Leading Farm Tour, 2013</p>	 <p>Barbara Willer Organizing in the Biocommons Course Intern 2013</p>	 <p>Karin Hatch EcoFaith Youth Camp Leader 2014</p>	 <p>Kirra Hughes "Beyond Fossil Fuels" Intern 2014</p>
 <p>Dave Pritchett** Taught <i>Columbia Watershed Discipleship</i>, 2014</p>	 <p>Noah Gerlach Exploring Conscious Consumption 2014</p>	 <p>Sarah Gross Samuelson Intern Coordinator 2015</p>	 <p>Vicky Hart Enhancing Eco-Communications 2015</p>	 <p>Haylie Isaacson Eco-Retreat Planning & Leadership 2015</p>	 <p>Michelle Piscitelli EcoFaith Retreat Leadership, 2015</p>
 <p>Chase Isaacson Telling EcoFaith Stories with Video 2015</p>	 <p>Sarah Holst** Seeding a Garden Church 2016</p>	 <p>Molly Hartshorn Intersections: Faith, Ecology & Racism 2016</p>	 <p>Chloe Mankin EcoFaith Website Redesign 2016</p>	 <p>Shelby Deepening the "Recovery" in EcoFaith, 2016</p>	 <p>Bradley Seibel Gardening Together Model, 2016</p>
 <p>Jason Wood Launching an Urban Community Farm, 2016</p>	 <p>Rie Tanabe Reconnecting with Indigenous People and Place, 2017</p>	 <p>Jacob Taylor Catechism of Place 2017</p>	 <p>Liz Fifield Great Lakes Spirituality 2017</p>	 <p>Sarah Kretschmann Connect Seminary Garden to Liturgy 2017</p>	 <p>Adella Barrett Eco-Centered Hospice Practices 2017</p>

** After successfully completing their EcoFaith Internships, these three individuals went onto serve in another, advanced level Internship as EcoFaith Intern Coordinator. More information about all interns is at www.ecofaithrecovery.org.