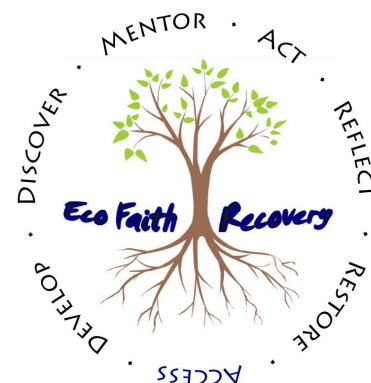


Nearly 70% of Americans now believe that climate change is human caused and say they worry about the threat it poses.

Together, we are actually doing something about it!

EcoFaith Recovery is a faith-based leadership development network of volunteer leaders who lift one another up to support our communities in taking courageous public action for a just world where all have clean air, safe water, and healthy food. We 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 inspired emerging leaders through dozens of workshops, organized hundreds of people to participate in public actions, and equipped 30 young adults across the country through year-long mentored, stipended internships.



EcoFaith's internship cohorts are central to EcoFaith's vision. They gather with other EcoFaith leaders to begin their internships at an EcoFaith Leadership Institute and then meet regularly with fellow interns and personal mentors. Like all EcoFaith leaders, they are thoroughly grounded in our *Practices for Awakening Leadership*, seven experiential exercises which help us equip our communities to take practical steps to put faith into action by addressing climate change and working for justice for those who lack clean air, safe water and healthy food. Photos of EcoFaith's 30 interns to date are included below.

The Challenge: For the past six years, EcoFaith has depended upon \$25,000 of grant funding per year to fund our internship program. This represents half of the annual \$50,000 budget which supports all of our volunteer leaders. Such grant funding is inherently unstable. It rises and falls with the interests and capacities of grant funders. We must stabilize the funding for our internship program. To help us achieve this goal, InFaith Community Foundation will match \$12,000 in **NEW OR INCREASED GIFTS and NEWLY ESTABLISHED MONTHLY DONATIONS** from individuals and faith communities. We **must** raise the funds in order to receive the match. Then in 2019, we must maintain that increased giving and raise additional funds to replace the current grant. We embrace this opportunity to engage more individual donors and congregations in equipping future generations of young adult 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 tax-deductible gifts or to initiate on-going monthly gifts ranging from \$5 - \$400 per month to enable us to meet the match. We also invite pledges for 2019 to build capacity.

Learn more about donating to EcoFaith Recovery at www.ecofaithrecovery.org

Contributions may also be mailed to EcoFaith Recovery, P.O. Box 12612, Portland, OR 97212



"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!

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|  <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.

EcoFaith's Accomplishments To Date:

Since its founding by a circle of eight in 2009 until its current form as a network of hundreds of leaders, EcoFaith has:

- Equipped 30 young adults across the country through mentored, stipended internships,
- Trained over 125 Care for Creation Leaders and 200 people through the "Organizing in the Biocommons" Course,
- Organized over 185 people to take faith-based action through EcoFaith's *Beyond Fossil Fuels* Initiative,
- Supported over 225 leaders in developing their leadership potential through Weekend Institutes, Congregational Coaching of Eco-Reformation Projects, Portland Clean Energy Fund Organizing, Simply in Season Leadership Trainings, Simpler Living Practice Groups, and Columbia River Watershed Discipleship course,
- Inspired 300 people to connect faith, justice and ecology through EcoFaith Youth Camps, Table Talks, & Retreats

EcoFaith's Vision for 2019 and Beyond



Equip 5 more young adult interns across the country in 2019 via a year-long internship cohort process. **Vision of 50 future interns per year** (10 cohorts x 5 interns).



Interns organize their communities to participate in local campaigns which advance the vision of a just and life-giving world where all have clean air, safe water and healthy food.



Engage faith communities in existing campaigns for a just world where all have clean air, safe water & healthy food in 2019. **Vision of 25 EcoFaith chapters across country** in the future.



Expand EcoFaith Leadership Institutes across country, providing weekend immersions into *The Practices for Awakening Leadership* to all interns and many others. Future vision of 12 per year.



Raise up former EcoFaith interns and others to serve as Presenters at *EcoFaith Leadership Institutes* and Coaches of EcoFaith interns and congregational teams. Vision of 20 new leaders per year.



Launch monthly online gatherings in 2019 where EcoFaith leaders across the country gather to mentor one another. **Expand to weekly gatherings** as funds permit.

EcoFaith's Practices for Awakening Leadership enable us to live out this vision, as we:

- 1) Access Spiritual Power,
- 2) Develop Relationships,
- 3) Discover our Stories,
- 4) Mentor One Another,
- 5) Act Together,
- 6) Reflect on our Actions, and
- 7) Restore Balance

Will you join us? We need everybody working for a just and life-giving world where all have clean air, safe water, and healthy food. Today we also need individual and congregational donations to help meet the \$12,000 matching grant and provide a more stable funding stream for years to come. The grant will match new gifts, or the amount of any increase from last year's gift, or a year's worth of new automatic monthly gifts of \$5 to \$400 set up by December 31, 2018.

Will you please help us Meet the Match now at www.ecofaithrecovery.org?

How can I help EcoFaith *Meet the \$12,000 Match* and Equip Interns and Others to work for a just and life-giving world where all have clean air, safe water, and healthy food?

| Action | Will it be matched? |
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| 1) Offer a new gift or an increase to the amount offered last year. | Yes |
| 2) Set up a new recurring monthly donation at www.ecofaithrecovery.org | Yes, a full year's worth of all new monthly recurring donations initiated by December 31st will be matched now if pledged to continue for a year or more. |
| 3) Email friends and family telling them why you give to EcoFaith Recovery and inviting them to donate at www.ecofaithrecovery.org | Yes, the total of all first-time contributions will be matched. |
| 4) Share this flyer with somebody in your network who has never given to EcoFaith Recovery, and ask them to consider helping EcoFaith meet the match. | Yes |
| 5) Invite your faith community to offer a one time gift or ongoing benevolence contribution to EcoFaith Recovery. | Yes |
| 6) Publicize EcoFaith Recovery's matching grant opportunity to your community of faith. | Yes, all new and increased gifts from individuals and faith communities will be matched. |
| 7) Invite somebody who is over 70 ½ to offer \$1,000 - \$5,000 of their annual IRA Required Minimum Distribution to EcoFaith Recovery via our fiscal sponsor, Salt and Light Lutheran Church, and avoid paying taxes on it. | Yes |



My EcoFaith Recovery internship began as an idea for a few raised beds at a local church and is now a full-scale business operation that will be using aeroponics and other alternative food growing techniques to provide disempowered communities with the opportunity to produce their own food and/or sell at the farmer's market.

- Bradley Seibel, EcoFaith Intern, 2016-2018, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Standing with the vulnerable and marginalized is central to our faith. That's why co-leading EcoFaith Recovery's work on the Portland Clean Energy Fund initiative gives me deep joy and satisfaction. I wish I'd learned about EcoFaith years ago! I think many more would get involved if we had the resources to make ourselves more known.

- Alison Wiley, EcoFaith Volunteer Leader from Lincoln Street Methodist Church, Portland

