

ECOFAITH LEADERS

FOCUSING THE ENERGY: TEAMS

September, 2014

1) STARTING OR STRENGTHENING OUR TEAMS

The [Practices for Awakening Leadership](#) are being updated for the fall. Please use our summer [brochures to share this vision with others](#) until mid-September when the Fall version will be available. We know that God is unleashing tremendous power among us when we engage in these Practices in our congregations. Once you have any new or existing congregational team intentionally engaging the practices, please email office@ecofaithrecovery.org to have your team listed on the EcoFaith Recovery website so that others can find and join you!

2) EQUIPPING OUR TEAMS

Great news! You can still sign up a team for the [Organizing in the Biocommons](#) course! [Please share the flyers you will find here](#). The upcoming climate march (see below) is employing the slogan that “To Change Everything, We Need Everyone.” This course is one of the best ways I know to *change everything*. So let’s go get *everyone* registered!

3) MOBILIZING OUR TEAMS TO TAKE ACTION ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

We'll take to the streets to demand the world we know is within our reach: a world with an economy that works for people and the planet; a world safe from the ravages of climate change; a world with good jobs, clean air and water, and healthy communities.

With these words, [Bill McKibben has called upon everyone](#) to engage in a historic grassroots mobilization called [The People's Climate March](#). As most of you know, the main march will take place in New York City immediately before the UN Summit on the Climate Crisis there. For those of us not going to New York, we will worship God in the morning with our congregations and then head out to the big [People's Climate March in Portland](#). The rally and march will take place at **3:00 p.m. at Portland Riverfront Park's South Bowl**. Plans are underway for a **Pre-Gathering for People of Faith that is likely to start at 1:45 or 2:00 p.m.** at a location to be announced. Please [sign up at this link](#) to come out to join the rally and march with others from your faith community. To best prepare, let's all [RSVP](#) for the Sept 11th [Grounding for Action](#) Beyond Fossil Fuels gathering, specifically designed to prepare us for the march and help us mobilize our congregational teams. To inspire our efforts, we have four congregations so far who are screening the [movie Disruption](#) designed in advance of the march. Please attend and support one of [their screenings](#) or invite EcoFaith Recovery to co-sponsor one at your community of faith.

We could use more [prayers of blessing and other liturgical resources for folks to use in their worship services Sept. 21st](#). Please send them to office@ecofaithrecovery.org. If you have not already asked your pastors or worship planners to incorporate prayers of blessing for marchers, petitions for the UN Climate Summit, and referenced in the sermon on September 21st, your congregation's worship planners likely need to hear from you now in order to make that happen.

To support our work as volunteer leaders through EcoFaith Recovery, some of our Core Team and Beyond Fossil Fuels leaders have already donated to EcoFaith Recovery the monies they would have spent traveling to the New York march in order to build the infrastructure our volunteer leaders need to cultivate a more life-giving faith, economy, and politics here in the Northwest. We took a big risk increasing our budget this year in order to be provide the current level of support. If at all possible, I hope you will consider [joining us in this financial mobilization](#). Thank you to those of you who already have!!! See you [Thursday!](#)