

ECOFAITH LEADERS TAKING ROOT TOGETHER

Building the Faith-based Movement and Focusing our Energies
August, 2014

1) STARTING OR STRENGTHENING OUR TEAMS

With our [Practices for Awakening Leadership](#) in hand and [brochures for us to use in sharing this vision with others](#), we are focusing upon engaging the practices *ourselves* with others in our congregations. We believe that we cannot sufficiently engage in “ecofaith recovery” alone. We need spiritually grounded communities! Once you have any new or existing congregational team intentionally engaging the practices, please email office@ecofaithrecovery.org if you would like to have your team listed on the EcoFaith Recovery website so that others can find and join you!

2) EQUIPPING OUR TEAMS

In order to expand our own capacities within our congregations to engage in the recovery of human life and the healing of God’s creation, an outstanding opportunity is our [Organizing in the Biocommons](#) course. Please register yourself and your teams by August 31, 2014. [You can share the flyers you will find here.](#)

3) MOBILIZING OUR TEAMS TO TAKE ACTION ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST AT 3:00 P.M.

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 all of us](#) to engage in a historic grassroots mobilization called [The People’s Climate March](#). The main march will take place in New York City immediately before the UN Summit on the Climate Crisis there. If you can take a train to New York City, fabulous! If not, please join the rest of your fellow EcoFaith Recovery leaders who will worship God in the morning and then head out to the [People’s Climate March in Portland at 3:00 p.m. at Portland Riverfront Park’s South Bowl](#). In the history of EcoFaith Recovery, there has never been a better catalyst for mobilizing teams from our congregations. **So if you are not going to New York, we hope you will join our efforts to engage our congregations right here.** To do that 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 where we’ll focus upon this effort.

Then check back at the EcoFaith Recovery website for [sermons, prayers of blessing and other liturgical resources you can use in your worship service that day](#). (Please let us share resources your congregation will use that day via the EcoFaith Recovery website by emailing them to office@ecofaithrecovery.org.) We hope congregations will offer prayers of blessing for their teams in worship that morning before the teams head off downtown.

To support our work as volunteer leaders through EcoFaith Recovery, some of our Core Team leaders are donating the monies they would have spent traveling to the New York march to EcoFaith Recovery to help build the infrastructure our volunteer leaders need to cultivate a more life-giving faith, economy, and politics here in the Northwest. We invite you to consider [joining us](#) in this financial mobilization, especially as we are still seeking another \$30,972 before the end of the year to provide our volunteer leaders with the budgeted levels of support they need to mobilize people of faith.