



EcoFaith Recovery's Organizing in the Biocommons Course

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**For clergy and lay leaders of spiritual communities, congregations
and networks who are asking...**

- **What** is the nature of the clear, immediate and immense ecological crisis in our region and the biosphere?
- **What** are the impacts of this crisis on our families, congregations and communities?
- **What** are the sources of this crisis?
- **What** are the sources of spiritual wisdom and power we can draw on to creatively and powerfully engage this crisis, and create new possibilities within it?

Why do we do this?

Our answer is YES - NO - YES

THE FIRST AND GREAT YES is the power of sacred life manifest in all creation.

THE NO is the assault on this sacred life from the concentrated force of oil, natural gas, coal, rail and pipe-line firms, backed by their investors and lenders. **This assault is expressed in three ways:**

Earth Crisis. Our climate system is disrupted and the Sixth Great Species Extermination is underway.

Economic Crisis. We suffer vast inequalities of wealth, income and power; unemployment, underemployment and mis-employment, all driven by the unsustainable idea of unlimited growth.

Polis Crisis (our Democracy). As our classic mediating institutions become irrelevant to public life, we are increasingly ruled by Kleptocracy (corporations control our governments) and Petrocracy (those key corporations in the fossil fuel sector)

THE SECOND GREAT YES:

This is Our Great Opportunity – Our Great Work – to re-create and co-create a generation of Organized Mediating Communities, which become deeply literate about this YES-NO-YES, in order to imagine and help create an economy and culture of Creationjustice.

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What is “biocommons” anyway?

“Bio” stands for biosphere – the living planet within which we are born and flourish. “Commons” stands for the ways humans organize themselves and make decisions to nurture our common life within biosphere.

We “organize in the biocommons” in order to transform our public spaces, public life and public dealings to reflect and nurture the sacred life and relationships of the biosphere.

Primary Questions Shaping the Content of the Course

- What are the *systems* of ecology-climate, economy-finance, captive government, and religion-spirituality that underlie the Yes-No-Yes of our current regional/global situation?
- How do our congregations/communities move beyond symptoms and denial, into *root causes and system assumptions* driving our situation?
- How do congregations shift from maintenance-focused, non-mediating institutions to mission-focused, *Organized Mediating Communities*?
- How do we shift, *in our emotions and spirits*, from the current dominant world-view, which is obsolete and destructive, to the emerging world-view, which is life-giving and hope-full?
- How do we *deepen the capacity* of our spiritual communities/networks/congregations so that our people can creatively engage both the Threat and the Great Work of this time and our place?

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