

Interfaith Earthkeepers Hybrid Meeting

June 25, 2025

Attendees: Carl B, Sue C, Mark L, Yohaam H, Katharine H, Ron H, Cynthia B, Theresa O, Betsy H, Jerry S, KC H, Barb R, Britni C

Moderator: Mark Minutes: Britni

Updates and Continuing Issues

1. Turtle Flats: The next restoration event is scheduled for September 27th from 9am-12pm. They are also looking for a small group to restore the footbridge.

2. Stronger Together Interfaith Potlucks: They are taking July and August off; meetings will resume in September. They want to get youth involved. They have reached out to other faith communities that are not yet involved.

3. KC Hancock of Working Together: She volunteers to facilitate the consensus building process for groups. She has worked with Apple and UC Berkeley.

4. Future Guests: Next month: McKenzie River Trust; Someone from OCERA?

5. OCERA (Oregon Coalition for an Environmental Rights Amendment): They petitioned to add an amendment to the Oregon Constitution through the legislature. Once it got to committee, the committee chair chose not to have a vote because they were concerned about lawsuits that they can't deal with right now, and they decided to table the idea. OCERA got 2,000 signatures over ten days to show that they have enough support to petition to get it onto the ballot, which would require 200,000 signatures.

6. ACES (Activist Coalition of Eugene Springfield): Carl and Dennis participated in their recent meeting and helped with the No Kings protest. ACES is a coalition of many local organizations. They promote nonviolence and encourage people to get involved in local organizations. Indivisible and 350 Eug were original members. Members present at this EK meeting voted unanimously to officially join ACES. We need a banner to bring to future events.

ACES Organizing Points of Unity:

- We acknowledge white privilege, white supremacy, white nationalism, and the imbalance of power these factors create in our society and organizing spaces and commit to addressing, challenging, and changing these power dynamics.
- We are committed to non-violence both as an ethic and a strategy.
- We recognize that when we come together in coalition there are things that we can accomplish that we could not accomplish as separate organizations.

- We commit to collaborative decision making and planning for ACES organized events and projects.
- We recognize the need to work with others with whom we may have ideological or programmatic differences to accomplish our shared goals.

7. Other Local Organizations:

- **350 Eugene:** No updates
- **Sierra Club:** UU Earth Action members met at Hardesty Flats, set up a table, and tried to get people to sign in support of public lands.
- **Third Act:** The next meeting is Thursday June 26. They are promoting action around Avelo Airlines.
- **Divest Oregon:** No updates
- **City of Eugene:** No updates

Upcoming Events and Actions

1. Eugene Pride: Saturday, June 28th. The Interfaith booth in the hospitality area will hand out food and water. Many volunteers from different faith communities have signed up. Katharine will bring Earthkeepers and Earth Care Fund brochures as well as a poster about EKs.

2. Good Trouble Day Protest: Thursday, July 17th: This is the anniversary of John Lewis' death. The event will focus on voting rights and disenfranchisement. ACES is trying to connect with the NAACP to see if they are planning anything.

3. Cascade Manor has a protest every Monday from 11am-12pm.

4. Eileen Flannigan at Eugene Friends Meeting: Saturday, August 23rd: Eugene Friends Meeting is hosting Eileen Flannigan, Quaker Earth Care activist and author of Common Ground. They are looking for other congregations to partner with and help sponsor her visit.

Education Discussion:

Hope in the Dark by Rebecca Solnit - Chapters 4-7 (available as an [e-audiobook on Hoopla](#) through the Eugene Public Library)

The book shares good reminders that revolutionary change often comes out of difficult times.

Next Meeting: July 23rd at 12:00-1:30pm (online and in person at UU Church)

Moderator: Dennis

Minutes: Britni

Education Session: Chapters 8 and 9 of Hope in the Dark