

Interfaith Earthkeepers Hybrid Meeting

January 8, 2025

Attendees: Ron H, Cynthia B, Linda K, Patty H, Mark L, Jerry S, Dennis R, Betsy, Carl B, Tom B, Katharine H, Britni C

Moderator: Dennis Minutes: Britni

Brief Check-in

Special Guests

350 Eugene - Guests Linda Kelly and Patty Hine: Linda and Patty shared the initiatives that 350 Eugene is currently involved in. These include building decarbonization (Fossil Free Eugene), pipeline expansion resistance, and forest protection. A few years ago, forest protection activists approached the climate activist community for advice, and they are now working together, as forest protection is crucial for addressing climate change. The U.S. Forest Service has proposed changes to the Northwest Forest Plan that could double or possibly triple logging on national forests and re-open mature and old-growth stands to aggressive logging.

Also mentioned was OCERA, which recently had a successful lobby day, and Oregon Just Transition Alliance, which is addressing energy affordability. They stressed the importance of focusing on the state and local level at this time. They also encouraged EK members to attend City Council meetings to support decarbonization efforts.

Upcoming events with 350 Eugene:

- Friday, Jan. 17th and Thursday, Jan. 30th at 2pm at 15th/Chambers - Hold signs and wave at passers by to share the climate message.
- Lobby Day - Date TBD

Folks may sign up for 350 Eugene's newsletter on their [website](#). They are also on [BlueSky](#), a new social media site that many people/groups are moving to from Twitter/X.

Upcoming Events and Actions

1. Stronger Together Interfaith Conversation and Potluck: Sunday, January 12th from 5:30-7:30pm at First United Methodist. Mark sent a flyer with QR code to RSVP.

2. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Summit: Sunday, March 16th from 1:00pm-4:00pm at UU Eugene Church. The theme is Climate Health and Safety.

3. Eating for Tomorrow film: Thursday, January 16th at 6:30pm at Art House. Learn more and buy tickets [here](#).

4. Earth Day Interfaith Event: We will add this to next month's agenda to start planning. Cynthia is interested in being on a planning subcommittee. It was suggested to do it at a public space such as the farmers market building.

5. 350 Climate Event: September 21, 2025

6. Climate Cafe: The next meeting is Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00pm at 70 E Howard Ave. This is a monthly (first Tuesday of the month) community discussion of the emotional and other impacts of climate change.

Education Discussion

Becoming Earth by Ferris Jabar Chapters 7 and 8 (revisited)

Mark shared two powerful quotes, one of which stressed the importance of interdependence.

We will choose a new book at our next meeting.

Next Meeting: February 12th at 12:00-1:30pm (online and in person at First Congregational Church)

Moderator: Mark

Minutes: Britni

Education Session: Chapter 9 and Epilogue of Becoming Earth: How Our Planet Came to Life by Ferris Jaber