

Interfaith Earthkeepers Wednesday March 13th, 2019
3/13/19, Central Lutheran Church

In attendance: Phil B, Ruth D, Sue C, Rouanna G, Allan G, Donna H, Betsy H, Len H, Merrily S, Phyllis W, Keith O, Ron H, Kristina J,

Phil B. presented *Drawdown* report on Geothermal Energy, page 6. Highlights:

* Iceland has a geothermal plant designed to both create electricity and provide hot water for district heating; it generates enough to supply 25,000 homes and its waste water is piped to a nearby spa which sees 400,000 visitors a year.

* Geothermal conditions are found on less than 10% of the planet.

* Geothermal is ranked #18 in providing energy by 2050.

* Pros & Cons: expensive to put in, but highly inexpensive once operating; also available 24/7.

* If it grows as the authors assume, emissions could be reduced by 16.6 gigatons of CO₂ and over a trillion dollars in energy costs could be saved over 30 years.

* Oregon is one of just eight states currently generating electricity via geothermal; plants operate in Vale, Klamath Falls, and the Oregon Institute of Technology (also in Klamath Falls).

Recent Events

1. PIELC: feedback was generally positive, though mixed; the intergenerational piece was especially important to many who attended.
2. Interfaith Advocacy Day: No attendance.
3. Community Organizing for Climate Solutions Event at TBI, 2/21: Very well attended; there will be further offerings; approach to group work was somewhat complex.
4. Informational Zine for Youth: Katherine Hel. Tabled till next meeting.
5. Printing of Earthkeepers and Faith Community Fund brochures: Len will submit a bill for reimbursement to St. Mary's.
6. Dan Mullholland, et. al., event 3/9 @UUCE: People who attended got a lot out of it, especially regarding HB2020; hopefully everyone will contact their legislators to get the bill passed.
7. City Council 3/11: About Green New Deal was presented, Edith; tabled till next meeting.
8. Keith's poem was forwarded to Our Children's Trust and they loved it! The poem on EK website.

Future Events

1. Plastics Collection: Everyone should be taking part somewhere. Info from collectors says the plastic seals around Toby's products are OK, though Waste Management does say the plastic shouldn't extend beyond the rim. Also, all caps from medicine bottles, etc. can go together, as long as they have a recycling symbol.

*Sue also said she would put together quarter sheets of info to give to stores to both ask them to remove certain plastics or to congratulate them when they do.

2. IP&L Action Week: Donna reports that the kit is slow to arrive and she's not impressed by it.

3. That's My Farmer: CSA Fair is April 13 at FUMC, 11 to 2pm. Rouanna passed around a sign-up sheet for people to work the front entry. Churches not required at food tables this year.

4. Corvallis Visit – the Interfaith Climate Justice Corvallis folks will be coming to our April 10 meeting to share what they have been doing since they visited us in 2018.

5. Wolf Conservation Letter: Merrily prepared a letter for our signature (after gathering pertinent info from Oregon Wild) in opposition to the wolf plan proposed by OR State Fish and Wildlife Commission. She wondered who to send it to and was given suggestions like the commission itself, the Registered Guard, and the Eugene Weekly. Everyone should also contact their legislative reps.
6. Our Children's Trust Amici Support: Rouanna will sign for Interfaith Earthkeepers and urges us to get our churches and other groups to sign on as well. This is a new suit against Oregon State.
7. "Happening: A Clean Energy Revolution". Merrily will order this movie and reserve a hall for public viewing at Central Lutheran.

Additions to the Agenda

1. Music for Mother Earth: Concert at UUCE on 4/12/19, 7-9 pm, put together by Kristina J. Will feature the "Ballad of Benedict Cove," "Et en Terra Pax", a Jeffrey Gordon singalong, a Jacques Brown piece. Sliding scale donation. Share the news with your congregations, please use the poster.
2. Youth Mayor - Keith told us about a UK tradition of cities having youth mayors who serve a one-year term alongside the adult mayor. Thinks it would be a great idea for Eugene. Has spoken with Eowyn at OCT and a student leader from SEHS; has some initial support from Lucy Vinis. Focus is not just the environment, but civics and participation as well. Our charge is to ask young people we know about their interest. Rouanna suggested Keith write a letter that our writing team could use for one of the EK articles.
3. Faith Community Fund Brochure Feedback -There has been a bit of pushback about the brochure. Pam Fitzpatrick from 350 has suggested that the money should go for things like transitioning low income folks off natural gas, etc. Someone else suggested the money go for the Elliott Forest conservation. We have noted some confusion/discrepancy in how the carbon amounts are calculated. The carbon calculation could use some clarification, but as a whole, we like the idea of funds going to Long Tom and McKenzie River Trust.

Our April meeting will be at FUMC, 1376 Olive Street.

Sue C. is the minute taker, Phyllis W. is doing the *Drawdown* reading, pg. 10-11.

May minute taker is Penny Palmer and Rouanna will do the reading on Silvopasture, p. 50;

June minute taker is Jane Smith and Merrily Sutton will report on Drawdown p. 112.

Future meeting locations

May 8 – First Christian???

June 12 – Sue's for a potluck picnic; gather at UUCE at 11:15 for 11:30 carpool

July 10 – UUCE

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Haines