Minutes for Interfaith EarthKeepers Online Meeting March 9, 2022, noon

Present: Ron H, Merrily, Dennis, Rouanna, Marion, Phyllis H, Len, Eunice, Mark, Betsy, Cynthia, Carl, Katharine, Sue.

Check in: Shared what is planned for Earth Day at Faith Groups. Most faith groups are working on programs and other activities.

Rouanna sent info to all for the Voter encouragement campaigns that are/will take place. Encourage others to join in.

"Braiding Sweegrass" discussion. Perhaps the idea of gratitude, discussed in the book can be used for other programs in your Faith Group. Other ideas mentioned were Agri spirituality...planting trees...Sensibility to our environment.

Cynthia suggested another book.."Becoming Rooted" which included the sensibility idea. Sue also suggested the book "All We Can Save" which was co-authored by our "Draw Down" author.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Bills: Wolf Bill discussed SB 1427 Passed?

Treasury transparency, part of the Divest Oregon campaign, did not pass out of committee Elliott Bill passed. Some discussion of negative parts...Rep. Holvey's nay to be sent to you...

Land Use Bill....concerning storage of carbon, did not get out of committee. Renters Bill passed with much good funding for cooling and heating units for low income units.

Lane County will vote on their Climate Action plan April 13. Dennis sent letter to the full Commission on behalf of EarthKeepers which has been included in the public record. Eugene City Council has a work session on April 13 focused on proposal to halt new natural gas connections. Please contact your city councillor and county commissioner. CALC is presenting an event on April 3, 2022 at 4 pm to honor Rev. ML King The event will present the ideas of how much the military spending is costing our environment, and how it takes away funds better spent on low income/under served populous.

Merrily has written letters concerning illegal wolf killings in eastern Oregon. One will be published in the 3/10/22 issue of Eugene Weekly.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Planning for Earth Week, April 22 to May 1;

Ron welcomes us to download a poster for a Movie Presentation if you desire. He can add your times, and places. When you go to the web page, you will find it there.

Some discussion on our data list. Ron will send an email to establish a group of members who wish their emails to be publicly visible among that group in order to facilitate communication. We do not want to publish names/info on general membership.

Next Meeting Online April 13, 2022 at 12 noon Sue C. Moderator, Ron H. Minutes

Education Session: "Braiding Sweetgrass" to page 201