

## Interfaith Earthkeepers August 12th Zoom meeting

“Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.” John Lewis

### Present

Ron H. , Rouanna, Ron C., Sue C., Phyllis H., Len H., Merrily S., Dennis R., Bob, Penny, Keith, Katherine H.

Check in - getting by, getting in the garden, getting out the vote. Wearing a face mask is an act of love.

### Plastic Report by Penny ( not sure of source )

Plastics now account for 14% of oil. Petroleum industry wants to increase this to 50% by 2050 as sustainable energy sources become more competitive both economically and environmentally. Plastic from oil is cheaper than using recycled sources. Toxic factories built overwhelmingly in low income, Black communities in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama referred to as ‘Sacrifice zone’. Environmental Racism is killing the planet. Nano plastics in the air.

Eliminating single use plastics more challenging with Covid. Promote alternate materials.

February- Break free from plastic act

### Old Business

1. Resilience - Bob Doppelt planning on setting up Transformational Resilience Coordinating Council in the fall.

### 2. Plastic reduction -

Eco-generation plastic pick up in Cottage Grove 2nd Sat of the month.  
Creswell 3rd Sat each month between noon and 3pm. Elmira grange on 21st of September.

### 3. Human Element movie.

Penny and Merrily will create flyer to show movie on September 20th at 3pm. Two co-hosts needed. One to show movie(Rouanna) one to monitor access. (Penny) Outreach to Congregations, 350, N.A.A.C.P, Sierra club, Eugene weekly?, personal networks.

### 4. Report on Oregon Forest Legislation. (Merrily)

S.B. 1602 passed with bipartisan support. It strengthens aerial pesticide spray regulations. Requires increased notification. Prohibits spray within 300' of houses, schools, drinking water sources and 50 ' from salmon streams. It increases buffer zones in Rogue-Siskiyou region. Generally favorable response from Oregon Wild, Beyond Toxics and Wild Salmon Center. But acknowledged it is just a first step in reform of outdated Oregon Forest Practices Act.

### 5. Election strategies

Recognition that this is a priority. Checkout Swing Left Tool Kit. Support Vote Forward and Sierra Club post card writing. Discussion of best strategies and impact... From local billboards to rural areas and swing States.

Merrily reported on Interfaith Power and Light webinar with Nathaniel Stimmet who is less interested in changing minds and more focused on changing behavior. Significant numbers of Environmental voters do not vote. (The N.R.A. does not have that problem) Significant numbers are poor, Black, young, female. Constituencies that are often more vulnerable to voter suppression. Dennis will connect with Oregon I.P.L.

Below are some ways we can get involved to help get out the faith climate justice vote from the I.P.L webinar.

Invite your faith community to take the pledge at [FaithClimateJusticeVoter.org](https://FaithClimateJusticeVoter.org).

Share the pledge on social media, both yours and your congregation's. Check out our social media toolkit for sample posts.

Sign up to volunteer with IPL's voter campaign and help us reach out to voters- <https://bit.ly/FCVvol>

Donate to the campaign- <https://bit.ly/donateFCJV>

Ask candidates climate questions during townhalls. See our candidate townhall guidance for tips.

Share the faith values voter reflection guide- <https://bit.ly/FaithGuide>

Make sure your congregation is registered to vote, tools to help you do this are at <https://www.faithclimatejusticevoter.org/register-voters>

Record a video about why you are a faith climate justice voter and share it with your friends and family. We've made it easy, use this link- <https://bit.ly/FCJVvideo>

If you are a faith leader sign up to give a sermon on the importance voting this fall- <https://www.faithclimatejusticevoter.org/sermon-resources/>

Dennis applying for Lane County Climate Action Advisory Committee.  
Others interested check their web site.

Next meeting: September 9th

Moderator. Keith

Minute. Merrily

Educational presentation. Sue on ? ( e.g. Drawdown - Indigenous pathways)