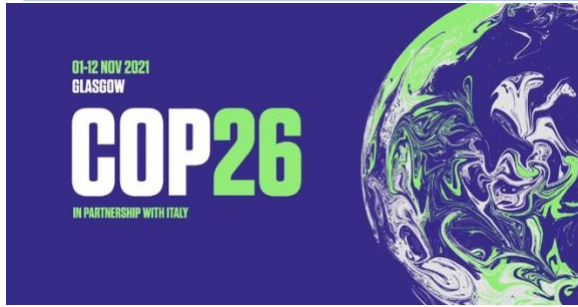


# Eugene Friends Meeting Earthcare Support Group Newsletter

December 18, 2021



**Now that COP26 is over**, what did we get? There was some good: The annual COP meetings focus our attention on climate, if even for a short time. Remarkably, the terms “fossil fuels” were used for the first time; financing of coal is being phased out; and governments and corporations are under ever more pressure, even as they pretend to act; during COP we can point out for the world to see what’s fake & what’s real; and finally there’s a new annual requirement to come back each year to increase commitments. That’s huge. That’s climate accountability.

350.org says the new focus before Egypt’s COP next year is climate finance. Nationally they are working on the banks, financiers & insurers, and the Federal Reserve. Locally, we are asking Oregon to divest its PERS funds from fossil fuels, demanding local clean energy in buildings & transportation, and joining with our conservation allies to win climate-responsible forestry.

**New EFM [Earthcare Web Page](#):** **Check it out!** The Eugene Friends Meeting Earthcare Support Group is now hosting a page on the EFM website (thanks, Jill!) and we have links to pdf’s with the theme [Happy Earth-friendly Holiday Season](#), which offers a few solutions and strategies for a 2021 holiday season with a lower carbon footprint.

**What would you like to see here in 2022?**



## **From 350 Eugene: Eugene City Council moves toward electrification!**

In November the Eugene City Council moved to support policies to transition the City’s buildings to 100% clean electricity! Specifically, council voted to advance two motions: the first to direct staff to begin examining changes to City Code in order to implement first-in-the-state policy mandating that all new construction in the City be 100% electric by 2023, and the second to create a roadmap to equitably electrify all buildings in the City by 2045.

[Sign this petition](#) to thank our City Councilors and urge them to move quickly to pass concrete ordinances to transition buildings in our city off of fossil fuels!

Learn more about the evils of methane gas and the virtues of electrification with our video series! The final video featuring youth activist Sahara Valentine is out now - check it out along with the rest of the series on our website.



**Big News:** Climate activists have worked for 15 years to stop the Jordan Cove Pacific Connector pipeline project. Finally, Pembina, the Canadian company that tried to impose a fracked gas pipeline and export terminal on communities

across Southern Oregon, filed a formal request on December 1st asking the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to cancel its permit for the project. **This is a huge win for climate organizing!**

## **Two Book Groups in January:**

### **Read *Becoming Rooted*:**

Jill Hoyenga is organizing this EFM book group to read the book *Becoming Rooted*, by Dr. Randy Woodley. What does it mean to become rooted in the land? How can we become better relatives to our greatest teacher, the Earth? In the 100 days before Earth Day, January 12 to April 22, 2022, we'll consider these questions and take actions to care for the gift of our planet. Please join us as we read and then gather in a weekly worship sharing about the bite-sized reflections and actions to sustain the Earth suggested in the book. Worship-sharing is on each Thursday from 6 to 7:00 p.m., via zoom - starting Thursday, January 20, 2022. Pre-order the book and learn more about the author on his [website](#). Sign up for statewide gatherings to discuss the book on the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon [Green Circles webpage](#). (From Jill Hoyenga)

### **Read *The Depths of Our Belonging*:**

**Quaker Earthcare Witness** invites you to join a 3-part series of discussions on the book, *The Depths of Our Belonging: Mysticism, Physics and Healing* by Mary Conrow Coelho. Mary is a long-time member of the QEW community, and she has a background in biology and spirituality. The book discussion is planned for three evenings at 5 p.m. PST: January 11 and 25, plus February 8, on zoom. [You can register here](#). **Participants are strongly encouraged to read the book beforehand.**

**Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW)**, centered in Albany CA, is the largest network of Friends working on Earthcare today. They work to inspire Spirit-led action toward ecological sustainability and environmental justice, and publish the quarterly newsletter *Befriending Creation*.

## **ENVIRONMENT OREGON**



**From Environment Oregon:** The 1.3 billion acres of the Canadian boreal forest are priceless. Right now, the boreal forest is losing more than 1 football field worth of trees to logging every minute. Environment Oregon is campaigning to get one Super Company, Costco, to stock alternative sources of toilet paper: "*Costco can do better. That's why we're working to get the company to steer clear of the boreal, make its toilet paper from at least 50% recycled or forest-free materials and refuse to sell other brands of tissue products until they make the same change.* [Help fuel this campaign with a donation today.](#) (From Becky Smith)

### **Next Earthcare Support Meeting:**

Monday, January 3, at 7 p.m. Please join us every month on the first Monday, by zoom, to share our ideas for creative actions and celebrate our successes. If you want the link, let me know! Cynthia Black (541-344-3082, [cynblack55@gmail.com](mailto:cynblack55@gmail.com)).

### **Eugene Friends Meeting Earthcare Support Group Newsletter** is distributed monthly or bi-monthly, and will include:

1. Reports of positive Earthcare related steps we have taken or intend to take. These can be small or large, anything at all related to caring for the earth.
2. Information on topics of interest, such as plastics recycling and oceans. Send me any links or information you have researched, with the sources listed.
3. Links and dates for upcoming earthcare action events.

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