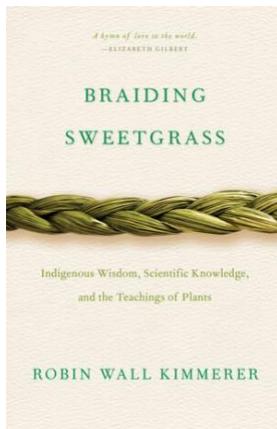


# Eugene Friends Meeting Earthcare Support Group Newsletter

January 14, 2022

**Read Becoming Rooted:** Jill H. 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 H.)



## Book Reading:

*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. In this inspiring book, Kimmerer brings together her training as a botanist and her Native Potawatomi

awareness to show us that in order to awaken to a wider ecological consciousness we must acknowledge and celebrate our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world.

Robin Wall Kimmerer is reading from her book *Braiding Sweetgrass* at the University of Oregon this month, on **Monday, January 24**. The public can [register to live stream this event at noon, here](#). (From Becky S.)



## Friends Committee on National

**Legislation** is asking for input on their Energy and Environment Work in 2022:

*"As we review our program focuses for the coming year, here are a few areas we would like to engage more on:*

- Environmental justice and climate equity in the United States and abroad
- Energy poverty in developing countries
- Bolstering dialogue with Republicans and encouraging bipartisanship

*Let us know what your environmental priorities are this year by [attending our Call to Conscience](#) on Thursday, January 20, or by replying to Rosalie Ruetz, FCNL ([support@fctl.org](mailto:support@fctl.org)).*

## The Many Rivers Group of the Sierra Club

is hosting a presentation by Dr. Jerry Franklin on forest issues facing us in the westside Douglas-fir forests, and his thoughts on dealing with them.



Dr. Franklin is currently Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington. The program is on **Thursday, January 27 at 7 p.m.** [To register for the event, click here.](#)

## 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!) **What would you like to see here in 2022?**



**From 350 Eugene:** "Come to the Climate Town Hall on Saturday, January 29th. We are keeping a close eye on the new Omicron variant numbers. Unless public activities are closed, we plan to proceed to hold our "Plug in to a Clean Future" event at the Campbell Center, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. There will be speakers, teach-ins, including electrification experts & EV and e-bike displays. Watch [our calendar](#) for details and changes. Electrification is the future! We need policies that end our reliance on fossil fuels. That means we have to electrify our buildings and we have to do it QUICK. It might cost more now to construct all-electric buildings, but in the long run, decarbonizing the built environment is exactly the kind of bold decisions the climate emergency demands."



**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 S.)

**ReGeneration** is a website with "*the world's largest, most complete listing and network of solutions to the climate crisis. And how to do them!*"



*The approach is based on [Paul Hawken's' book](#). They encourage engagement at whatever point you are at... "Regeneration is an inclusive and effective strategy compared to combating, fighting, or mitigating climate change. Regeneration creates, builds, and heals. Regeneration is what life has always done, we are life, and that is our focus. It includes how we live and what we do—everywhere. (From Carol)*

**Next Earthcare Support Meeting:**

**Monday, February 7**, 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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