

# Eugene Friends Meeting Earthcare Support Group Newsletter

February 21, 2022



**3rd Act:** I recently joined this new group, which was founded by Bill McKibbin to organize older Americans, because we are the fastest-growing part of the population. They send me monthly Action Items - if you click on the box (above) you will find more information, an online petition to sign, and see a very compelling short video.

Also, a link to register for the Third Act's February "all-in" event on Wednesday, **February 23**, with special guests, music, campaign updates, and how you can plug in over the coming weeks.

The world is not a problem to be solved; it is a living being to which we belong. The world is part of our own self and we are a part of its suffering wholeness. ~Sufi teacher Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee (From Carol).



**Electrify Eugene Campaign:** From 350 - "We have a strategy plan from February to June (five months) 2022 to build support for starting the electrification of all new buildings in Eugene in January 2023. Each month we're organizing an escalating campaign with varied tactics to build community awareness and win the local policy we need to cut our greenhouse gas emissions. We're planning wall murals, postcard campaigns, newspaper & radio ads, EV parades, as well as Letters to the Editor. We're building our teams now.

We're currently recruiting new and past LTE writers. We'll provide the talking points, schedule and guidelines for submissions, as well as editorial support. If this is one thing you can do during this time-limited effort, please send an email to [info@350eugene.org](mailto:info@350eugene.org) with LTE in the subject line and we'll get you connected. Not a big lift, just short and sweet public pressure on our elected officials to give them the cover they require to do what needs to be done for our climate. We CAN do THIS during Covid! Thank you!



In support of the **Electrify Eugene** campaign, 350 Eugene is also meeting for street banners & sign-waving at Willamette Street & 22nd Avenue on Friday, **February 25th**, beginning at 3 p.m. My group, Climate Revolutions by Bike, will support the efforts with signs on our bikes, and "Cruise the Gut" in a loop. Join us! Signs are provided. Meet on the East side of Willamette at W. 22nd Ave. to collect a sign - we will bring zip ties. (Please wear a mask.) For more information contact Cynthia, or Linda Kelly: [coordinator@350eugene.org](mailto:coordinator@350eugene.org)

**Next Earthcare Support Meeting:**

**Monday, March 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)).

**Carbon Footprint Reduction**

**Project:** While we strive to reduce our consumption of gasoline in cars, the amount we fly in airplanes, and the plastic we use, it is all but impossible to totally eliminate fossil fuel consumption. Eugene Friends Meeting established The Carbon Footprint Reduction Fund in 2016, which grows through a voluntary carbon tax. The fund is then invested in climate change related activities. To date the only expenditure from the fund has been a contribution towards the solar panel project on the Meetinghouse. The fund has been dormant for over a year, but there is interest in reviving it. The Peace and Justice Committee requests:

a) that you consider calculating your carbon footprint, using tools available on the internet like: **Take Action Carbon Footprint Calculator**;

b) consider making donations to the EFM Carbon Footprint Reduction Fund based on the calculated cost of your carbon footprint;

c) offer suggestions to the Peace and Justice Committee on how the Carbon Tax Fund can best be invested.

**Check out the pdf on our web page.** (From Paul).

**Podcast: “Is Your Carbon Footprint**

**BS”** - Your carbon footprint – everything from eating meat, to flying, and driving, all have carbon costs associated with them. This Podcast asks the question...does your carbon footprint even matter or is it all dependent on systemic change?

**In Search of an Honorable Bank:**

Join the online live studio audience For a Soul Force Ones interview with Theresa Deibele. Multnomah Monthly Meeting in Portland, Oregon, spent a year searching for bank that has values aligned with Quaker values. Join the meeting's treasurer, Theresa Deibele, in a conversation about what the meeting learned during their journey toward an honorable bank. Tuesday, March 8, 2022, One hour starting at 7:00 PM Pacific [Click here to join the conversation.](#) Meeting ID: 288 711 054, Passcode: 593327

**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.

**Next publication date: approximately March 18 2022.** Please send news and information that relates to earthcare to Cynthia Black, editor, [cynblack55@gmail.com](mailto:cynblack55@gmail.com).



It's in that convergence of spiritual people becoming active and active people becoming spiritual that the hope of humanity now rests.

~Van Jones (From Pattiebuff)