

Eugene Friends Meeting Earthcare Support Group Newsletter

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Third Act: The links between American banks, oil & gas, and Russia's war-machine are clear: fossil fuels, colonialism, and corporate and government corruption are the root causes of both war and climate change. The box below is a link to the Third Act March Action items, including registration



for the March Teach-In on **Monday, March 14, 5 pm: How are Banks and Climate Change Connected?** Find out how we can organize with the Bank Pledge to move money out of fossil fuels.

"The fact that all creation is connected implies the possibility not just of familiarity but of deliberate relationship. We should make room for the notion that all creation, in some way, expresses the image of Creator. In other words, there is something of God in all of God's creation. ... When we understand the level of sacredness this implies, we live out these relationships intentionally." ~ Randy Woodley, *Becoming Rooted*



From FCNL: Energy Impacts of the War in Ukraine. "...it is vital that lawmakers and advocates pay close attention to the energy and environmental implications of this terrible war. Energy and conflict are significantly intertwined issues, and the Ukraine war is only one example of this intersection. On March 8, the United States banned imports of Russian oil and gas in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. While this will have significant economic impacts on Russia, it will also have a global impact on oil and gas prices, including in the United States. With gas prices already increasing rapidly, some have pointed to this price jump as a reason to increase domestic oil drilling. But if we truly want to tackle the security and economic challenges associated with energy sources, the United States must focus on making a just transition to renewable energy sources. Responding to the Russian invasion with non-violent sanctions and bans is important, but it must not be done at the expense of the climate crisis.

FCNL Monthly Action:

Tell Congress: Pass Climate Legislation to Address Renewable Energy

[Act Now](#)



Interfaith Power & Light Faith Climate Action Week- April 22 - May 1:

I've downloaded the kit, and hope we can plan some ways to join in! The theme is "Sacred Trust: Our children's right to a livable future." We will examine our responsibility to safeguard our Earth for future generations, and how our faiths call us to respond with bold and just solutions to climate change. (from Cynthia)



Electrify Eugene Campaign:
From 350 - Climate Town Hall: Save the date for Climate Town Hall #5 - Plug in to a Clean Future - **Sunday, April 24, 2-4 pm** at the Campbell Community Center. There will be music, entertainment, teach-ins and opportunities to engage with our allies & community. More info to follow.

Earthcare Support State of Society:

In the summer of 2021, we formed a Quaker Earthcare Support Group that meets monthly to share and advise each other in our individual leadings. This group organized a beach clean up day, a "No Plastic Holiday" campaign for our web page, and a book group to read and worship on the book "Becoming Rooted", by Randy Woodley, as well as a monthly Earthcare newsletter that is archived on our website. The Earthcare group has fulfilled a longing that many Friends have expressed, for a hope-filled means for growing stronger together in our testimony of stewardship. Though we are grounded in the reality of our global situation, our sharing and support has created community strength of purpose and hope for the future.

The Lifecycle of Plastics

Plastic bag 20 years	Coffee cup 30 years	Plastic straw 200 years	6-pack plastic rings 400 years
Plastic water bottle 450 years	Coffee pod 500 years	Plastic cup 450 years	Disposable diaper 500 years
			Plastic toothbrush 500 years



Study: Six Key Lifestyle Changes Can Help Avert Climate Crisis:

(From the Guardian, March 14, 2022)
Research shows that governments and individuals making small changes can have a huge impact in reducing emissions. People in well-off countries can help avert climate breakdown by making six relatively straightforward lifestyle changes, according to research from three leading institutions. The study found that sticking to six specific commitments – from flying no more than once every three years to only buying three new items of clothing a year – could rein in the runaway consumption that is partially driving the climate crisis.

The research carried out by academics at Leeds University and analyzed by experts at the global engineering firm Arup and the C40 group of world cities, found that making the six commitments could account for a quarter of the emissions reductions required to keep the global heating down to 1.5C.

The study was published on Monday alongside the launch of a new climate movement to persuade and support relatively well off people **to make “The Jump” and sign up to the six pledges.**

Tom Bailey, co-founder of the campaign said: *“This ends once and for all the debate about whether citizens can have a role in protecting our earth. We don’t have time to wait for one group to act, we need ‘all action from all actors now’.”*

Next Earthcare Support Meeting: Monday, April 4 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).

Earthcare Mission Statement: At our March 7th meeting the Earthcare Support Group adopted this statement:

Support: Share about our individual efforts for earth-care, offer encouragement, and celebrate our successes.

Education: Offer educational opportunities and suggestions for earth-care action, with each other and the Meeting.

Action: Plan and work together on earth-care actions as a community of Friends, under the care of the Peace and Justice Committee.

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.