



January 24, 2021

Creation Justice Summit: Our Kinship with Oregon's sacred waters

**Upcoming: Event of the Week!**

This message is from [EMO](#) inviting people across the state to a Zoom conference call on January 30, 2021 1 PM - 4:15 PM. Registration link is below. \$10 - \$20



**JANUARY 30, 2021 @ 1 - 4:15 PM**

Presented by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's  
Creation Justice and Oregon Interfaith Power & Light

**The eighth Creation Justice Summit (formerly the Earth Care Summit) will bring together people of faith and goodwill from across Oregon to learn, connect and develop a shared vision for creation justice in 2021.**

Titled “*Our Kinship with Oregon’s Sacred Waters*,” the summit will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Columbia River Watershed Pastoral Letter and explore the faith community’s role in caring for our watersheds. Participants are encouraged to gather water from your local waterway to have present during the summit (e.g., go dip a jar of water out of your nearest creek, river, lake or ocean).

Presented by EMO’s [Creation Justice](#) and [Oregon Interfaith Power & Light \(OIPL\)](#), the virtual event will feature plenary sessions from inspiring presenters and workshops focused on organizing, advocacy, activism and education. [Senator Jeff Merkley](#) will give the closing address. See full agenda below.

**AGENDA**

**Opening Session and Plenary Panel (1 – 2:15 p.m.)**

Welcome by Cherice Bock, EMO Creation Justice advocate.

“*The Columbia River Watershed Pastoral Letter at Twenty: Reflections and Recommitment.*”

Moderator: Mark Brocker. Panelists: Chuck Lienert, Wilbur Slockish, Jr., and Jan Brown.

## **Workshops (2:25 – 3:25 p.m.)**

- *“Organizing Green Teams and Regional Circles,” led by Cherice Bock and John Pitney.*  
Learn how to begin organizing a green team in your faith community, join others in regional circles, and connect with people of faith around Oregon to work toward creation justice at the local, state, and national levels.
- *“Faith-based Climate Advocacy in this Year’s Legislative Session,” led by Aaron Salzman.*  
Hear about proposed legislation related to climate and environmental justice that we’re supporting in the 2021 Oregon Legislative Session, and how you can get more involved in helping with EMO and OIPL’s climate and environmental justice advocacy in Salem (virtually by Zoom).
- *“Creation Justice in Worship and Community Life,” led by Solveig Nilsen-Goodin.*  
Receive resources and ideas for incorporating creation justice elements into your worship services, liturgies, and faith community events.
- *“Water Is Life: Activism in Oregon,” with moderator Richenda Fairhurst and panelists Don and Alana Steinke, Patty Hine.*  
Hear about the inspiring activism Oregonians are engaged in to ensure the health and well-being of our watersheds and all creatures who live in them. Panelists have experience in pipeline and coal train protests, kayaktivism and Raging Grannies, 350.org, and Indigenous-led actions.
- *“Watershed Care & Faith Communities,” led by Steven Kolmes.*  
What is a watershed and how can faith communities participate in caring for our watersheds? Dr. Kolmes will offer an overview of the ecology of watersheds and the types of groups faith communities might partner with to ensure our watersheds are safe and healthy for all.

## **Closing Session (3:30 – 4:15 p.m.)**

“Climate Policy Update for 2021 Oregon Legislative Session,” by Britt Conroy.

### **Keynote Address by US Senator Jeff Merkley.**

“Closing Interfaith Prayer of Blessing of Oregon’s Waters,” by Imam Abdulah Polovina, Rabbi Benjamin Barnett, The Rev. Linda Jaramillo, and Navneet Kaur.

**Register: <https://tinyurl.com/EMO-CreationJustice>**