

Interfaith Work on Climate Change

Southern Oregon Climate Action Network (SOCAN)

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Shalom
community:
sustainable
community
of care

Justice
framework

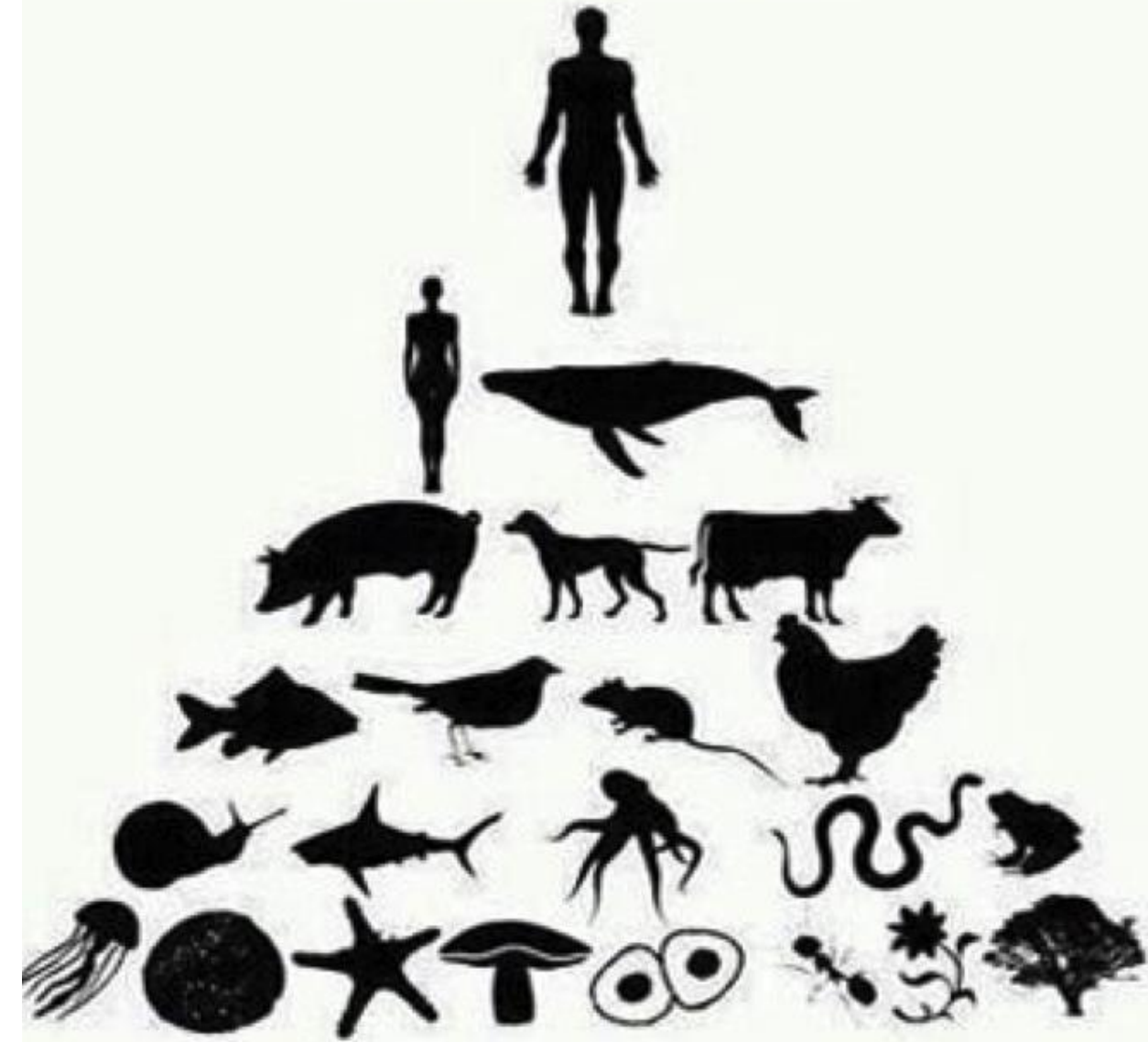




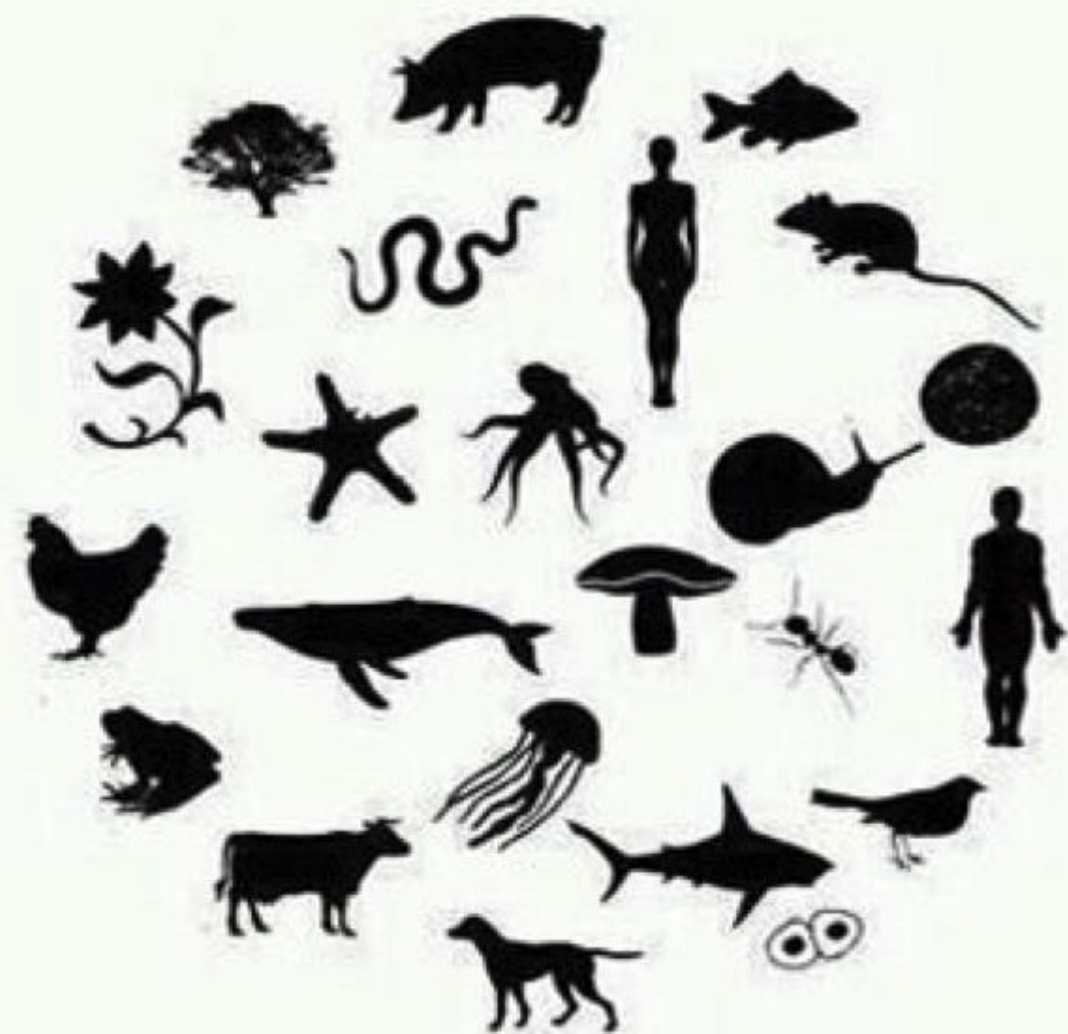
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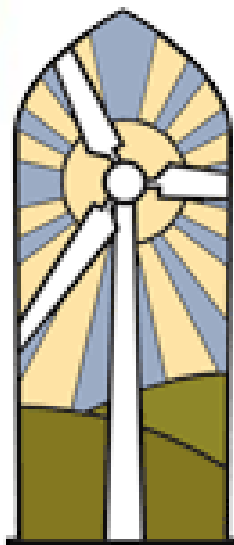
- 15th century papal bulls
- Church sanctioned land seizure by nations if the land was not peopled by Christians, slavery to bring people to Christianity
- Claiming a whole watershed when "discovering" the mouth of a river
- Land and property rights: white, propertied men could vote
- Manifest Destiny, colonialist forms of missions, labor and resources support the empire

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Education

- Learning about faith bases for caring for creation

Advocacy

- Speaking up for just, equitable, and sustainable public policies

Action

- Buildings, grounds, transportation, and other sustainable changes, activism

Relationship Building

- Green teams in congregations and regional circles

Education

INTERFAITH EARTH SUMMIT

*Flourishing in a Time
of Climate Crisis*

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

- Events such as our annual Oregon Interfaith Earth Summit
- Environmental justice in Oregon webinars, 2020
- Visits to your faith community
- Sharing resources on our website, newsletter
- Earth Week

Advocacy



Divest Oregon

Reinvest in a Fossil-Free Future

- OIPL Advocacy Team
- National lobbying with Interfaith Power & Light in May
- Renew Oregon
- Oregon Clean Energy Campaign
- Divest Oregon

Action



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COOL CONGREGATIONS

- Become a Cool Congregation, or do the green certification program with a denomination/faith tradition
- Plant native species on faith community grounds
- Solar panels through Oregon Clean Power Cooperative
- Community gardens, support local food
- Advocacy at local government levels



Treaty People Gathering



- Purpose: Pres. Biden cancel Line 3 tar sands pipeline
- 2000 people at the gathering, ~400 participated in the multifaith delegation
- Supporting Indigenous rights and protecting waterways
- Building relationships with activists in Oregon and around the country

Relationships

- **Green Teams:** forming teams in your local faith community
- **Green Circles:** connecting across faith communities to set and collaborate on shared goals



Working with faith communities

- Invite them to events or work together on actions when there are big faith community events
 - e.g. Unitrian General Assembly held a rally with Youth vs. ODOT (Sunrise PDX)

Join us as we show up in solidarity w/

WEEK 30

YOUTH VS ODOT

Join us for a public witness event with the Unitarian Universalist Church General Assembly

June 24th, 5:15
Convention Center Plaza
777 NE MLK Jr Blvd

We have been rallying every other week for the last year demanding our leaders decarbonize our transportation system!

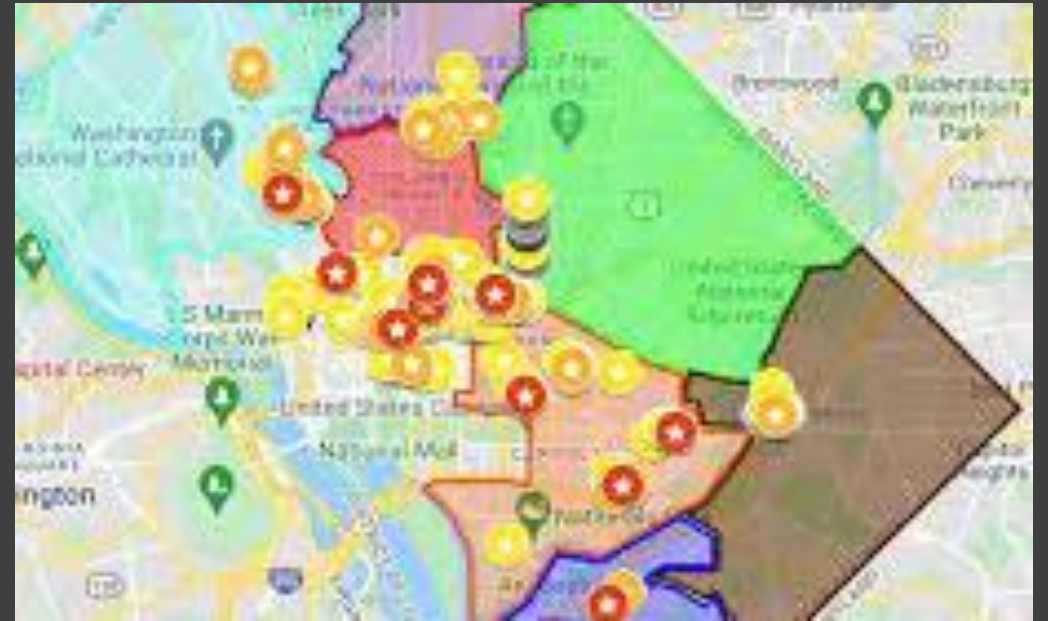
Youth vs ODOT is not affiliated with the UUGA, just in partnership

youth climate leaders this Friday!



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 - e.g. faith communities in Washington, DC mapped natural gas leaks, created a report in coalition with Beyond Gas DC, and presented to city council



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- Clergy and other people of faith in nonviolent direct actions
 - e.g., pipeline protests, demonstrations for divestment from fossil fuels, etc.





Ways to get involved today

- Sign up for our Creation Justice e-newsletter
- Join OIPL Advocacy Team and/or Green Circles
- Contact Cherice Bock to meet and discuss ideas for your faith community
- Plan an event for GreenFaith's week of action, Faiths 4 Climate Justice, October 2–9, 2022



GreenFaith
week of action
October 2–9

- Plan an event or action with local importance and global connection
- Particularly to draw attention to COP 27 (Nov 7–18, Egypt)