

Interfaith Community Sanctuary

Dear Mr. Grice,

I am an Associate Minister of Social Justice at Interfaith Community Sanctuary in Seattle. We are an Interfaith congregation that works hard to promote social justice issues in our region. Racial and Climate justice are especially important issues to our congregation at this time. We have a Climate Justice Summit coming up later this month. Washington made history by passing the country's strongest law capping carbon pollution, the Climate Commitment Act (CCA). As residents of the state, we are eager to see the benefits including deep reductions in climate pollution, improved air quality, investments in clean transportation and clean energy, community benefits with investments in overburdened communities, and much more. In order for the CCA to be truly transformational for Washington and act as a model for other states, it is critical that the proposed rule do the following.

CCA rules must maintain the integrity of the cap. The ultimate goal of this law is to achieve our greenhouse gas limits and improve air quality, especially in overburdened communities. Ensuring that emissions do not exceed the cap is critical. When designing program details, maintaining the cap should be one of the primary goals.

CCA investments must prioritize significant improvements in air quality of overburdened communities, especially Black, Indigenous and communities of color. For too long, these communities have borne the brunt of air pollution and climate impacts. The CCA requires that a minimum of 35% of overall investments directly benefit these communities. These investments must be thoughtfully designed with community input to ensure benefits are meaningful.

CCA's implementation process must collaborate with the Environmental Justice (EJ) Council and with overburdened communities. The rule should provide more clarity on how the Council and communities will be engaged in the development and implementation of the full program. Ecology should work with the EJ Council to determine the best processes for collaboration.

Thank you for considering my comments, on behalf of our entire congregation.

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Saint Patrick Church

Social Hall

815 E Edgar Street Seattle, WA 98102

&

Nature Ritual next door at Roanoke Park

950 E Roanoke St, Seattle, WA 98102

Spirit of Hope

INTERFAITH CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

∞ "A New Way of Seeing = A New Way of Being" ∞

Healing the past - Loving the present - Creating the future
Caring for Creation with Family and in Community

This multi-faith, youth guided collaboration
will be educational, experiential, and action oriented.

Join us for Meaningful Dialogue & Heartfelt Sharing!
Building Confidence WE CAN make a Difference

Sunday July 31st 2:00 - 5:00pm

Key Note Presenter: Jeff Renner

climate solution activist, meteorologist

Outdoor Nature Ritual

Rev. Judith Laxer,

founding priestess of Gaia's Temple

Resource Roundtable

making connections and taking action

**In Laudato Si, the second encyclical of Pope Francis, "on care for our common home" states that there is a beauty enfolded in our world, a divine presence in every presence. Telling us about a new way of looking, a new way of seeing, a new way of being that can see the divine message in everything, see the seeds of beauty scattered everywhere.*

NATURE MANDALA

Bring an item from nature. Together we will co-create an intergenerational
NATURE MANDALA with those gathered this day..



Kristina Rose Baker/ART

Register : <https://climateaction.bpt.me>

More info: www.northwestinterfaith.org

This important Interfaith Summit is co-created with the following spiritual and educational organizations:

Challenge 2.0 (<https://pathstounderstanding.org/our-media/challenge/>) Congregation Kol Ami (<https://www.kolaminw.org/>)

Gaia's Temple (<https://www.gaiastemple.org/>) Interfaith Community Sanctuary (<https://interfaithcommunitysanctuary.org/>)

Northwest Interfaith (<https://www.northwestinterfaith.org/>) St. Patrick Church (<https://www.stpatrickseattle.org/>)

St. Joseph Church (<https://www.stjosephparish.org/>) King County (<https://kingcounty.gov/>)