

## Earth Care: Inspiration, Prayer and Action

On Saturday, November 6, teams from congregations through the state will gather to explore how to weave caring for creation into worship, outreach, education and facilities at *Earth Care: Inspiration, Prayer and Action*. The new Earth Care Congregations certification program of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will serve as a guide and framework for the annual Creation Care Fellowship sponsored by Cascades Presbytery's Eco-Justice Team. The event starts with registration at 8:30 am and runs from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3737 Liberty Road South, Salem.

Keynoter the Rev. Sam Hamilton-Poore is author of *Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation* and Director of the Program in Christian Spirituality and Assistant Professor of Christian Spirituality at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Hamilton Poore is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), having served congregations in North Carolina, Missouri, and Iowa. He teaches at the Center for Nature and Christian Spirituality at Westminster Woods, a program whose mission is to empower young adults to participate in the Christian church's active engagement in caring for and restoring creation.

Workshops on care of creation will include worship, education, outreach, facilities and spiritual formation. Worship and prayer will be woven throughout the workshop and there will be times for all to share ideas, hopes, and challenges with each other. The cost for the event is \$25. Seniors and students are \$20. Registration includes locally grown lunch and Earth Care Congregations handbook. A full brochure and online registration will be posted on the Presbytery of the Cascades website, [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org) soon. To Register: Call Dawn at 1-800-926-3223. Teams of three or more from a congregation strongly encouraged to attend.

