Faith and the **Thin Green Line**

**Pope Francis and Environmental Advocacy in Washington**

**Wednesday, June 1 at 9:30am**

Faith Lutheran Church  
224 Benton St, Leavenworth

Join LeeAnne Beres and Jessie Dye of Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power & Light for a discussion of the pope’s recent encyclical on the environment, and how people of faith can take action to protect our climate and communities.

In Washington, our urgent responsibility is to keep fossil fuels in the ground and out of our shared atmosphere. Faith communities can be effective voices for climate justice and for protecting the Northwest’s “**Thin Green Line**” from oil and coal exports.

At our gathering, Jessie & LeeAnne will give an overview of what the pope’s encyclical says about climate change and fossil fuels, and how we can put faith into action on several key issues in our region. Dr. Barbara Rossing, Professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology, will also share information on Eco-Reformation, a project of Lutherans Restoring Creation in observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

LeeAnne Beres is Executive Director of Earth Ministry/WA IPL, a position she has held for 11 years. LeeAnne has over 25 years of experience working on environmental advocacy campaigns in Washington State, Washington, DC, and Alaska.

Jessie Dye has served as Program & Outreach Director of Earth Ministry/WAIPL since 2007. Jessie has a law degree and a previous career as a mediator, including 20 years with the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle.

Earth Ministry is the statewide leader in engaging the religious community in environmental stewardship and advocacy. Our Greening Congregations Program was the first in the country to help houses of worship implement sustainable practices, and our faithful advocacy program is on the cutting edge of empowering clergy and lay leaders to speak out on public policy issues.  

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