

# Earth Ministry/WAIPL 2022 Year in Review



#### Earth Ministry/WAIPL's Worldwide Climate and Environmental Justice Teach In



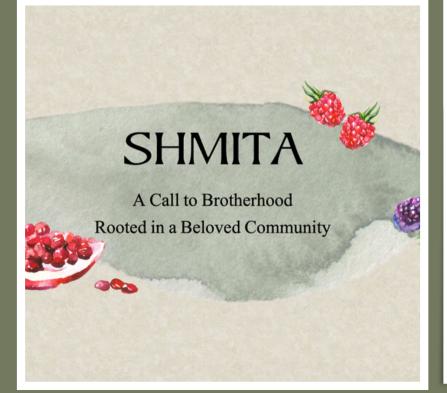
March 30, 7-8:30pm We're joining over 1,000 schools and faith communities around

the world engaging in discussions about the ethical and justice dimensions of the climate crisis on March 30 for the Worldwide Climate Justice Teach In.

Join the conversation, register at bit.ly/EJteachin

# Winter:

• Expanded Colleague Connections





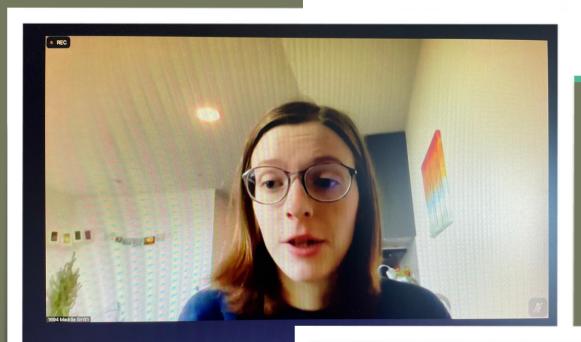
### Community Support

 Led Shmita: A Call to Brotherhood Rooted in Beloved Community event for Tu BiShvat and MLK Jr. Day

 Hosted Environmental Justice workshop as part of international **Climate Justice Teach-in** 

#### Winter: Faithful Advocacy

- Adapted to first fully virtual WA State Legislative Session
- Advocated for electrification of commercial and large multifamily buildings
- Participated in Stop Salmon Extinction Rallies
- Supported strong restrictions on toxic chemicals in consumer products



House Environment & Energy Committee

#### Impact of Faithful Advocacy

- Elected officials work for you
- 7 contacts create change
- Leaders share your stories
- Moral anchor for an issue
- Compliments individual actions
- Central to active faith





#### Spring: Community Support



- Debuted Sphere Solar Energy Partnership
- Participated in Hope for Creation Care Conference in Spokane
- Published Shmita Project Northwest's first Newsletter
- Welcomed our new Executive Director, Rev. AC Churchill
- Gathered for our trivia fundraiser





An Earth Ministry/WAIPL Online Fundraiser









#### Spring: Faithful Advocacy

 Taught, learned and lobbied at the National Interfaith Power and Light Conference

• Commented on the draft Lower Snake River Damn Replacement Report

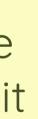
 Supported the Snake River to the Salish Sea Spirit of the Waters Totemm Pole Journey





### Summer: Community Support

- Supported the Bellingham Multifaith Network for Climate Justice's Sacred Earth Fair
- Traveled across the state for Harvest Hoopla
- Served as summer teaching faculty at Holden Village
- Partnered with Faith in Place for their Green Team Summit



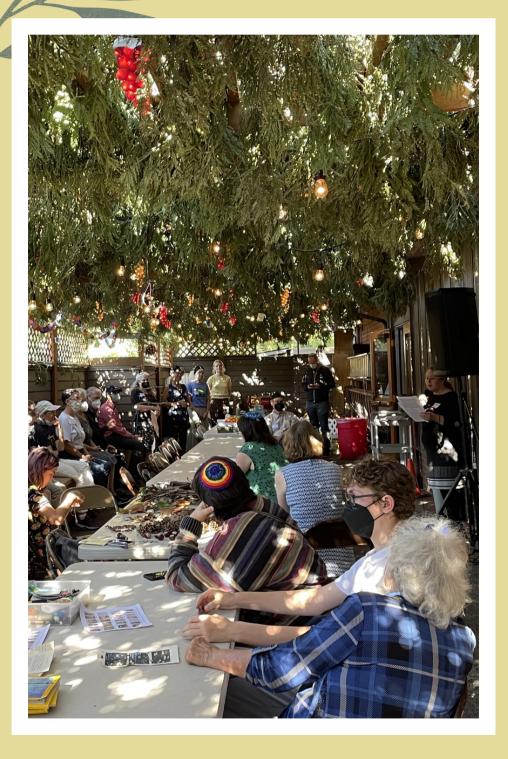


### Summer: Faithful Advocacy

- Saw the Clean Fuel Standard over the finish line
- Spoke out against unjust PSE rate increases
- Commented on small multifamily and residential building codes
- Responded to final Lower
  Snake River Dam
  Replacement Report



## Fall: Community Support



- Welcomed our new Episcopal Service Corps team member, Program Associate, Kate Strathdee
- Marked the conclusion of the Shmita year with the Shmita **Project Northwest Hakhel** Celebration
- Spoke at conventions and on panels around the state







### Fall: Faithful Advocacy

- Launched Columbia River Treaty campaign
- Supported International Salmon Seas Symposium
- Released Lower Snake River Salmon Statement by all 5 Catholic Bishops of WA

56 To truly modernize the Treaty, we must shift to an approach that centers stewardship and justice. Adding Ecosystem Function as a primary purpose and prioritizing governance by Indigenous sovereigns will put us on a path toward reconciliation with creation and one another.

Jessica Zimmerle, Advocacy Director for Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power and Light



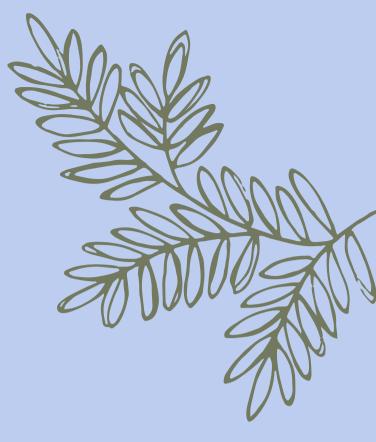


### Summary: Community Support

- Monthly Colleague Connections
- Bi-monthly Shmita Partners meetings
- 7 Earth Ministry/WAIPL organized events
- 27 total speaking engagements
- 8 fundraising events









### Summary: Faithful Advocacy

- 10 faithful advocacy actions
- 680 individuals put their faith into action
- 1,420 actions taken!



On Earth Day, the WA State Building Codes Council passed groundbreaking new building energy codes that will remove fracked gas from the places where we live and work. These new building codes are the strongest and most climate-friendly building electric standards in the country.







### Coming Up: Congregational Support

New Programming!



- Shmita, re-imagined
- Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Earth Ministry/WAIPL





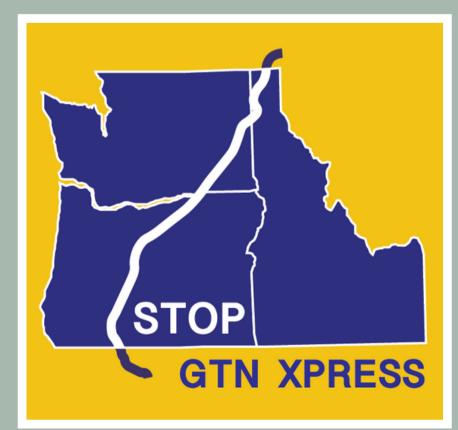




### Coming Up: Faithful Advocacy

- Current salmon action amplifying bishops' statement!
- Comments on Safer Products for WA Program
- WA State Legislative Session
- Halting expansion of the GTN Xpress Pipeline











A big thank you to all our activists, colleagues, clergy, congregations, faithful advocates, and donors!

You make all of this possible!

