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Climate Training lead by Climate Reality's Climate Speakers Network opens to all people of faith living in the west

Church leaders and people of faith across the nation are concerned about how to respond to and address climate change with the voice of faith. In response, "[Engaging the Climate Crisis](#)," a three-day climate conference in Ashland, Oregon, has opened its application opportunities to include all people of faith in congregations across the west.

"What we discovered in putting together this training is that not only clergy but people of faith at all levels were concerned about climate and wanted to learn more," explained Rev. Richenda Fairhurst, Pastor at the First United Methodist Church of Ashland. "So, we responded. We know that ours is the generation that must make a difference."

The conference will be held May 1-3rd at the First United Methodist Church in Ashland, Oregon. The event offers attendees the opportunity to network, learn how to support and encourage their communities and congregations, and help them process the hope and grief of climate work in a sacred sanctuary space.

The agenda includes speakers from California to Alaska, including Karla Bollier and Jill Leanness of Climate Speaker's Network, a project of Climate Reality, Rev. Sharon Delgado, eco-theologian and author of *Love in a Time of Climate Change*, Professor Jamie Trammell from Southern Oregon University who will go over the basics of climate science, Coyote-Marie Hunter-Ripper and Professor David West who will cover the Doctrine of Discovery, the watershed, and Indigenous People's experience, Marjorie Trueblood-Gamble will focus on racial equity, and Alison Carey from the *Oregon Shakespeare Festival* will teach attendees how to tell the big story of climate. Other topics include working with secular organizations, climate impacts and solutions, organizing and more.

"Ecosystems are being degraded at an alarming pace," writes the Rev. Sharon Delgado in her recent book, *Love in a Time of Climate Change*. "The earth's changing climate is outpacing all other forms of environmental degradation and now threatens the stability of civilization and the balance of life on Earth. We lose sight of this reality at our peril."

Applications are due by April 1st as space is limited, [apply today](#).

For more information about the event and the confirmed speakers [click here](#).

Information and a shareable event can also be found on [social media](#).