

# OREGON SYNOD STEPPING STONES



## SHARED POWER AND RESPECT

All people, lay and ordained, are recognized as part of the priesthood of all believers and collaboration is central to our work at every level.



## STORY

Our mission is rooted in our authentic stories and we listen for the ways God's liberating story moves within them. Acting out of the depth of our stories, we seek to build a wild web of relationship, rooted in God's justice and peace.

## SHAMELESS, FEARLESS INNOVATION

We experiment, collaborate, dream dreams and see visions. We dare to make mistakes, fall down and get up again.

## SCRIPTURE AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Team meetings, community gatherings, educational ventures and shared actions begin with spiritual grounding. Leaders are rooted in the life-giving stories and symbols of the ancestors.



## SUSTAINABILITY

Our collective work aims to be thoughtful and durable, not oriented to quick fixes. Financially, ecologically, spiritually and physically we seek to serve not only the living but also the seventh generation.

## SIBLINGS

We seek deep connection not only with other Lutherans, but with Christians of every tradition, interfaith partners and people who claim no faith tradition.

