

The 2024 HOPE FOR CREATION conference will join with the EXPO 74 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by hosting a panel discussion on *Spirituality and Environmental Care* on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St John's Cathedral, 127 E 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The session is a joint offering of the Environmental Stewardship and Tribal Culture pillars of EXPO

Leaders from five Spiritual and creation-care traditions will offer their thoughts and respond to questions from the audience: Marqus Cole from Georgia Interfaith Power and Light; Page Checketts from the Mormon Environmental Stewardship Alliance; Yoshi Silverstein from Matsui collective, Barry Moses from the Spokane Tribe and Melanie Mullen from the national Episcopal church. The session will be moderated by Warren Seyler from the Spokane Tribe and John Wallingford, St Johns Episcopal Cathedral.

Supplementing this main presentation will be a Speaker's coffee reception on May 30 at 9:30am at St Johns. Also on May 30, at 11:30am at Temple Beth Shalom, speakers will join Adam Bartholomew from Gonzaga University for a discussion on the *meaning of Jubilee*-the 50<sup>th</sup> year, in the context of celebrating EXPO. In the afternoon of May 30 at Riverfront there will be a joint presentation on the *embodiment of faith* by Yoshi Silverstein and Erin Heyamoto from Eclipse yoga at Riverfront Park. This session will be followed immediately by the annual *Healing of the Earth vigil*, organized by the Faith Leaders and Leaders of Conscience. At 7:30pm Thursday evening there will be a discussion of priorities of *Interfaith Power and Light* led by two of the guest speakers, Marqus Cole and Melanie Mullen, joined by executive Director of Washington State Interfaith Power and Light, AC Churchill.

On Friday May 31 there will be a hike led by Inland Northwest Lands Conservancy docent Andi Chatburn up *Iller Creek* so the visitors can experience the joy of Spokane's natural environment. The public is welcomed to join this event Similarly, on Saturday June 1, Dri Chatburn will lead a walk at the *James T Slavin Conservation* area, an excellent teaching experience on the Lake Missoula floods.

There will be a special environmental *worship service at St. Johns* on Friday evening at 5:30pm with Marqus Cole preaching. Finally, Mr Cole will preach Sunday June 2 at Immanuel Spokane, Rev Mullen will preach at St John's Cathedral, and Ms Checketts will speak at an evening LDS gathering. These events are all open to the public.