



JOIN MEN

RETREATS

Gathering men and promoting their growth

Orecon Eco Excursion: Enjoying & Tending God's Earth

Ready to get out with others? Come alone or get friends for a different vacation... an eco-excursion. Explore outdoor wild spaces in scenic Oregon. Learn about forests in ecosystems of God's creation. And help with a tree project at Zena Forest.

During this 8-day excursion, we will . . .

- Hike in lush forests with towering trees and falls
- Kayak on the Salmon River Estuary and see wildlife
- Learn about sustainable ecosystems in a working forest
- Work a day and a half with a Zena Forest tree project
- Go on a whale watching trip along Oregon's coast
- Stay in old growth forest at Drift Creek Camp
- Enjoy a restful retreat with God, trees, and the Earth



In the course of this eco-excursion, we will learn. . .

- What men offer one another in our life together as we connect in nature
- Our reliance on and consumption of the Earth's precious natural resources
- How most of the 640 lbs. of woods products we consume per capita is harvested
- A model of sustainable forestry practiced by Mennonite stewards of the Zena Forest
- The important place of trees in the Bible and the ecosystems of God's creation
- Indigenous wisdom for tending our sacred Earth and seeking God's shalom
- What we can do to live more sustainably and restore God's shalom on Earth



Leader

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Engaging men to grow, give and serve.