**"Faith in Trees" - a virtual workshop on Faith, Action and Preserving Creation, Tuesday, April 27, 6.50 to 8.30 p.m., presented by Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT) and the Church of St. John the Divine**

Other than people and God, trees are the most mentioned living thing in the Bible. There are trees in the first chapter of Genesis (v. 11–12), in the first psalm (Ps. 1:3), and on the last page of Revelation (22:2). They are referred to as having qualities to which we aspire like wisdom. God does love trees!

How can we humans love them better? In British Columbia less than 3% *o*f original non human planted (old growth) trees remain. There is a widespread consensus that they harbour unmatched and still mysterious biodiversity, protect water quality, enjoy a symbiotic relationship with salmon and are unparalleled carbon sinks.

On Sep 11th 2020 the BC government released its own report with 14 recommendations on what needs to happen to protect these majestic beings. It has yet to implement even one fully and most are far from completion.

Come spend some time with other people of faith in the Victoria area considering what our response must be. We will hear from scientists and activists, and theologian Matt Humphrey will lead us in a reflection. Matt is in leadership with the Anglican and United Church funded Emmaus Community in Victoria, with a special responsibility for supporting us to attend to our relationship with and responsibilities for the non human natural world.

Attendance is free. For registration click on  <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrduiorDwpHd3jIG1pTX23-CbqYk9QU4s2>

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