

# Next FaCT meeting Sunday April 6, 2:00 pm. at West Shore UU in Rocky River

**Faith Communities Together – for Frack Awareness (FaCT)**  
**West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church,**  
**20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH**

**FaCT – Faith Communities Together (for Frack Awareness)** has been meeting at least bi-monthly since June, 2011. More than 45 Ohio faith communities from 16 Ohio counties and three in West Virginia have joined our efforts to warn faith communities in Ohio and WV and their members about “fracking” (horizontal deep shale drilling with high volume, slick water hydraulic fracturing).

## **Why Are Faith Communities Taking Up This Issue?**

Fracking of deep shale is an environmental issue and a social justice issue. Fracking not only threatens the water, land, and air – God’s creation—and human health and safety; but also many people are being manipulated, exploited, and pressured into signing drilling leases and pipeline easements that are against their best interests and against the best interests of the communities in which they live. As Ohio Attorney General DeWine stated, it is “not an even playing field” for landowners vs. energy corporations seeking leases.

Fracking is a major contributor to global warming as are other fossil fuel activities: mining, transporting, distribution, and burning. This includes mountaintop removal (MTR), the highly destructive coal mining operation which is devastating West Virginia.

**We stand in solidarity with all those fighting for climate justice.**

It is a moral imperative that Faith communities come together to spread the truth about fracking. Our membership is composed of both lay persons and clergy. New participants in FACT will be most warmly welcomed. Visit our web page to find out more about us: [www.neogap.org/neogap/fact](http://www.neogap.org/neogap/fact)

We are working very hard now to grow our interfaith environmental justice movement across all of Ohio. We call on faith communities all over the state to send at least one or two representatives to our bi-monthly meetings. We know that people in faith communities have taken up numerous social justice causes. But preserving the Creation which sustains us all has to be a primary goal for all of us. As important as other social justice issues are, they cannot be addressed on a failed planet.

**IF EVER THERE WAS A TIME FOR PEOPLE OF FAITH  
TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED, THIS IS IT!**

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Prosek, Convener at: [rprosek.fact@gmail.com](mailto:rprosek.fact@gmail.com) or 440-974-2035.