

**AGENDA – Dec. 19, 2019, 5:30-7:00pm**  
**Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby**  
**Fellowship Hall, Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Avenue, Pullman**

**Introductions**

**Additions to the Agenda and Review of Minutes**

**Announcements**

- New Pullman meeting location – Fellowship Hall, Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Ave.
- GPNW Regional CCL Conference - Vancouver, WA, Feb. 28-March 1, 2020. [Click HERE to register and see program details!](#)
- National CCL Conservative Conference - Washington, DC, Feb. 3 – 4, 2020

**Communication Exercise: Columbia University Report on the Energy Innovation Act**

**CCL-Palouse Reports and Business**

- 2019 Successes!
- Treasurer's Report and Radio spots – Steve
- Youth Action
- Tabling and Presentations - Simon, Diana
- Publications
- Grasstops endorsements - Mary, Judy, Diana, Linda, Simon, Carolyn/Mac
- Pullman and Moscow City Climate Action Plan work - Mary, Judy
- Ag and Health impacts educational program with Chambers of Commerce – Judy
  - Ag policy considerations
- Pizza/drinks Volunteers
- UN COP25 - Trish Glazebrook

**National CCL Recommended Actions:**

1. Engage local faith-based congregations to take action
2. Lead with the holiday season in your letter to the editor
3. Bonus action: Fundraise this giving season to support our work - CCL [landing page](#) for donations.

**National CCL Monthly Call: Carolyn Woo**

Our December guest knows something about leveraging the power of the faith community to address climate change. Earlier this year, Carolyn Woo spearheaded a dialogue at the Pontifical Academy of the Sciences on “The Energy Transition and Care for Our Common Home.” At the conclusion of the event, leaders from the energy sector and the global investment community released a statement saying, “The combination of policies and carbon pricing mechanisms should be designed in a way that simultaneously delivers innovation and investment in low carbon solutions while assisting those who are least able to pay.” Woo, currently a Distinguished President’s Fellow for Global Development at Purdue University, served as President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services from 2012 to 2016. She was featured in the May/June 2013 issue of Foreign Policy as one of the 500 Most Powerful people on the planet and one of only 33 in the category of “a force for good.” Watch/listen at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-speakers/>

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, Jan. 16, 5:30-7 at Senior Center in 1912 Center, 412 East 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Moscow

# Columbia University Report on the Energy Innovation Act

## LASER TALK EXERCISE

Dr. Noah Kaufman and his team at Columbia University have published an exciting new report that projects the outcomes of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R.763.

### Exercise

Pair up with another volunteer and take turns reading aloud the laser talk paragraphs below and then say aloud in your own words what you remember and want to use.

### Laser Talk - Benefits of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act

The Columbia Center on Global Energy Policy (CGEP) recently released an analysis of H.R.763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

This milestone report concludes that H.R.763 would cut net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 36 to 38 percent by 2030 (from 2005 levels), exceeding U.S. commitments under the Paris Agreement. It would also improve Americans' health by reducing sulfur and mercury emissions by an eye-popping 95 percent and smog-forming NOx emissions by 75 percent.

Under this bill, CGEP says, electric power generation would rapidly shift to low- and zero-carbon sources including solar, wind, nuclear, and natural gas with carbon capture and storage.

They also confirmed that the carbon dividend would, as CCL has long argued, cushion energy price impacts for consumers. Overall, the dividends paid would be comparable to the increased energy costs, but low and middle-income households would receive *more* in dividends than they pay in higher prices.

The main message from the CGEP report is that a price on carbon is a uniquely cost-effective policy tool because it incentivizes emissions reductions wherever and however they can be achieved, and does so at the lowest cost. That's why economists overwhelmingly support a price on carbon as the most powerful first step to addressing climate change.

### Resource

Columbia University Report, [An Assessment of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act](#)