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Welcome to the MNO/ABT Synods' Eco-Reformation Project - Resources for the Care of Creation

This collection of resources offers you

- Books
- Videos
- An Orientation to Climate Change
- Guidance in How To Talk About Climate Change and the Care of Creation
- Denominational Resources
- Applications to Specific Times and Applications
- A new addition is the inclusion of particular programming resources that have been used and shown to be effective in congregations within our two synods. These are courses, studies, and discussion groups, with detailed guides for facilitating and planning. See the Appendix. Because of the volume of information being gathered here, this appendix is “under construction” and will take several weeks to complete.

This Resource Listing changes often as new resources and opportunities become available.

See the date in the upper left-hand corner? That’s the date of the latest edition. This is November, 2020.

It is delightful to find our Alberta and the Territories Synod has incorporated announcements from the Ministry Team for the Care of the Environment into its Wednesday’s Word postings. In addition, there is a Care of Creation page on the website: <https://albertasynod.ca/our-ministries/fulfilling-our-mission/ministry-teams/care-of-creation/>.

Be sure to check this webpage often as we move from Advent expectation to Christmas fulfillment, through Epiphany awakening, to the Lenten journey toward resurrection and deliverance. The Ministry Team, together with a team of wonderful colleagues, are exploring and preparing resources for “Care of Creation as a Lenten Journey.” Resources will be shared in January.

On the MNO Synod Website, <http://mnosynod.org/eco-reformation-project/>, you will find a description of the initial research project of the MNO Synod. This includes how the research was done, what was discovered Lutheran congregations in Winnipeg had done over two years, and what suggestions arose for further congregational action. The work of research, support and advocacy has expanded now to include the regions of the Alberta Synod.

You’ll also find a Bulletin Board of time-sensitive announcements for community activities and new resources. Check this regularly. Check both the ABT and MNO pages. These announcements are passed along to congregations in the Manitoba and Alberta synods as they become available.

The Bulletin Boards are maintained on-line for two months and then are deleted. Stale-dated events are removed. But links and websites are folded into a revised Resources Guide.

You will also find on the MNO website a link to a blog written by one of our pastors, reflecting on theological matters behind the action being taken and needing to be taken. These are meant to be

discussion starters for theological reflection and conversation where you are. Soon, those blogs will be edited and archived according to themes. Hopefully these will then be accessible resources for discussion and reflection in your own communities.

On the pages following this greeting, you will find a table of contents to help you explore and access what is of most interest to you. The books and videos, for the most part, are readily available. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to lend, receive, and redistribute them. Check with your local community, university, and seminary libraries, or bookstores.

The Alberta Synod and MNO Synod and of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada are proud to be partners in this equipping of communities and congregations for faithful justice, stewardship and care of creation.

We welcome comments, suggestions, recommendations and new resources you might share. Contact information may be found on the last page of the Resource Guide.

New Resources

New Resources of Immediate Interest

Roman Krznaric, **The Good Ancestor: A Radical Prescription for Long-Term Thinking** (New York: The Experiment) 2020.

“We are the inheritors of gifts from the past,” Krznaric writes. He begins with a question from Jonas Salk, “Are we being good ancestors?” But then he turns that question into an active form, “How can we be good ancestors?” Krznaric believes our culture has become attuned to being myopic, short-sighted. Everything is now and to be achieved before the next quarterly report or before the next opinion poll or before the next election. We want short-term gains, immediate reward, immediate gratification. Many agree our culture needs more long-term thinking. But what does that look like? How do we get there? Krznaric proposes six steps to longer-term thinking: Deep-time Humility, Legacy Mindset, Intergenerational Justice, Cathedral Thinking (undertaking something that will take more than one lifetime to accomplish), Holistic Forecasting, and Transcendent Goal. But to take those six steps requires even more – what he calls a rebellion – Deep Democracy, Ecological Civilization, Cultural Evolution, and The Path to the Good Ancestor. I have just begun reading this book. But, having listened to him on-line, I believe we must pay attention to the challenges ahead of us with an orientation toward more than good stewardship – but good ancestry!

US Government National Climate Assessment 2014 <https://nca2014.globalchange.gov/>

Normally this space is reserved for new books, particularly of a theological nature. However, I just discovered this report from the US government. I’m struck by several things. First, this report, as one might expect, due to the nature of the research required, is somewhat dated. Second, the recent presidency seemed to have ignored this research. Third, if one is beginning to explore the huge scope of suggestions, links and resources that follow, one might do well to begin with this report, especially the description of climate change, both observed now and anticipated; the sectors of the economy affected; regional differences; and possible response strategies. An important note – one does not need to download the entire library contained here. Downloads are available as either summaries or full reports. One may access particular themes of interest.

US Government National Climate Assessment 2014

<https://nca2014.globalchange.gov/>

Our Changing Climate

<https://nca2014.globalchange.gov/report/our-changing-climate/sea-level-rise#submenu-report-response-strategies>

An overview covering the following

Observed Change	Changes in Hurricanes
Future Climate Change	Changes in Storms
US Temperature Trends	Sea Level Rise
Frost Free Season	Melting Ice
Precipitation Change	Ocean Acidification
Heavy Downpours Increasing	
Extreme Weather	

Sectors

<https://nca2014.globalchange.gov/report#section-1947>

Water	Energy, Water, Land
Energy	Urban
Transportation	Indigenous Peoples
Agriculture	Land Use and Land Cover Change
Forests	Rural Communities
Ecosystems	Biogeochemical cycles
Human Health	

Regions

Variations by region in the US

<https://nca2014.globalchange.gov/report#section-1948>

Response Strategies

<https://nca2014.globalchange.gov/report#section-1949>

Downloads may be either summaries or full reports, available by chapter

<https://nca2014.globalchange.gov/downloads>

Books (annotated; listed by alphabetically by author)

Steven Bouma-Prediger, **For the Beauty of the Earth: A Christian Vision for Creation Care**, (Baker Academic, Grand Rapids Michigan) 2001.

Broad discussion of ecological issues such as food production, waste management, water management, etc. Describes with details and statistics the deepening global crisis and adds biblical wisdom, ethic and character.

Diana Butler-Bass, **Grounded: Finding God in the World** (New York, Harper-Collins), 2015.

What is our place in the world? We have a “natural habitat,” involving dirt, water and sky. And we have a “human geography,” involving, home, neighborhood and commons. She begins with personal stories and looks for cosmic implications.

Trevor Bechtel, Matthew Eaton, Timothy Harvie, ed., **Encountering Earth: Thinking Theologically with a More-Than-Human-World** (Cascade Books, Wipf and Stock Publishers, Eugene Oregon) 2018.

A description of the book in the words of the editors. “To think theologically in community with the -more-than-human-world... it presumes that non-humans who occupy the world are active agents expressing themselves within the broader Earth community “(xvii)

“The natural world as it speaks for itself prior to human community, has been neglected as a resource for theological construction” (2)

“This work presumes that the more-than-human-world is other than a passive object to be interpreted, and instead an active plurality of voices that reaches out and expresses itself within the broader Earth community.” (4)

I was stunned to discover that this “animal theology” has been around since the 1970’s. While I opened the book with some smirking humor and curiosity, I was quickly impressed with the clarity and depth of the theological reflections gleaned from the more-than-human- world. The list of published theologians and books and articles is astounding. Timothy Harvie is an Associate Professor of Philosophy and Ethics at St. Mary’s University, Calgary.

Consider... why are we surprised that observing, encountering nature, the more-than-human creatures we glimpse something of the divine? Our indigenous brothers and sisters on every continent have known of this reality since time began. Even within our Catholic tradition, the Celts had a greater awareness of God in the creatures of the field, the wild, the sea and the air.

It’s worth a look. I’m going to watch my grandchildren’s dog and six cats a little differently...

Erin Lothes Bivianno, **Inspired Sustainability: Planting Seeds of Hope**, (Orbis Nooks, Maryknoll, NY), 2016

Walter Bruggemann, **A Gospel of Hope**, (Westminster John Knox, Louisville, Kentucky)2018.

Helder Camara, **Sister Earth: Creation, Ecology and Spirit**, (New City Press, Hyde Park, N.Y.)1995.

Poetic, devotional pieces on the following themes: Humility in Creation; Humility in Incarnation and Redemption; the Humility of the Holy Spirit; and The School of the Universe. Written by a former bishop of Rio de Janeiro. This is intended to be read devotionally each day for four weeks.

David Cloutier, **Walking God's Earth: The Environment and Catholic Faith** (Liturgical Press: Collegeville, MN) 2014.

A devotional approach, literally inviting readers to go for a walk to discover the beauty, wonder, and trauma of creation. Topics include creation and covenant, redemption and renewal, contrasting food and fuel, city and country, work and play. Seeing the world and our place in it as holy.

Lisa E. Dahill and James B. Marin-Schramm **Eco-Reformation: Grace and Hope for a Planet in Peril** (Cascade Books: Eugene, Oregon) 2016.

Excellent starting point for understanding and theological reflection. Collection of Lutheran scholars writing on a variety of themes. Check out the Australian proposal for a new ninety-five theses for eco-reformation!

Jared Diamond, **Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies**, (W. W. Norton and company, New York) 2017.

Celia Deane- Drummond, **Eco-Theology**, (Novalis, Toronto, Ontario), 2008.

Explores eco-theology from global perspectives. Chapters on biblical eco-theology, Christology, theodicy, Spirit, eco-feminist theology and eschatology.

Ilia Delio, **Christ in Evolution**, (Orbis, Maryknoll, New York), 2008

See bio of this fascinating theologian. <https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/grace-margins/evolution-ilia-delio>. Doctoral degrees in theology and science. Understands the cosmos is about deep relationality. Christo-centric understanding of evolution. Not only is the universe evolving, so is Christ. The Love of God is both the beginning and the end of evolution.

Ilia Delio, **Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth**, (Franciscan Media, Cincinnati, Ohio), 2008

Ilia Delio, **The Emergent Christ: Exploring the Meaning of Catholic in an Evolutionary Universe**, (Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York) 2011.

Teilhard de Chardin, **The Phenomenon of Man**, (Harper Torchbooks, New York, NY) 1959.

Matthew Fox, **The Coming of the Cosmic Christ**, (HarperSanFrancisco), 1988

Matthew Fox, **Original Blessing**, (Jeremy P. Tarcher/Putnam, New York) 1983

Matthew Fox, **Meister Eckhart: A Mystic Warrior for Our Times** (New World Library, Novato, California) 2014.

Matthew Fox. **A Way to God: Thomas Merton's Creation Spirituality Journey**,(New World Library, Novato, California) 2016.

Matthew Fox, **Hildegard of Bingen: A Saint for Our Times**, (Namaste Publishing, Vancouver) 2012

Matthew Fox, Skylar Wilson, & Jennifer Berit Listug, **Order of the Sacred Earth: An Intergenerational Vision of Love and Action**, (Monkfish Book Publishing Company, Rhinebeck, New York) 2018.

Matthew Fox, Sylar Wilson and Jennifer Berit Listug edit a collection of essays calling a new Spiritual Order. They ask “all seekers of peace, truth, justice, love and healing” to make this pledge: “I promise to be the best lover and defender of mother Earth that I can be.” This is an invitation to join in the common cause of healing Earth guided by an emergent understanding of ... Creation Spirituality.” (Forward by David Korten, p. X) Matthew Fox is a 76-year-old elder, activist, and spiritual theologian. Sylar Wilson is a 33-year-old wilderness and meditation guide. Jennifer Berit Listug is a 28-year-old writer, spiritual leader and publicist. This is “a new spiritual (not religious) Order” seeking more than contemplation, but action. Visit OrderoftheSacredEarth.org.

Yuval Noah Harari, **Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow**, (Signal, McLelland and Stewart,) 2015.

Yuval Noah Harari, **Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind**, (Signal, McLelland and Stewart,) 2014.

Melanie L. Harris, **Eco-Womanism: African American Women and Earth Honoring Faiths** (Orbis Books: Maryknoll, N. Y) 2017.

This book reveals a subset of feminist theology, drawing from the distinctive experience and reflection of Afro-American women, with a nod to southern hemisphere and GLBTQ sources as well. An interesting source for stories and litanies that ought to be shared widely.

Paul Hawken, ed. **Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming**, (Penguin Books, New York) 2017.

For those who think the response to climate change is too big, too late, beyond all possibilities, here are possibilities! These are actions available now. No one is saying science and technology will save the planet. But here are some significant tools, with estimates as to their effectiveness. If this does not give you hope, these are some tools hope can use!

John F. Haught, **God After Darwin: A Theology of Evolution** (Westview press, Boulder, Colorado) 2000.

Argues Darwin's thought gifted theology. Interesting chapters like, “A God for Evolution”, “Evolution, Tragedy and Cosmic Purpose,” “Religion, Ethics and Evolution”

Kevin W. Irwin, **A Commentary on *Laudato Si*: Examining the Background, Contributions, Implementation, and Future of Pope Francis’s Encyclical**, (Paulist Press, New York), 2016.

Offering background, noting Pope Francis’ contributions, considering resulting implementation and then suggesting further development, this is more than an explanation of the encyclical. It is a developmental piece as well.

Elizabeth A. Johnson, **Ask The Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love** (Blumsbury, London) 2014

Responding to Job’s inquiry, God answers, “Ask the Beasts”. Most easily understood explanation of Darwin’s theory of evolution I’ve read. God is not a Creator from above, working with creation as “other.” God is Creator, working from within, as the cosmos evolves and continues to evolve.

Elizabeth A. Johnson. **Creation and the Cross: The Mercy of God for a Planet in Peril**, (Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York), 2018.

Stuart A. Kauffman, **Reinventing the Sacred: A New View of Science, Reason, and Religion**, (Basic Books, NY) 2008.

Stephanie Kaza, **Mindfully Green: A Personal and Spiritual Guide to Whole Earth Thinking** (Shambhala, Boston) 2008

Naomi Klein, **This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate** (Vintage Canada, Toronto) 2015.

Naomi Klein, **On Fire: The Burning Case for a Green New Deal**, (Alfred A. Knopf, Toronto) 2019.

Joshtrom Isaak Kureethadam, **The Ten Green Commandments of *Laudato Si*** (Libreria Editrice Vaticana) 2015.

Frances Moore Lappe, **Eco-Mind: Changing the Way We Think, To Create the World We Want**, (Nation Books, New York), 2011.

Explores seven traps that inhibit hope and action and contrasts with seven mindful leaps that reframe our thought and energize our action.

Mark Lynas, **The God Species: Saving the Planet in the Age of Humans**, (National Geographic, Washington, DC) 2011.

Looks at the environmental crisis from a humanist point of view. Seeking a purely rational approach, we need to strip our responses of political, religious, and social particularities. Proposing nine planetary boundaries Humanity must cross, Humanity achieves its God-like quality and power to care for and protect the earth. A misplaced humanity caused this mess. A recovered Humanity can rescue it.

Mishka Lysack and Karri Munn-Venn ed., **Living Ecological Justice: A Biblical Response to the Environmental Crisis** (Citizens for Public Justice) 2013.

This book was distributed by our national church. Collection of short essays around three themes: “protecting what we love,” “the biblical case for creation advocacy,” and “abundant life for all creation in worship, community and action.

Daniel W. Martin, ed. **Beyond Dualism: Sermons and Essays on Christian Faith, Science and Technology**, (Denominational Resources, Louisville, Kentucky) 1992.

A compilation of articles and sermons drawn from the Presbyterian Working Group on Christian Faith, Science and technology. Moving beyond dualism, we have god cresting one world which may be understood theologically and scientifically.

Daniel C. Matt, **God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony Between Science and Spirituality** (Jewish Lights Publishing, Woodstock, Vermont) 2016

A Jewish perspective. Four themes: in the beginning, the big bang; “self and cosmos contrasting oneness and nothingness, discovering a personal God; “Torah and the wisdom of God”; and “the end of days”

Sallie McFague, **The Body of God: An Ecological Theology**, (Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis), 1993.

A deep book building on themes of Cosmology, Methodology, Anthropology, Theology, Christology and Eschatology. An early, foundational construction.

Allister McGrath, **The Big Question: Why We Can't Stop Talking about Science, Faith and God**, (St. Martin's Press, New York) 2015

A reflective response to the new atheism from an Oxford scholar who used to be one. Science is not a threat to theology. Scientism is. Science and Theology are distinct disciplines, each necessary to fully describe the world and our place in it. Science describes what is but cannot describe what ought to be. Ethics comes from religion. Religion offers the story of the why behind science's story of the what.

Alister McGrath, **Enriching Our Vision of Reality: Theology and the Natural Sciences in Dialogue**, (Templeton Press, West Conshohocken, PA) 2017.

Megan McKenna, **Harm Not the Earth**, (Veritas, Dublin), 2007.

Taking familiar biblical themes like Genesis and Noah; prophets like Amos and Isaiah and their relationship to the land; Jesus' particular relationship (geography) with water; and the expectation of a new heaven and earth – McKenna interweaves global, tribal and inter-faith stories of creation and evolution into a richer imagination of creation.

Lawrence Mick, **Liturgy and Ecology in Dialogue**, (The Order of St. Benedict, Collegeville, MN) , 1997.

Mick develops the now familiar argument of the universe embodying the interconnectedness of all things and revealing an incarnational Cosmic Christ. This short book then contrasts private property and the common good and develops the ecological

response as a matter of social justice. The book closes with practical suggestions for seasonal worship emphases.

Donald W. Mitchell and William Skudlarek, editors, **Green Monasticism: A Buddhist-Catholic Response to an Environmental Calamity**, (Lantern Books, New York) 2010.

Take two very different monastic traditions, Benedictine and Buddhist, and compare the values, motivation, commitment, and practice of care for the earth.

Cynthia D. Moe-Lobeda, **Resisting Structural Evil: Love as Ecological-Economic Vocation** (Fortress Press: Minneapolis, MN) 2013.

Featured theologian in the *Grounded* video series. Looks at the systemic sin that contributes to the global crisis. Very relevant to today with the chapter, "Unmasking Evil that Parades as Good." Faith and theology must attack political, social and economic structures that oppress not only the people but the living planet. Faith is the source for a deeper reality, a new vocation and a moral framework.

Jurgen Moltmann, **The Future of Creation: Collected Essays**, (Fortress Press, Minneapolis), 2007

Diarmuid O'Murchu, **Incarnation: A New Evolutionary Threshold**, (Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY) 2017.

Christine Valters Paintner, **Water, Wind, Earth and Fire: The Christian Practice of Praying with the Elements** (Sorin Books, Notre Dame. Indiana), 2010.

In the tradition of Francis of Assisi, Paintner offers resources to reflect prayerfully on Brother Wind and Brother Fire, Sister Earth and Sister Water. Short prayers, scripture verses and traditional writings develop each theme in devotional ways.

Pope Francis **Laudato Si: The Encyclical of Pope Francis on the Environment** (Orbis Books: Maryknoll, NY) 2016.

Pope Francis' encyclical. Check the commentary above as well as in the on-line resources section. The encyclical is available free for downloading. See special section in the other resources below.

Larry L. Rasmussen, **Earth-Honoring Faith: Religious Ethics in a New Key** (Oxford University Press: New York, N.Y) 2013.

Another Lutheran scholar featured in the *Grounded* video series. Begins with an extensive exploration of a new Christian ethic. Contrasts Asceticism and Consumerism, what we deem holy and what we commodify; our mysticism and alienation; and other perspectives.

Rosemary Radford Reuther, **Gaia and God: An Ecofeminist Theology of Earth-Healing**, (Harper San Francisco), 1992.

This is an early classic. The author builds a case in four movements: 1-Creation; 2-Destruction (with religious narratives and a new narrative); 3- Domination and deceit;

and 4- Healing (drawing from covenantal, sacramental and spirituality influenced politics)

Richard Rohr, **The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope for and Believe**, (New York, Convergent) 2019

Bruce Sanguin, **Darwin, Divinity, and the Dance of the Cosmos: An Ecological Christianity** (Wood lake Publishing, Kelowna BC), 2007.

Sanguin begins with or home in the universe. The scientific story is also divine revelation; evolution, a divine unfolding. Part-2 integrates biblical stories and Jesus' saying with ecological perspectives. His epilogue is a strong statement of the ecological disaster as Christ crucified and risen.

H. Paul Santmire, **Ritualizing Nature: Renewing Christian Liturgy in a Time of Crisis** (Fortress Press, Minneapolis), 2008

Leah D. Schade, **Creation-Crisis Preaching: Ecology, Theology and the Pulpit** (Chalice Press: St. Louis, Missouri) 2015.

How does the preacher prepare to preach? More than scolding or offering simplistic instructions for "green" responses. Preaching as proclaiming God's new reality, a reality of suffering and resurrection. Sample sermons included.

Gary S. Selby, **Pursuing an Earthy Spirituality: C.S. Lewis and Incarnational Faith**, (IVP Academic, Downers Grove, Illinois), 2019

Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, ed. , **Living Cosmology: Christian Responses to *Journey of the Universe*** (Orbis Books: Maryknoll, N.Y.) 2016.

Important collection of chapters responding to the movie from an historical and evolving faith perspective. I recommend the section on ecological jurisprudence. Our constitution is written for the protection of persons, not creatures and creation. These chapters argue we need to recover the court jester (I would add prophet) who challenges the empire with an alternate vision. The argument is that nature has intrinsic rights; we do not "bestow" rights. Nature is not a collection of things we commodify and exploit but a living entity with which we are in relationship. The principle of guardianship requires that we protect what does not otherwise have a voice

Arthur Walker-Jones, **The Green Psalter: Resources for an Ecological Spirituality** (Fortress Press, Minneapolis) 2009

Loren Wilkinson, ed. **Earth-Keeping in the 90's: Stewardship of Creation** (William B. Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, Michigan) 1980

Peter Wohlleben, **The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel – How They Communicate** (Harper Collins) 2015. Recommended by Gloria Dei, Winnipeg

Other Related Readings: As the universe expands, so do related topics...

How do we address social sin and systemic evil without addressing the threat of western capitalism and the imperialistic claims and actions of the American Empire?

Harvey Cox, **The Market As God**, (Harvard University press, Cambridge, Mass.), 2016.

The Market has become the omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent source of life and security. Big churches have bought into a similar spirit with big banks. Politicians and economists exhibit the same spirits as the Trickster, the Fox and the Coyote archetypes of folklore. Protestant virtues of thrift, delayed gratification and support for the common good have become hindrances to consumer-driven (market-driven) economy. A sometimes amusing, often shocking read.

David Ray Griffin, John B. Cobb Jr., Richard A Falk, Catherine Keller, **The American Empire and the Commonwealth of God** (Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville), 2006.

A prophetic judgement of American imperialism since Reagan. But like any faithful prophetic vision, there is also a promise of a hopeful alternative.

John W. Wathey, **The Illusion of God's Presence: The Biological Origins of Spiritual Longing**, 2nd ed. (Prometheus Books, Amherst, New York) 2016.

A research scientist exploring the evolutionary origins of spirituality and religion. Are we hard-wired for God? Or is the spiritual experience based on tricks of the mind and early developmental relationships. How do our understandings evolve? Does God?

Video Resources

Earthbound: Created+ Called to Care for Creation, (Seraphim Communications, St. Paul, Minnesota) 2009

Six sessions with Facilitator Guide in PDF format on disc. Excellent resource! View **trailer** at this website – <http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/Home/highlights/videos/earthbound-dvd-educational-series>

- 1- Created/Called – created life is not to be placed on the earth but with the earth- care of creation is our vocation;
- 2 – Here/There – Christianity is misunderstood as preparation for another life in another world – we are placed here, in this place at this time;
- 3-Domination/ Dominion – Everything is interconnected and is our responsibility to care for, not use and abuse;
- 4- Me/We – Our culture prioritizes individuality, but the Biblical story is always about community;
- 5-Now/Forever – We think short-term, perhaps six months – but life is lived to the third and fourth generation and beyond – The decisions we make affect the future – Loving our neighbor includes the generations to come;

6- Enough/Too Much – We have a God of abundance, not scarcity – God promises to provide all we need- Life changes when we stop competing for what we don't have and live gratefully with what we do – and share out of our abundance

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For the Love of Creation

See link here [Videos – For the Love of Creation](#)

Forum 1 Communicating Climate Change Nov 2

Forum 2 Advocating for Climate Justice Nov. 9

Forum 3 is not available due to confidential content

Forum 4 Creation Care A Letter of the Faithful – beginning a two- year process for grassroots theologizing on care of creation

Journey of the Universe: An Epic Story of Cosmic, Earth and Human Transformation, (Shelter Island) 2013

A thought provoking and stunningly photographed film about creation and evolution and the role of humanity in it. Told from a scientific point of view, there are many talking points for faith and science conversations. View **trailer** here... <http://www.journeyoftheuniverse.org/film-trailer/>

The Journey of the Universe Free On-Line Courses Three six-week courses. Free to audit. Must register with Coursera. Take at your own pace.

- 1) The Journey of the Universe: The Unfolding of Life
- 2) Journey Conversations: Weaving Knowledge and Action
- 3) The Worldview of Thomas Berry: The Flourishing of the Earth Community

<https://www.journeyoftheuniverse.org/online-courses>

The Journey of the Universe: Podcasts

View with Prime subscription or through Apple podcasts or Tune- in

<https://www.journeyoftheuniverse.org/podcasts>

- 1) **Beginning of the Universe**
- 2) **Galaxies Forming**
- 3) **The Emanating Brilliance of Stars**
- 4) **Birth of the Solar System**
- 5) **Life's Emergence**
- 6) **Learning Living and Dying**
- 7) **The Passion of Animals**
- 8) **The Origin of the Human**
- 9) **Becoming a Planetary Presence**
- 10) **Conversation Series Transition**
- 11) **Breakthrough Communities**
- 12) **Eco Cities**

- 13) Ecological Economics
- 14) Permaculture
- 15) Indigenous Ways of Knowing
- 16) Sustainable Energy
- 17) Healing and Revisioning
- 18) Arts and Justice
- 19) Myths, Metaphors and Identities
- 20) Teaching Journey of the Universe

Painting the Stars, curriculum under “Living the Questions”. See <https://www.livingthequestions.com/xcart/home.php?cat=485>, possibly available through Abundant Life Lutheran. View **trailer** here... <https://www.livingthequestions.com/xcart/home.php?cat=485>

You Tube videos with a punch. Check out ***Nature Is Speaking*** at this link:

<https://www.conservation.org/nature-is-speaking/Pages/default.aspx>.

Sponsored by Conservation International, celebrities take on speaking roles. Liam Neeson is ICE. Harrison Ford is OCDEAN. Julia Roberts is MOTHER NATURE. Penelope Cruz is WATER. Many more. Stunning photography. Each video is 90 seconds. The theme is consistent: Nature doesn’t need people; people need nature.” A bit of a challenge to these. What if they were shown overhead as an introduction to worship/confession of sins/intro to prayers of the people?

Check out this YouTube video calling for more voices having more conversation on the care of creation and the preservation of the soil.

“Our Lands”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjcRDIO5yOo&feature=youtu.be>

There is a lot of discussion about oil and gas resources. But let’s not neglect agricultural resources, especially in the protection of sustainable food, and the recapturing of carbon from the atmosphere naturally. This film offers a beautiful brief introduction to soil regeneration as a response to the climate crisis.

Is God Green?

It’s a bit dated, but Bill Moyers produced a video about Evangelical Christians and their rise in the era of President Bush from skeptics to environmental activists. The story begins with people in Boise Idaho experiencing the hostility against environmental activists. Environmentalists are demonized for taking away jobs. The story then goes to southern West Virginia, where coal companies are literally taking the tops off of the Appalachian mountains to access the coal. Three million pounds of explosives are used every day! 400,000 acres of forests are removed every year. The excavations create great pools of sludge or slurry that leak into creeks, rivers and wells. Not only does the video follow congregations’ efforts at advocacy, change and restoration, but there is a significant clash among evangelicals, both in interpreting the science and interpreting the scriptures. The film is just short of an hour but well worth a viewing and a discussion

<http://www.pbs.org/moyers/moyersonamerica/green/watch.html#faith>

a catalogue of videos with Bill Moyers

Is God Green? <https://www.pbs.org/video/bill-moyers-moyers-on-america-is-god-green/>

Looking for a short video you might use at the beginning of worship – or in some other context – to introduce reflection on eco-stewardship? Check out this video, **For the Love of All Creation**, developed by Kairos, Canadian Council of Churches, Citizens for Public Justice
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dtf4767j-8w>

Beyond Climate is an award winning film narrated by David Suzuki and directed by Ian Mauro. Watch it for free online. From burning forests and melting glaciers to acidic oceans, people across Canada's Pacific coast are living with the realities of climate change, and this film shows what's at stake if we fail to get beyond climate . <https://www.beyondclimate.ca/> (48 min)

Resources – General Background

What Is Global Warming?

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/global-warming/global-warming-overview/>
National Geographic article. Climate change 101

Six Graphics That Explain Climate Change (BBC)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idt-5aceb360-8bc3-4741-99f0-2e4f76ca02bb>

Visualizing a Warmer World: Ten Maps of Climate Vulnerability

See the effects of changing precipitation and storm surge, ground water, land slides, etc.

<https://www.wri.org/blog/2018/02/visualizing-warmer-world-10-maps-climate-vulnerability>

Coal is on the way out': study finds fossil fuel now pricier than solar or wind

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/mar/25/coal-more-expensive-wind-solar-us-energy-study>

Here's a running list of all the ways climate change has altered Earth in 2019

<https://mashable.com/article/climate-change-2019-list/#C3SDy0VWvZqU>

IPCC Special report on Oceans and Cryosphere

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released the *Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate*. Reporting on the state of the world's oceans, together with high mountain snowy regions and polar regions (known as the cryosphere). Unless humanity responds quickly and deeply there will be unprecedented impacts including sea level rise, changing behavior and migration patterns for marine life, stronger and more frequent tropical storms, flooding, food insecurity, and impaired water quality. "Simply put, the global ocean is responsible for 97% of all water on planet Earth. We have a moral responsibility to do everything in our power to safeguard this vast and magnificent, yet limited, gift of God's creation." (Creation Justice Ministries, 2019-09-25) The entire document (1,170 pages) is available here.

<https://www.ipcc.ch/srocc/>

Summary for Policymakers <https://www.ipcc.ch/srocc/chapter/summary-for-policymakers/>

Selective partial downloads may be found here. <https://www.ipcc.ch/srocc/download-report/>

Featured Education Resources: [Sacred Ocean Seas](#) is a former Earth Day resource with great content to consider as you talk with your communities on the importance of protecting our ocean and all of the marine life within it.

IPCC 1.5°C Report: On Monday October 8, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a report on how quickly we need to take carbon out of the atmosphere to limit global warming to 1.5°C and avoid its most destructive consequences. The report itself has a lot of complex scientific information and hundreds of pages in five deeply considered and well-researched chapters. However, there is also a 34page Summary for Policymakers (SPM). This is a “summary of the summary...

<https://climatechangeconnection.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/CCC-Interpretation-of-IPCC-1.5oC-report.pdf>

How to Talk about Climate Change

1. From Yale University....

The Six Americas The Nation Is Not of One Mind!

Video by Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

<https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/news-events/global-warmings-six-americas/>

Recent research is showing that people are more interested in climate change than one imagines! But our communities are not of one mind. And the approach one takes in discussing climate change needs to change because of the make-up of the audience. Check out the above website for an interesting cartoon and statistics.

SASSY Survey Six Americas Short Survey Yay! (Based on the Six Americas research)

Holding an event and you want to get a quick feel for the audience present? Use this quick “use of open space technology” to ask people to move to different spaces in the room according to their personal perceptions. You see who thinks what- what are the most common perceptions – and after asking four questions the facilitation ran introduce the concept of “Six Americas” and national – American – percentages.

1. How important is the issue of global warming to you personally?

Extremely important

Very important

Somewhat important

Not too important

Not at all important

2. How worried are you about global warming?

Very worried

Somewhat worried

Not very worried

Not at all worried

3. How much do you think global warming will harm you personally?

- A great deal
- A moderate amount
- Only a little
- Not at all
- Don't know

4. How much do you think global warming will harm future generations of people?

- A great deal
- A moderate amount
- Only a little
- Not at all
- Don't know

Faith Morality and the Environment January 19, 2016

<https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/publications/faith-morality-environment/>

Find button to download 42-page document as PDF.

2. From The Alberta Narratives Project

Alberta Narratives Project

Interestingly, an organization from the UK, Climate Outreach, has conducted sociological studies in India, Lebanon and Alberta, exploring procedures, language and narratives that are most effective and least effective with particular groups, such as energy professionals; environmentalists; new Canadians; rural residents; youth; and faith groups. Curious? These reports are available in PDF on line....

Communicating Climate Change and Energy in Alberta- the Alberta Narratives Project

<https://www.abcee.org/sites/default/files/Alberta-Narratives-Project-Final-Report.pdf>

<http://albertanarrativesproject.ca>

3. From ELCA

Let's Talk Faith and Climate

<https://ecoamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/lets-talk-faith-elca.pdf>

Fifteen Steps To Create Effective Climate Conversations

<https://ecoamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/elca-15-steps.pdf>

4. From Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARCC)

https://www.arrcc.org.au/talking_about_climate_change

5. **Opinion: How do we convince climate change deniers? That’s the wrong question.** Instead of wasting time trying to convert opponents, we should invest it in motivating passive allies to act. She found that [it takes only around 3.5% of the population actively participating](#) in civil protests to cause real political change.
<https://ensia.com/voices/climate-change-deniers/>

Mixed Articles

And God Saw That It Was Good: Reflections on Theology of Creation – Barbara Rossing

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5ALII8RwGgqY0VvbFhoVWVxdERocG80aXZFQmp3aEFEMS1R/view>

Explainer: What Is a Tipping Point and Why Should I Care?

<https://ensia.com/articles/tipping-point-resilience-regime-change/>

article free of charge – “get article” “Republish”

Grist article: Why COVID deniers and climate skeptics paint scientists as alarmist

By [Kate Yoder](#) on Aug 13, 2020

https://grist.org/politics/dont-like-what-scientists-are-saying-try-insulting-them/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=daily

Faithful Climate Conversations – Sponsored by [Fotheloveofcreation.ca](#)

Resources for local conversations at various stages of awareness and involvement. Free pdf’s

“Climate and You Discussion Guide” for basic introduction to climate change

<https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CreationClimateAndYou.pdf>

“From Concern to Action” – small group discussion guide moving beyond a basic understanding and awareness

<https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/FromConcernToAction.pdf>

“Build a Better Future” Seeking political and systemic change

<https://fortheLoveofCreation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/BuildABetterFuture.pdf>

Take a Sacred Pause – Care of Creation from an Indigenous perspective

<https://fortheLoveofCreation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Take-a-Sacred-Pause.pdf>

“Faith and Climate Change” – A guide to talking with five major faiths. Sponsored by Climate Outreach and GreenFaith

<https://climateoutreach.org/reports/climate-change-faith/>

“How to have a climate change conversation” – talking climate change in everyday life.

<https://climateoutreach.org/reports/how-to-have-a-climate-change-conversation-talking-climate/>

6 Ways Environmental Advocates Can Change Climate Concern into Action

<https://ensia.com/features/6-ways-environmental-advocates-can-change-climate-concern-into-action/>

How could we rewrite with a Canadian focus?

“Why People Do Not Take Action” Global News Video 6.35 minutes

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5918981/climate-change-impact-across-canada/>

Discovering Our Kinship with Earth and All Her Creatures

A recorded webinar from September 21, 2020. Sr. Mary Frohlich presents a lecture and enables small group discussion on our connection with God and all creation, through the sacred heart tradition. Be sure to scroll past part two of the presentation to the art work!

<https://stuartcenter.org/updates/jpic-discovering-our-kinship-earth-and-all-her-creatures>

Annual Creation Observances

<u>February 2</u>	<u>World Wetlands Day</u>
<u>March 3</u>	<u>World Wildlife Day</u>
<u>March 20</u>	<u>First Day of Spring</u>
<u>March 21</u>	<u>International Day of Forests</u>
<u>March 28</u>	<u>Earth Hour</u>
<u>April 5-11</u>	<u>National Wildlife Week</u>
<u>April 17-26</u>	<u>Faith Climate Action Week</u>
<u>April 22</u>	<u>Earth Day</u>
<u>May 22</u>	<u>International Day of Biological Diversity</u>
<u>May 31-June 6</u>	<u>Canadian Environment Week (May 31-June 6)</u>
<u>June 3</u>	<u>Clean Air Day</u>
<u>June 5</u>	<u>World Environment Day</u>
<u>June 20</u>	<u>First Day of Summer</u>
<u>September 22</u>	<u>World Car Free Day</u>
<u>October 4</u>	<u>World Animal Day</u>
<u>October 5</u>	<u>World Habitat Day</u>
<u>December 21</u>	<u>First Day of Winter</u>

Earth Day

August 22, 2020 is Earth Overshoot Day,

It takes Earth 1.6 years to replenish what we have used in 12 months!

Links to faith-based resources to observe Earth Overshoot Day

https://doingjustice.nationbuilder.com/earth_overshoot_day?utm_campaign=earth_overshoot_2020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=doingjustice

Plan now for Earth Day 2020

Creation Justice Ministries Earth Day Resources. Any Sunday may be observed as Earth Day Sunday, not just April 21! See <http://www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-sunday.html>

Earth Day is April 21. Perhaps choose a Sunday of your preference. Check this website for planning resources from Creation Justice Ministries.

<http://www.creationjustice.org/earth-day-sunday.html>

Featured Education Resources: [Sacred Ocean Seas](#) is a former Earth Day resource with great content to consider as you talk with your communities on the importance of protecting our ocean and all of the marine life within it.

Looking for a resource for an emphasis on water during the **Season of Creation**? Check out “Water, Holy Water.” Originally published in 2014, some facts may be dated, but the direction is sound.

See this resource, available online from Creation Justice Ministries , www.creationjusticeministries.org.

“Water, Holy Water”

<http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50750/images/Final%20Earth%20Day%202014%20CJM.pdf?key=96960437>

UN International Day of Peace September 21

Theme this year: Climate Action for Peace <https://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>

World Cleanup Day September 21 – 150 Countries active to clean up their environment

<https://www.worldcleanupday.us/>

Food Waste Weekend September 6-8 (Or a weekend of your choosing) Learn and speak about the staggering amount of food wasted.

<http://foodwasteweekend.org/christian/>

Faith Climate Action Week April 17-26

Get a toolkit here.

<https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/>

2020 Season of Creation – Begin Planning Now!

Link to Lutheran resources for observing Season of Creation <https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>

Are you wondering how you might introduce climate change and stewardship and faith and hope to your congregation in this context of what is now being called an “environmental emergency”? There are many resources available to you right now so you can plan for prayer, reflection, conversation, study, and action in the fall!

September 1-October 4 has been claimed as the “season of creation.” Your members have undoubtedly traveled all summer, enjoying the grandeur our country, benefitting for the advantage of fossil fuels, relying on clean air and clear water Maybe even complaining about smoky skies – we shall see. Let the fall and the return to the faithful community be a time of reflecting on what they have already most appreciated... and pledging to protect what they have most desired!

The Season of Creation is a time of commitment to worship, study and action, made by the Christian Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Anglican churches. It is endorsed by the Lutheran World Federation. Christians across six continents will experience a month-long “season of creation”. Additionally, there

will be a commitment to put the values and perspective of *Laudato Si'* into practice. This is a time to deepen the love for our creator – and Creation – and each other!

This will only work when local initiatives take seriously local necessities, opportunities and resources. This is a time to advocate to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and to work toward the healing of creation as it is wounded in your local context.

The Season of Creation was begun in 1989 under the initiative of the Orthodox church, marking September 1 as a Day of Prayer for Creation. This practice was adopted by Francis, including the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4.

The theme for this year's Season is "The Web of life", focusing on the necessity to be stewards of creation and the urgency to protect biodiversity.

The official website- www.seasonofcreation.org

From the official website you'll find

- Tips to celebrate the Season of Creation;
- Tips for Prayer and Worship;
- Tips for Holding a Sustainability Event;
- Tips for Encouraging Sustainable Living;
- Tips for Participating in a Campaign.

The 2020 Season of Creation shared by Lutherans and Catholics and others around the world is Sept. 6-October 4. New resources are available now for planning in those Sundays.
<http://www.letallcreationpraise.org/united-states-ecumenical/spirit-series-a>

Here are liturgies for Forest Sunday – September 6

Land Sunday - September 13

Wilderness Sunday – September 20

River Sunday – September 27

And a Blessing of the Animals – (Feast of St. Francis) October 4

Two versions for each observance are available. Also check the side bar of the site for archived suggestions for 2018 and 2019. Of course, you may schedule your own observances and shuffle your own themes to fit your context.

There is a 2019 Leaders' Guide available at

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YgVEfLPOmzWM3nwZP6QanznXI9yZ8Ktw/view>.

While somewhat dated perhaps, this material will help your worship, education and social action ministry leaders begin to stimulating thinking and conversation.

Distinctively Lutheran resources may be found at

<http://seasonofcreation.org/resources/denominational-resources/>

Additional LWF resources may be found at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5ALiI8RwGgqd1BoR3FpV1VtNGlpNXdEOFlvc0J0a2xTUIZv/view>

Watch this website for additional information regarding worship – education – and action-oriented resources.

Please remember that the Lutheran World Federation shares in the planning and promotion of this special time for study, worship and action.

Season of Creation September 1-October 4

Still looking for resources to celebration the Season of Creation? Check these out!

<https://seasonofcreation.com/worship-resources/liturgies/series-c-the-wisdom-series/liturgies-ocean%C2%A0sunday/>

Also liturgies for celebrations of Fauna and Flora, Storm, Cosmos Sundays
2018 liturgies for Planet Earth, Humanity, Sky, Mountain, and Blessing of the Animals

Watch for 2020 series: Forest, Land, Wilderness/Outback, River, and Blessing of the Animals

A special natural disaster series:

Volcano, Earthquake/Tsunami, Flood (forthcoming), Bushfire

And a climate change series: Climate, Solar, Atmosphere, and Rainbow

**** I particularly recommend “Let All Creation Praise” ****

<http://www.letallcreationpraise.org/united-states-ecumenical/wisdom-series-c>

This has expanded the Australian resources above with American versions. Be sure to check the side panel for archives for series ‘a’ and ‘b’ in the lectionary.

See also Lutheran Restoring Creation - <https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/>

For suggestions for worship, advocacy, personal discipleship

Promoting care for creation in the ELCA

Web of Creation - <http://www.webofcreation.org/>

Resources from the Lutheran School of Theology Chicago

Suggestions for liturgy, preaching, special services and rituals, devotions, and decorating space

LWF resources -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5ALiI8RwGgqd1BoR3FpV1VtNGlpNXdEOFlvc0JOa2xTUIZv/view>

Other Lutheran resources – This is a denominational page – scroll down for Lutheran suggestions

<https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/denominational-resources/>

Resources from the World Council of Churches

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/what-we-do/climate-change/time-for-creation>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dtf4767j-8w>

Denominational Resources

ELCIC

“ELCIC Resolution on Climate Justice” 2015

<http://www.elcic.ca/Documents/documents/ClimateJusticeMotionFINAL.pdf>

Lutheran Study Guide on *Laudato Si* 4 weeks

http://fore.yale.edu/files/Lutheran_climate_change_study.pdf

Three Motions on Environmental Action... from the Report of the National Church Council
As reported to the Winnipeg Convention, 2019, Section F, pages 21 and 22 and pages 34 and 35.

Motion 5: Resolution on Single-Use Plastic

That the ELCIC National Convention:

- recognizes that there is growing concern about the ecological impact of the production, consumption and disposal of many plastic products, particularly single-use plastics.
- acknowledges there are members of our communities who may require access to single-use plastic items in order to insure their full inclusion in community.
- encourages congregations, faith communities, ministry organizations, areas, and synods to reduce the use of single-use plastic products.
- encourages individual members to reduce their reliance on single-use plastic products. ☐
- encourages the National church to identify and promote resources aimed at supporting local efforts toward plastic reduction.
- embraces an ongoing call to be mindful Stewards of Creation and to seek a healthy relationship with the earth.

Rationale: Plastic products are produced from oil, a non-renewable resource. Single-use plastics are those items that are used only once before being thrown away. This includes products such as plastic bags, straws, coffee stirrers, soda and water bottles and food packaging.

While some plastic products are recycled, most end up in landfills or in the ocean. Plastic is not biodegradable. It breaks down over a long period of time into smaller pieces; these pieces have been known to make their way into food chains and water supplies. Dramatically, in the ocean, some plastics have clumped together into large floating islands of garbage. Moreover, plastic is not easily recycled into new products.

We are a long way from eliminating the use of all plastics. Choosing to reduce the consumption of single-use plastic is a step toward sustainability. The resolution seeks to respect the need for products that promote health and inclusion, while challenging us to reflect on how changes in personal habits may contribute to a reconciled relationship with the earth.

Our Full Communion Partner, the Anglican Church of Canada, will likely be considering a similar resolution during the 2019 General Synod.

Motion 6: Resolution on Investigating becoming Carbon Neutral

That the ELCIC acknowledges the call by the 2017 Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Assembly for “the global communion to strengthen its efforts even more for climate justice;” and the call “for the LWF to be carbon neutral by 2050.” The National Convention directs the National Church Council to investigate what would be required for the ELCIC to be carbon neutral by 2050, and to report to the 2022 National Convention.

Motion 7: Resolution on becoming Greening Faith Communities

That the ELCIC joins the 2017 Lutheran World Federation Assembly in “affirming the fact that the global ecological crisis, including climate change, is human-induced. It is a spiritual matter. As people of faith, we are called to journey together toward a healthy relationship with the earth.” and in “affirming its commitment to implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). “Creation Not for Sale” points out our responsibility to care and to maintain God’s creation, and our needed efforts to advocate for climate justice.”

That the National Convention:

- encourages congregations, faith communities, ministry organizations, areas, and synods to participate in the ELCIC Stewardship of Creation: Greening Faith Communities program as an expression of commitment to stewardship of creation.
- encourages individual members to reduce their personal carbon footprint.
- expresses its appreciation to the congregations who are currently accredited as greening congregations.
- encourages the National Church to identify and promote resources aimed at supporting local efforts toward reducing carbon footprints.
- directs the National Bishop to write to the Prime Minister of Canada to communicate the urgent need for climate justice, the importance of low carbon development, the critical need to limit global temperature increases to below 1.5° C above preindustrial levels, as outlined in the Paris Agreement (COP 21), and the value of funding climate resiliency initiatives for farmers in Canada and around the world.

Rationale: The LWF Assembly, referring to the COP21 resolution—the Paris Agreement—the Assembly reminds the member churches about their responsibility and needed efforts to advocate for climate justice, especially in terms of engaging governments for low carbon development and urging them to keep global warming below 1.5°C. <https://www.lwfassembly.org/en/resolution-climate-change>

The Paris Agreement central aim is to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Additionally, the agreement aims to strengthen the ability of countries to deal with the impacts of climate change. To reach these ambitious goals, appropriate financial flows, a new technology framework and an enhanced capacity building framework will be put in place, thus supporting action by developing countries and the most vulnerable countries, in line with their own national objectives. The agreement also provides for enhanced transparency of action and support through a more robust transparency framework.

<https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement>

Greening Faith Communities <http://elcic.ca/greeningfaithcommunities>

Bishop's Letter September 11, 2014 <http://www.elcic.ca/Documents/201409ClimateAction.pdf>

Bishop's Letter: Prayers for Paris <http://www.elcic.ca/Documents/201409ClimateAction.pdf>

ELCA

Faith and the Environment ELCA Documents <http://www.elca.org/Resources/Caring-for-Creation>

Awakening to God's Call to Earth-Keeping

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Awakening To Gods Call To Earthkeepin g.pdf?_ga=2.56152238.40580894.1523907026-672282431.1518714960](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Awakening%20To%20Gods%20Call%20To%20Earthkeepin%20g.pdf?_ga=2.56152238.40580894.1523907026-672282431.1518714960)

Hunger and Climate Change

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Agriculture And Food Security In A Chan ging Climate.pdf?_ga=2.131546634.40580894.1523907026-672282431.1518714960](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Agriculture%20And%20Food%20Security%20In%20A%20Chan ging%20Climate.pdf?_ga=2.131546634.40580894.1523907026-672282431.1518714960)

Poverty and Hunger in a Changing Climate

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Poverty And Hunger In A Changing Clim ate.pdf?_ga=2.52821165.40580894.1523907026-672282431.1518714960](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Poverty%20And%20Hunger%20In%20A%20Chan ging%20Climate.pdf?_ga=2.52821165.40580894.1523907026-672282431.1518714960)

Climate change 101

[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Climate Change 101.pdf?_ga=2.255105736.1572903675.1582762344-1716964922.1577377836](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Climate%20Change%20101.pdf?_ga=2.255105736.1572903675.1582762344-1716964922.1577377836)

Agriculture and Food Security in a Changing Climate

[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Agriculture And Food Security In A Cha nging Climate.pdf?_ga=2.185432809.1572903675.1582762344-1716964922.1577377836](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Agriculture%20And%20Food%20Security%20In%20A%20Chan ging%20Climate.pdf?_ga=2.185432809.1572903675.1582762344-1716964922.1577377836)

Link to statements and study guide

<http://www.elca.org/en/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Caring-for-Creation>

Social statement PDF, 1993

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/EnvironmentSS.pdf?_ga=2.28114367.223687513.1518714960-672282431.1518714960

Link to Hunger resources: Valentines; Advent; Lent, meal events, devotionals, bulletin inserts

<http://www.elca.org/Resources/Caring-for-Creation>

List of Creation Care Organizations

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Lutheran_Creation_Care_Organizations_And_Resources.pdf?_ga=2.88828571.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

Caring for Creation Social Statement

https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Caring-for-Creation?_ga=2.142860597.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

Health and Climate Change

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/PreparedToCare_Health_and_Climate_Change.pdf?_ga=2.188492328.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

Website for a synodically authorized ministry – on-line study courses; amazing store for DVD's.

Earthbound comes from the “store – church and the world” Material includes Luther pastors, theologians and seminary faculty from across the ELCA.

<https://www.selectlearning.org/>

Migration and Climate Change

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/PreparedToCare_Health_and_Climate_Change.pdf?_ga=2.188492328.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

Global Food Security and Climate Change

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/PreparedToCare_Global_Food_Security_and_Climate_Change.pdf?_ga=2.151634489.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

Weather Patterns and Climate Change

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/PreparedToCare_Weather_and_Climate_Change.pdf?_ga=2.256107147.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

Stewarding the Gift of Water

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Environment_Factsheet_Clean_Water.pdf?_ga=2.151194169.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

Carbon Pricing Basics

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Carbon_Pricing_Basics.pdf?_ga=2.147374391.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

Mountain Removal Coal Mining

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Mountaintop_Removal_Coal_Mining.pdf?_ga=2.188967595.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

2018 IPCC Report and Care of Creation

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Environment_IPCC_Report_Resource_1811v2.pdf?_ga=2.188967595.1441342214.1583101434-1716964922.1577377836

Let's Talk Faith and Climate

<https://ecoamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/lets-talk-faith-elca.pdf>

Fifteen Steps To Create Effective Climate Conversations

<https://ecoamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/elca-15-steps.pdf>

Lutheran World Federation

The Critical Role of Faith Actors in National Climate Debate

https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/2020/documents/2020_dtmj_national_climate_debate_en.pdf

Guiding Principles for Sustainable Development

https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/dws-guiding_principles_for_sustainable_development_en.pdf

God, Creation and Climate Change - https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/DTS-Studies-God_creation-2009.pdf

LWF Season of Creation

<https://www.lutheranworld.org/content/season-of-creation>

Six-week Study 1- Time for Everything; 2- Contemplating Creation; 3- Stewardship of Creation; 4- Christ and Creation; 5- Revealing the Children of God; 6- Joy of Creation

ELCIC Praise Appeal Creation Not for Sale – worship service – service of the word
<http://elcic.ca/praiseappeal/documents/2015PraiseAppealServiceoftheWord.pdf>

Creation Not for Sale booklet

https://www.lwfassembly.org/sites/default/files/resources/DTPW-2017_Booklet_Creation.pdf

LWF has created a display of scripture readings with photos of creation under the theme “And It Was Good.” Here is a link to the work....

https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/2019/documents/climate_march_exhibition_2019_a4_en.pdf

LWF resources -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5ALII8RwGgqd1BoR3FpV1VtNGLpNXdEOFlvc0J0a2xTUIZv/view>

LWF Resolutions on Climate Change

<https://2017.lwfassembly.org/en/resolution-climate-change>

Roman Catholic

Check out this newsletter from National Catholic Reporter
EarthBeat: Stories of Climate Crisis, Faith and Action

<https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat>

The Roman Catholic Church Opens a Synod on the Mission in Brazil

*Here is a preparatory document

<file:///C:/Users/saude/Documents/Laudato%20Si%20Circles/Amazonia%20Synod%20Preparatory%20Document.pdf>

*And a Study Guide for the Synod on the Amazon Preparatory Document

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19hdGctNPJ7I_HOUQEftePSgiG2s5Jxlm/view

*The Synod opened October 6 and concludes October 27. Here are some interesting Headlines and articles. There is much to learn from this process.... It is not only our own indigenous people who seek the ears and hearts of the church... It is not only our own church that experiences divisions over the climate crisis – much of it fueled by economics as theology... It is not only our own church that seeks to bring healing and restoration to lands devastated by fires. What else do you see that is similar? What more should we be doing ecumenically?

Amazonian bishops condemn attacks on rainforest and indigenous peoples

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/signs-times/amazonian-bishops-condemn-attacks-rainforest-and-indigenous-peoples>

Brazilian cardinal urges synod to open doors, knock down walls and build bridges

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/signs-times/brazilian-cardinal-urges-synod-open-doors-knock-down-walls-and-build>

Bishop highlights need for lay ministries in Amazon

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/people/bishop-highlights-need-lay-ministries-amazon>

God in all things: Synod looks at indigenous 'theology of creation'

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/god-all-things-synod-looks-indigenous-theology-creation>

Catholics need to recognize 'ecological sins,' synod members say

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/catholics-need-recognize-ecological-sins-synod-members-say>

Amazon synod has set Pope Francis' professional haters on edge

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/distinctly-catholic/amazon-synod-has-set-pope-francis-professional-haters-edge>

The Final Report of the Amazon Synod and the “conversion of the Church

<https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2019/11/21/the-final-report-of-the-amazon-synod-and-the-conversion-of-the-church/>

This Land Is Home: A Letter from Catholic Bishops of Appalachia, captures the developing poverty, reliance on coal, dependence upon industry, divisiveness and self-defence of a region, corporate injustice and voicelessness of the poor, technological rationalization and maximization of profit, conspicuous consumption and planned obsolescence – Appalachia as a symbol of a larger pattern?

<http://www.catholicconferencewv.org/docs/ThisLandIsHome.pdf>

From the Conclusion:

In taking them up, hopefully the Church might once again be known as - a center of the Spirit, - a place where poetry dares to speak, - where the song reigns unchallenged, - where art flourishes, - where nature is welcome, - where little people and little needs come first, - where justice speaks loudly, - where in a wilderness of idolatrous destruction the great voice of God still cries out for Life

Faith and the Environment – *Laudato Si*

Ever wondered how you might introduce Pope Francis’s encyclical *Laudato Si* and promote living out its principles as individuals, families or a congregation? Check out the following resources

Live Laudato Si – Pledge to pray for creation, live more simply, and advocate to protect our common home....

<http://livelaudatosi.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/LSpledge-10ways-INDIVIDUALS.pdf>

You or your people do not have to purchase a copy of the encyclical. Here’s a free text on line...

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.pdf

And if you seek resources to study the document but you have limited time. Here are a variety of resources...On-line study guides for Laudate Si... 5 minutes, 10 minutes, 20 minutes or an hour!

<http://livelaudatosi.org/learn/>

The Global Catholic Climate Movement has been endorsed by pope Francis and many other Catholic leaders as a means to encourage prayer and commitment to advocacy and change. Here is the brochure...

Global Catholic Climate Movement Brochure

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3Iyi9THwePEbWUwSmNyY0NzUIU/view>

Looking for an on-line copy of *Laudato Si'*?

<https://laudatosi.com/watch>

Laudato Si – the text of Pope Francis' encyclical - Download PDF or read on-line or order a print copy.

<https://laudatosi.com/watch>

Lutheran Study Guide for *Laudato Si* – four-week sessions

<http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/Home/highlights/laudato-si---lutheran-study-guide>

<http://ncrnews.org/documents/NCR%20Readers%20guide.pdf> Six session Catholic study guide for *Laudato Si*. Published by National Catholic Reporter. Offers commentary and discussion questions.

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/pope-francis-encyclical-inspires-laudato-si-project-wisconsin>. Published by National Catholic Reporter. The Laudate Si Project in Wisconsin has sponsored sustainability fairs and other events to get people into nature and to think theologically.

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/divestment-fossil-fuels-witness-our-faith>. Canadian coalition of institutions seeks divestment from fossil fuels as an expression of faith and justice. Response is to do “both and” – keep enough shares so as to have a voice but encourage investment in sustainable resources.

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/green-mountain-states-diocese-gets-greener>. Dioceses in Vermont set 2017 as Year of Creation for promotion, study and action. Stimulates a regional response. Suggests something our own church could be doing?

<http://www.laudatosiproject.com/home.html>. Resources for education, stewardship, and recreation. Naturally the list of networks is the most interesting. Look under partners on the home page for ideas for schools, camps, businesses, public media, etc.

***Laudato Si* Season of Creation Guide 2019**

<https://ctbi.org.uk/season-of-creation-creation-time-2019/>

***Laudato Si* Global Catholic Climate Movement**

<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/laudato-si-resources/>

Global Catholic Climate Movement

<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/>

***Laudato Si* Circles**

<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/circles/>

Circles are gatherings in small groups for reflection, prayer and action. There are resources

for regular gatherings that guide through readings of scripture and the encyclical. Circles are led by Animators. Information on training may be found here.

<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/liturgical-prayer-and-spiritual-resources/>

<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/about-the-animator-program/>

<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/animators/>

Advocacy resources <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/advocacy-resources/>

Resources for prayer and seasons, like Lent and Christmas

<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/eco-spirituality/>

Facts and Videos on Climate Change <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/climate-change-facts/>

Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of the Holy Father Francis, “Querida Amazonia”

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20200202_querida-amazonia.html

Lutheran Study Guide to Pope Francis’ Letter week 1

<https://www.google.ca/search?q=lutheran+study+guide+to+pope+francis'+letter&ie=&oe=>

Lutheran Study Guide to Pope Francis’ Letter week 2

https://www.mnys.org/assets/1/6/week_2_climate_change_study_final.pdf

Lutheran Study Guide to Pope Francis’ letter week 3

https://www.mnys.org/assets/1/6/week_3_climate_change_study_final.pdf

Lutheran Study Guide to Pope Francis’ letter week 4

https://www.mnys.org/assets/1/6/lutheran_week_4_climate_change_study_final.pdf

Laudato Si Week in May

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/francis-issues-urgent-call-plans-fifth-anniversary-laudato-si>

Interreligious Dialogue with Laudato Si

Interreligious Responses to Laudato Si – How Laudato Si Moves Interreligious Dialogue Forward

October 20, 2020 Berkley Center, Georgetown University 1hr 47 min.

<https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/events/interreligious-responses-to-laudato-si>

Interreligious Responses to Laudato Si- How Laudato Si Resonates Among Religious Traditions

October 29, 2020 Berkley Center, Georgetown University 1hr 47 min.

<https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/events/interreligious-responses-to-laudato-si>

Interreligious Responses to Laudato Si- A Call for Multireligious

October 30, 2020 Berkley Center, Georgetown University 1hr 47 min.

<https://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/events/interreligious-responses-to-laudato-si>

Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology

Laudato Si <https://fore.yale.edu/Laudato-Si%E2%80%99>

Season of Creation – *Laudato Si'* Three hour Introductory Immersion Retreat Webinar

Laudato Si Circles are Catholic (and other) lay people who gather for readings from Pope Francis' encyclical, scripture, and current events; discussion; and local action. This virtual retreat was part of the global Season of Creation observances. September 12, 2020.

A Youtube recording of the retreat may be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYeaHYNrmaQ>

First Nations

Is your church interested in exploring environmental issues from an indigenous perspective? Check this out - <http://www.yourcier.org/> - The Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources seeks to preserve and share indigenous knowledge. See <http://www.yourcier.org/indigenous-knowledge.html>. Perhaps your church could invite a speaker... or host a community event... or invite local congregations and synod partners!

Environmental Justice with Indigenous Peoples
<http://www.creationjustice.org/indigenous.html>

Presbyterian

Lenten study

<https://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020-Lenten-Study-012920-web.pdf>

Update on Faith and Fossil Fuel Divestment Discussion Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church

<https://shepherdstownpresbyterian.org/news-media/news/update-faith-and-fossil-fuel-divestment-discussion>

FossilFreePCUSA Fact Sheet for Presbyterian Church 2020

<https://www.fossilfreepcusa.org/facts-action/faq/>

Uniting Church of Australia

<https://www.insights.uca.org.au/living-church-synod-2019-an-opportunity-for-great-change/>
<https://www.insights.uca.org.au/synod-2019-kicks-off/>

Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC)

<https://www.arrcc.org.au/>

https://www.arrcc.org.au/?utm_campaign=feb_26_2020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=arrcc

Read about this interfaith alliance and its work to challenge the government on its subsidies for fossil fuels. Interesting quotes from various traditions, such as Indigenous, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, as well as Christian. ARRCC is sponsoring interfaith dialogues that could be reproduced here, perhaps.

ARRCC Australian Religious Response to Climate Change - Opposing Coal Mine

50 Religious Leaders Send a Letter to Adani Corporation Townsville office opposing the development of the Adanai mega-coal mine. Contractors and Financial institutions are withdrawing or refusing support. Given the proposed development of a new coal mine in Alberta, could we learn something from this resistance in Australia?

https://www.arrcc.org.au/50_religious_leaders_letter_to_adani

See also Applications: Coal

**“Protecting the Sacred: Indigenous perspectives on social, cultural and environmental justice”
Inaugural Islamic and Abrahamic faith traditions**

National Conference

“Environmental Crisis and Our Obligations to Act: teachings from Islam and Abrahamic Faith Traditions”

https://www.arrcc.org.au/environmental_crisis

Resources for Individual Lifestyle Choices

https://www.arrcc.org.au/resources_for_individual_lifestyle_choices

Morality of Climate Change

<https://www.arrcc.org.au/about-climate-change-morality>

Reflections and Prayers After the Bushfire Crisis

https://www.arrcc.org.au/reflections_prayers_after_the_bushfire_crisis

Statements by Faith Leaders

<https://www.arrcc.org.au/reflect-statements-by-faith-leaders>

Other Faith Resources

https://www.arrcc.org.au/reflect-other_faith_resources

Swedish Lutheran Church

A Bishops' Letter About the Climate, 2014

https://fore.yale.edu/files/a_bishops_letter_about_the_climate_2014.pdf

2020 Revision of 2014 document

<https://www.svenskakyrkan.se/filer/A%20Bishop's%20Letter%20About%20the%20Climate.pdf>

United Church of Canada

Green Church Inventory, Evaluation and Action Plan ***

https://www.ucc.org/green_church_inventory_evaluation_and_action_plan

Best Practices for Creation Justice Churches ***

https://www.ucc.org/best_practices_for_creation_justice_churches

Faithful Footprints - Grants and tools for churches to upgrade buildings, lower energy costs, and renew their mission <https://www.united-church.ca/leadership/church-administration/faithful-footprints>

Climate Change - Caring for God's gift of Creation is a spiritual commitment. <https://www.united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/climate-change>

Faithful Footprints launches in partnership with the United Church of Canada

https://www.faithcommongood.org/faithful_footprints_launch

See Also Churches Becoming Carbon Neutral

Schools and Seminaries

Stewardship Articles from Luther Seminary, St. Paul

Eating Our Values <http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4986>

Stewardship Lessons from Environmental to Financial

<http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4502>

NIV Stewardship Bible Study: Discover God's Design for Life, the Environment, Finances, Generosity and Eternity a review

<http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4159>

Stewardship of the Earth: A Theological Perspective

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4010>

Transforming Stewardship for Climate Action

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4781>

Water of Life

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4833>

Lutheran School of Theology Chicago – LSTC

Lutheran School of Theology Chicago- Web of Creation

<http://www.webofcreation.org/>

Here are complete manuals for the following:

- Training for the Green Congregation program
- Environmental Guide for the Congregation: Their Building and Grounds
- Building a Firm Foundation: "Green" Building Tool Kit
- Stewardship of Creation: A Thirty Day Discipline

Having trouble getting started?

Here is an over-all plan <http://www.webofcreation.org/overall-plan>

With worship resources <http://www.webofcreation.org/worship>

Plans for education <http://www.webofcreation.org/religious-education>

Stewardship of your property <http://www.webofcreation.org/building-and-grounds>

Monitoring your lifestyle <http://www.webofcreation.org/home-and-work>

Developing a Public Witness <http://www.webofcreation.org/public-witness>

And then taking it to the next level - tools for re-evaluating, re-forming and re-starting

<http://www.webofcreation.org/next-level>

Here are also links to other Eco-Faith Groups <http://www.webofcreation.org/links-to-eco-faith-groups>

Denominational Resources - Inter-Faith Groups and Secular Agencies

Consider having environmental theme months – a month for transportation

<http://www.webofcreation.org/congregational-theme-months/529-transportation-month>
or a month for water

<http://www.webofcreation.org/congregational-theme-months/527-water-month>

Resources include material for Bible study, bulletin and newsletter suggestions and congregational activities

Yale

Faith Morality and the Environment January 19, 2016

<https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/publications/faith-morality-environment/>

Find button to download 42-page document as PDF.

See also How to Talk About Climate Change above

Institute on the Environment – University of Minnesota

<http://environment.umn.edu/ione-second-mondays/>

Second Mondays webinars on a variety of issues. Check the recording through this link to a discussion of Global Futures: Where the Environment and the Economy Merge... recorded March 9th.

April 13 event will be on what journalism gets right and wrong in reporting on environmental issues.

Churches Becoming Carbon Neutral

ELCIC

Now That the ELCIC Convention Has Passed... <http://mnosynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/2019-09-18-Eco-Reformation-Convention-Action.pdf>

ELCIC Resolution on Climate Justice

<http://elcic.ca/Public-Policy/documents/ClimateJusticeMotionFINAL.pdf>

Roman Catholic

Catholic groups boycott fossil fuels in push for action on climate change

<https://www.independent.co.uk/environment/fossil-fuels-roman-catholic-church-boycott-climate-change-clean-energy-carbon-neutral-lobby-pope-a7980356.html>

Vatican Was Going Green Long Before Pope's Climate Decree

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/news/2015/06/150616-pope-climate-francis-vatican-global-warming-green-solar-carbon-sustainable/>

Church of England

CofE to be carbon-neutral by 2030 – but at what cost?

<https://archbishopcranmer.com/cofe-to-be-carbon-neutral-by-2030-but-at-what-cost/>

Church of England seeks to go carbon-neutral in a decade

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/church-of-england-seeks-to-go-carbon-neutral-in-a-decade-bcrskvwtu>

Church of England to go carbon neutral by 2045

<https://www.churchnewspaper.com/79684/archives>

Anglican Church of Canada

Green Team reduces church's carbon footprint

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/2017/10/27/green-team-reduces-churchs-carbon-footprint/>

Anglican Church of Canada Climate Action

<https://cpj.ca/anglican-church-canada-climate-action>

Before the clock runs out of time

<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/before-the-clock-runs-out-of-time/>

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https://www.faitbcommongood.org/faithful_footprints_launch

Mennonite Church of Canada

Climate Change Working Group for Mennonite Church Canada June 2016

<http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/sites/home.mennonitechurch.ca/files/CCWGReportFinal.pdf>

Mennonite Church of Canada Climate Action
<https://cpj.ca/mennonite-church-canada-climate-action>

How green is my MCC? A new environmental paradigm or just belt-tightening?
<https://canadianmennonite.org/articles/how-green-my-mcc>

A Canadian Community Initiative

This Ontario town is trying to be Canada's first carbon-neutral community
The tiny village of Eden Mills is closing in on its goal, proving what collective action can achieve
<https://www.macleans.ca/news/canada/eden-mills-ontario-canadas-first-carbon-neutral-community/>

Applications to Specific Times and Issues

Air Travel

Concerned about Air Travel and Climate Change?

Here is an organization of climate justice activist groups who are rallying to limit air travel world-wide. Under information, see article on impacts of air travel. 206 organizations have signed in support of a document called "Thirteen Steps for a Just Transport System."

<https://stay-grounded.org/>

Looking for something less confrontational?

Living the Change has a program called Grounding in Faith. <https://livingthechange.net/grounding-in-faith>. I personally have participated in a pilot project. These conversations do not judge, criticize or tell you how to limit your flying patterns. Instead they use personal reflection exercises, stories and small group discussions to raise your personal awareness so you can think about what you do, why and what you might intend to do. No one solution fits all. I hope this project expands widely. I especially recommend exploring this as we plan to be a carbon neutral church – which will affect flying for meetings, conferences and international partnerships. <https://livingthechange.net/index.html>

Check under the menu icon for suggestions in making personal commitments in terms of diet, energy use, and transportation. Practical and attainable

Air travel is a significant — and unequally distributed — contributor to climate change, and universities and other institutions with outsized impact need to reduce.

<https://ensia.com/voices/air-travel-climate-impact-flying/>

Biodiversity

What on Earth Is Biodiversity? A 3 minute video introduction to biodiversity, importance and extinction by Conservation International

https://www.conservation.org/blog/why-is-biodiversity-important?utm_campaign=General&utm_medium=email&utm_source=FY21_General_2020Oct06_C_ND&s_src=Email&s_subsrc=FY21_General_2020Oct06_C_ND

Why Canada's prairies are the world's most endangered ecosystem sponsored by Nature Conservancy Canada <https://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/blog/archive/grasslands-the-most.html>

Pollinators and Sustainable Agriculture

FAO's Global Action on Pollination Services for Sustainable Agriculture sponsored by UN Food and Agriculture Organization

<http://www.fao.org/pollination/background/bees-and-other-pollinators/en/#:~:text=Bees%20and%20other%20pollinators%20are%20under%20threat.%20Present,%E2%80%93%20particularly%20bees%20and%20butterflies%20%E2%80%93%20facing%20extinction.>

Check out tabs for Background – Projects – Major Initiatives and Database for pollinators and specific crops

We can and must save our pollinators from extinction sponsored by Friends of the Earth

<https://foe.org/blog/we-can-and-must-save-our-pollinators-from-extinction/>

Capitalism/ Economics

Interested in some debate on climate crisis and capitalism? See the following and beyond...

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/mar/18/ending-climate-change-end-capitalism>

“Ending Climate Change Requires the End of Capitalism- Have We Got the Stomach for It?”

Phil Duff, The Guardian

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2019/09/is-capitalism-incompatible-with-effective-climate-change-action/>

11,000 Scientists Warn of untold Suffering

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/nov/05/climate-crisis-11000-scientists-warn-of-untold->

[suffering?utm_term=RWRpdG9yaWFsX0dyZWVuTGlnaHQMtMkxMTEx&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=GreenLight&CMP=greenlight_email](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/nov/05/climate-crisis-11000-scientists-warn-of-untold-suffering?utm_term=RWRpdG9yaWFsX0dyZWVuTGlnaHQMtMkxMTEx&utm_source=esp&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=GreenLight&CMP=greenlight_email)

The Guardian reports 11,000 scientists warn of global catastrophe and call for urgent transformation of society. See charts of troubling and discouraging signs... as well as especially disturbing impacts from climate change. Article describes the need for strong carbon tax to reduce fossil fuels – stabilizing population – ending destruction of forests – eating less meat – and changing economic goals away from emphasizing GDP growth.

See also book list – Naomi Kline – **This Changes Everything** and **On Fire**
Harvey Cox, **The Market As God**, (Harvard University press, Cambridge, Mass.), 2016.

David Ray Griffin, John B. Cobb Jr., Richard A Falk, Catherine Keller, **The American Empire and the Commonwealth of God** (Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville), 2006.

Big money for big oil?

Canada faces hard choices when it comes to balancing priorities of economic recovery, climate change
Winnipeg Free Press Sarah Lawrynuik March 27
<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/big-money-for-big-oil-569174982.html>

Opinion: Put clean energy at the heart of stimulus plans to counter the coronavirus crisis

<https://ensia.com/voices/coronavirus-covid-19-economic-recovery-clean-renewable-energy/>

Carbon Majors Database

Carbon Majors Database – 100 fossil fuel producers and nearly 1 trillion tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions

<https://b8f65cb373b1b7b15feb-c70d8ead6ced550b4d987d7c03fcdd1d.ssl.cf3.rackcdn.com/cms/reports/documents/000/002/327/original/Carbon-Majors-Report-2017.pdf?1499691240>

Climate Strike

1. How are you observing the **global climate strike** September 20? This doesn't just mean walking out of classes; observances can take many forms. See <https://globalclimatestrike.net/>

Want to support youth? Check out <https://350.org/support-climate-strikes/>

Also, Earth Strike at <https://www.earth-strike.com/>

And the Global Catholic climate Movement at <https://www.earth-strike.com/>

Climate Strikes are not just for young people!

Intergenerational solidarity: Elders join youth in climate strikes! See...

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/intergenerational-solidarity-elders-join-youth-climate-strikes?clickSource=email>

Did you join a Climate Strike during the Week for Climate Change, September 20-27? Need some reasons to be involved further? See ... **23 reasons to join Friday's Climate Strike** at

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/23-reasons-join-fridays-climate-strike?clickSource=email>

Coal Mining/Clean Coal

JOIN ARCC IN STOPPING THE CARMICHAEL COAL MINE

Nov 2017

https://www.arrcc.org.au/join_arrcc_in_stopping_the_carmichael_coal_mine

“Australia’s reliance on coal as an export has contributed to the further disrespect of the rights of Aboriginal communities, caused adverse health impacts, has destroyed local ecological communities and is ultimately leading to climate disruption. The power of the mining lobby has subverted our democracy to the point that governments are enlisted in support of mining interests.

“We stand with the [Wangan and Jagalingou](#) Traditional Custodians whose land the Carmichael mine would desecrate. For ARCC, our respect for the earth is interconnected with respect for indigenous spiritual connections with country, and any actions we take would need to be mindful of their wishes.

“We oppose the Queensland Government's attempts to undermine the rights of the Wangan and Jagalingou, and their granting of a license which allows relatively unlimited, long-term access to our precious artesian waters.”

While this article is dated, it has been said that the new coal mining in Alberta may be funded by Australian funding. Could the Australian experience be repeated in Alberta? How will we know?

OUR TAX DOLLARS FOR 'CLEAN COAL' IS IMMORAL

ARRC

https://www.arrcc.org.au/our_tax_dollars_for_clean_coal_is_immoral

Webinar recording **A Just Transition to Clean Energy** Seventh Generation 2020 Conference

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjKFaxwO5xQ&feature=youtu.be>

From Eco-Elders for Climate Action to the Joint Review Panel re: Hearing Submission

<https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/136049>

Albertans for a Coal Free Southwest

<https://www.ab4coalfreesw.ca/>

Coronavirus

Coronavirus and People of Color

The Truth About Why COVID-19 Poses A Unique Threat to Black People

<https://www.damemagazine.com/2020/05/08/the-truth-about-why-covid-19-poses-a-unique-threat-to-black-people/>

Coronavirus and People of Color

Coronavirus and The Climate Crisis Webinar April 1 <https://youtu.be/vH1HEZW7Eos>

Video Webinar Protest During a Pandemic originally broadcast June 24, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pp5jkssCRxo&feature=youtu.be>

Indigenous People

EarthBeat Weekly: **Indigenous peoples face multiple risks** Pandemic, forced contact threaten isolated groups Aug 14, 2020 by [Barbara Fraser](#)

<https://www.nronline.org/news/earthbeat/earthbeat-weekly-indigenous-peoples-face-multiple-risks>

The Coronavirus and the Climate Crisis, Connections, Comparisons and Lessons April 1, 2020

https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cLPwEmi_ROGwXZMLEpqSFA

How Coronavirus Could Help Us Fight Climate Change: Lessons from the Pandemic David Vetter Forbes article

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/davidrvetter/2020/03/30/how-coronavirus-could-help-us-fight-climate-change-lessons-from-the-pandemic/#3827dc565abc>

Greta: We Must Fight the Climate Crisis and Pandemic Simultaneously

New Scientist Daily Newsletter – Adam Vaughn

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2238831-greta-we-must-fight-the-climate-crisis-and-pandemic-simultaneously/#ixzz6IDVFSNoY>

Opinion: Put clean energy at the heart of stimulus plans to counter the coronavirus crisis

<https://ensia.com/voices/coronavirus-covid-19-economic-recovery-clean-renewable-energy/>

Opinion: In a pandemic, we need green spaces more than ever

<https://ensia.com/voices/pandemic-green-space/>

Destruction of habitat and loss of biodiversity are creating the perfect conditions for diseases like COVID-19 to emerge

<HTTPS://ENSIA.COM/FEATURES/COVID-19-CORONAVIRUS-BIODIVERSITY-PLANETARY-HEALTH-ZOONOSES/>

In 2008, Jones and a team of researchers **identified** 335 diseases that emerged between 1960 and 2004, at least 60% of which came from non-human animals.

Increasingly, says Jones, these zoonotic diseases are linked to environmental change and human behavior. The disruption of pristine forests driven by logging, mining, [road building through remote places](#), rapid urbanization and population growth is bringing people into closer contact with animal species they may never have been near before. The resulting transmission of disease from wildlife to humans, she says, is now “a hidden cost of human economic development.

Coronavirus: How environmental destruction influences the emergence of pandemics

Daina Goldfinger Global News

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6773423/coronavirus-environmental-destruction-climate-change-pandemics/>

Our approach to covid-19 can also help tackle climate change

We can't lose sight of the climate emergency when dealing with the covid-19 pandemic, say Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg24532763-500-our-approach-to-covid-19-can-also-help-tackle-climate-change/#ixzz6lfUOeuiM>

Displaced People

Modelling counties affected by sea level rise

<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0227436>

Divestment- Fossil Free

UPDATE ON FAITH AND FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT DISCUSSION
Church

Shepherdstown Presbyterian

<https://shepherdstownpresbyterian.org/news-media/news/update-faith-and-fossil-fuel-divestment-discussion>

FossilFreePCUSA Fact Sheet for Presbyterian Church 2020

<https://www.fossilfreepcusa.org/facts-action/faq/>

We Can Build a Fossil Free World

<https://gofossilfree.org/>

2020 resources

ECO-Elders

Eco-Elders for Climate Action – [Calgary Climate Hub](#)

<https://www.calgaryclimatehub.ca/eco-elders-for-climate-action>

Eco-Elders for Climate Action Calgary Climate Hub – For Our Kids

<https://www.forourkids.ca/eco-elders>

Rhode Island Environmental Education Association RIEEA

<https://rieea.org/eco-elders/>

Farmworkers

Faith Workers and the Environment

National Farm Worker Ministry (U.S.)

Harvest of Justice

The Harvest of Justice is the fourth annual emphasis of Creation Justice Ministries

<http://nfwm.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Farm-Workers-and-the-Environment-Curriculum-6.pdf>

This curriculum is designed for middle and high school-aged youth

1. Migration 90 min.
2. Climate Disasters 70 min
3. Heat Stress 95 Min.
4. Pesticides/Herbicides 95 min.
5. Children in the Fields 75 min
6. Putting It All Together 90 min.

Additional Resources

Food

How's your morning cup of coffee? Consider this...

As climate effects hit coffee crops, Guatemalan farmers become migrants

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/climate-effects-hit-coffee-crops-guatemalan-farmers-become-migrants?clickSource=email>

Can one meatless day out of the week make a difference? Consider this...

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/can-one-meatless-day-out-week-make-difference?clickSource=email>

Friends of the earth – food and agriculture technology

<https://foe.org/issues/food-and-technology/>

Green Church

Green Church Inventory, Evaluation and Action Plan

https://www.ucc.org/green_church_inventory_evaluation_and_action_plan

Best Practices for Creation Justice Churches

https://www.ucc.org/best_practices_for_creation_justice_churches

Greening Your Parish Guide.... GCCM

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5ALiI8RwGgqUWh0ajl5dXBydTNkNElobkJZcGJuRFINV05J/view>

The Green New Deal

The Green New Deal and Reparations Recorded Webinar from the United Church of Christ US

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qc5R-TEtiGA&feature=youtu.be>

Links Related to the Webinar:

[Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Resolution \(H.Con.Res 100\)](#)

[Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act \(H.R. 40\)](#)

[Web Page for Tamara Toles O'Laughlin](#)

["Bringing Life Back to Dry Bones" by Sekinah Hamlin](#)

A Green New Deal for Canada: What it means

CBC: What on Earth?

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/what-on-earth-newsletter-green-new-deal-canada-1.5129864>

The great transformation: How to achieve a ‘Green New Deal’ for Canada

Globe and Mail

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-the-great-transformation-how-to-achieve-a-green-new-deal-for-canada/>

FACTSHEET: IT’S TIME FOR A GREEN NEW DEAL

The Council of Canadians

<https://canadians.org/factsheet-greennewdeal>

This Is Our Time for a Green New Deal

Our Time Youth Movement

<https://our-time.ca/>

U.S.-inspired Green New Deal pact launches across Canadian cities **CBC**

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/green-new-deal-launches-vancouver-1.5124435>

A Canadian Green New Deal is Alberta’s Best Hope for the Future

Canadian Dimension

Feb. 2020

<https://canadiandimension.com/articles/view/green-new-deal-canada-alberta>

Health/Mental Health

Australian bishops get it right on mental health Oct 28, 2020 by Daniel P. Horan, National Catholic Reporter

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/faith-seeking-understanding/australian-bishops-get-it-right-mental-health>

Coronavirus is not just a health crisis — it’s an environmental justice crisis

By [Yvette Cabrera](#) on Apr 24, 2020

Grist

<https://grist.org/justice/coronavirus-is-not-just-a-health-crisis-its-an-environmental-justice-crisis/>

The Mental Health Consequences of the Recession: Economic Hardship and Employment of People with Mental Health Problems in 27 European Countries

<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article/file?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0069792&type=printable>

Mental health outcomes in times of economic recession: a systematic literature review

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4741013/pdf/12889_2016_Article_2720.pdf

Economic downturn impacting mental health of Calgarians, study says

CBC News Feb

9, 2016

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/economic-downturn-calgary-counselling-stress-1.3440243>

Recessions and health: the long-term health consequences of responses to the coronavirus

James Banks, Heidi Karjalainen and Carol Propper

Institute for Fiscal Studies

Apr.

9/2020

<https://www.ifs.org.uk/publications/14799>

As climate change worsens, so does our grief and stress – from the National Catholic Reporter

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/grace-margins/climate-change-worsens-so-does-our-griefand-distress>

How Climate Change Affects Our Health – Canadian Wildlife Federation

<http://blog.cwf-fcf.org/index.php/en/how-climate-change-affects-our-health/>

17 Reasons to Get You and Your Kids Outside – Canadian Wildlife Federation

<http://blog.cwf-fcf.org/index.php/en/17-reasons-to-get-you-and-your-kids-outside/>

Another Study of Outdoors and Health Benefits – U. of East Anglia, Science Daily

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/07/180706102842.htm>

People are experiencing a loss of hope in the face of the climate crisis — but mental health professionals can help find healthy ways to move forward.

<https://ensia.com/voices/climate-change-despair-psychologists-therapy-depression-hope/>

Beyond Divestment: Global Warming, Trauma and a Call for Pastoral Care Rev. Wayne Meisel,

McCormick Theological Seminary, June 22, 2016

<https://mccormick.edu/news/beyond-divestment-global-warming-trauma-and-call-pastoral-care>

Def of trauma, effects, and need for pastoral care

****Climate grief expected to be widespread soon but it's still not openly acknowledged
ABC News Aug 19/2020**

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2020-08-19/the-danger-of-climate-grief-lies-in-the-fact-its-often-ignored/12563930>

Climate Grief or Eco-Anxiety/Despair recognized by the Australian Psychological Society, expresses itself as fear, anger, guilt, shame, grief, loss and helplessness. Based on unexpressed and unrecognized grief. Youth 15-24, more vulnerable to feeling extremely frustrated, fearful, sad and outraged. Tips on how to cope.

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9/2020

Institute for Fiscal Studies Apr.

<https://www.ifs.org.uk/publications/14799>

Related study among Canadian Indigenous people: **Ecological grief as a mental health response to climate change-related loss**

https://www.nature.com/articles/s41558-018-0092-2.epdf?sharing_token=8H8-GQTCHz2OhCAL2ghc69RgN0jAjWel9jnR3Zotv0MZ8cLxe72VDW0esMFb0zEFJGzXwmGlfJnUgwflZnaTihL7zKATdaxZ-FdbMw4IP2XnMZhOmA9vOSHegiU9PB2N-ujyAd_iNrOAKkX2ZeLO6gP-xiManOE6XeDrpolbVdhlu cemYUyA2xMe4jtU6OXfo3Xai-ENs5rw91C9poHfR_YiLtk2rcXq6D-FFo7jPjixNug8EWOcTux2Ifp2os5_OEDJyolmpnViETmt5qRJ8GfhoWpjieVHp80THuTU6tWCUfObXPU163sk122KiEYn8nhQoDaFujTN3ZKRNWNfFA%3D%3D&tracking_referrer=www.abc.net.au

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Household

Zero-Waste Buying Guide -

<http://greenactioncentre.ca/reduce-your-waste/green-buying-guide/>

All-Natural Cleaning Products That Actually Work – Canadian Wildlife Federation

<http://blog.cwf-fcf.org/index.php/en/all-natural-cleaning-products-that-actually-work/>

Compost Winnipeg

Is your church planning an event? Here's an interesting announcement from Compost Winnipeg

Green your event by composting! We provide compostable dishes, cups and cutlery, organic waste collection bins. We pick-up your event's organic waste, compost it and send an organic waste diversion report when it's all said and done.

<https://www.compostwinnipeg.ca/events>

Indigenous People

Take a Sacred Pause – Care of Creation from an Indigenous perspective

<https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Take-a-Sacred-Pause.pdf>

Indigenous Awareness 101 recorded webinar sponsored by ECO Canada

A recorded webinar sponsored by EcoCanada, 90 min with Q & A. A very good introduction to Indigenous awareness; the distinctiveness of First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples; challenges facing each; suggestions for courtesy and hospitality; and explanations of business and government interactions with each. This is the first of a series of three.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/5378512225742841611>

<https://www.eco.ca/training/webinar/indigenous-awareness-101/>

Cultural Self Reflection: Indigenous Cultural Sensitivity Training – Recording of webinar sponsored by ECO Canada Second in the series of three

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/viewRecording/2685004506324388364/41701588106210315/elcicsaude@gmail.com?registrantKey=7181030698355374348&type=ATTENDEEEMAILRECORDINGLINK>

Barriers to Indigenous Recruitment recorded webinar sponsored by ECO Canada. Third in the series of three

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/viewRecording/3609687188229497356/6284638451130256642/elcicsaude@gmail.com?registrantKey=2291052789481684749&type=ATTENDEEEMAILRECORDINGLINK>

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Resettlement of an Indigenous community – project and many news articles about flooding effects Resettlement project <http://www.coastalresettlement.org/>

Conservation with Indigenous People sponsored by Nature Conservancy Canada

<https://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/what-we-do/indigenous-conservation/>

Manitoba Resources

A Rocha – Has a Manitoba Chapter;

<https://arocha.ca/>

A Rocha sponsors lay training events and educational events: conservation, sustainable agriculture, environmental education

Backyard Composting 101

<https://greenactioncentre.ca/event/backyard-composting-101-12/>

Did you know that adding organics to the landfill produces methane, a greenhouse gas 25x more powerful than carbon dioxide? By composting, you can produce rich garden fertilizer for free at home, and help save the planet to boot! Learn how with Green Action Centre

Compost Winnipeg

Is your church planning an event? Here's an interesting announcement from Compost Winnipeg *Green your event by composting! We provide compostable dishes, cups and cutlery, organic waste collection bins. We pick-up your event's organic waste, compost it and send an organic waste diversion report when it's all said and done.*

<https://www.compostwinnipeg.ca/events>

Important Manitoba Resource – Climate Change.Org

Subscribe for a monthly newsletter addressing Science – Emissions- Impacts- Solutions- Connections and Resources Sign up here....

<http://climatechangeconnection.org/newsletter/>

13 Climate Action – Manitoba Council for International Cooperation

http://mccic.ca/pdf/Goal_13_FINAL-1.pdf

Climate Action Toolkit for Small Business

<https://mbchamber.mb.ca/climate-change-action-toolkit-for-manitoba-business/>

The Climate Action Toolkit for Manitoba Business is now available online. If you're the owner of a small to medium-sized business, or you're employed by one in Manitoba, this is for you. The toolkit includes checklists, feature cases, a communications guide and more.

Climate Change Connection Solutions page.... Lots of links on various topics

<http://climatechangeconnection.org/solutions/>

Climate Change Connection

<https://mailchi.mp/faffb4e6673d/climate-update-308-visionary-conversations-24-hours-of-reality-climate-feast-winter-tips-carbon-neutral-cities-and-more-3194209?e=363f359b05>

Timely announcements and links to topics mentioned above

Climate Change Connection finds funding to continue

<https://climatechangeconnection.org/>

The Climate Change Connection is an excellent resource for Manitobans to network on climate change facts and solutions. Lots of resources and local/Manitoba events. Check it out. Better yet, subscribe!

Manitoba Green New Deal

https://www.mbenergyjustice.org/a_green_new_deal_for_manitoba

Cutting emissions in half while maintaining cultural and biological diversity. A coalition calling on the Manitoba government for deep and systemic change. A living document making seven demands. Follow. Get involved.

Manitoba Energy Justice Coalition

<https://www.mbenergyjustice.org/>

A variety of actions, campaigns, resources and events

Talks for Future Fridays at 9:00am

The Fridays for Future Movement is holding weekly webinars and discussion rounds with scientists, journalists and activists as well as other international high-level experts. Watch the live streaming on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube

Microplastics

Scientists Discover Highest Concentration of Deep-Sea Microplastics to Date, Olivia Rosan, EcoWatch May 1, 2020

<https://www.ecowatch.com/microplastics-in-ocean-2645891531.html>

People Eat 50,000+ Microplastics Every Year, New Study Finds, Jordan Davidson, EcoWatch June 6, 2019

<https://www.ecowatch.com/people-eat-microplastics-2638716775.html>

Microplastics Are Raining Down on Cities, Jordan Davidson, EcoWatch, December 27, 2019

<https://www.ecowatch.com/microplastics-rain-cities-2642221279.html?rebelltitem=1#rebelltitem1>

Even in the World's Cleanest City, Pro Surfers Can See Microplastics are an Insidious Problem, Jordana Lewis, January 29, 2019, Ocean Conservancy

<https://oceanconservancy.org/blog/2019/01/29>

[/even-worlds-cleanest-city-pro-surfers-can-see-microplastics-insidious-problem/?ea.tracking.id=19HPXGJAXX&gclid=Cj0KCQjwLT1BRD9ARIsAMH3BtVBmuw6MtFEhazAmrMPEanPT5WjUCITejPIUo2jzsmVTh22m0JBHcsaAsY9EALw_wcB](https://oceanconservancy.org/blog/2019/01/29/even-worlds-cleanest-city-pro-surfers-can-see-microplastics-insidious-problem/?ea.tracking.id=19HPXGJAXX&gclid=Cj0KCQjwLT1BRD9ARIsAMH3BtVBmuw6MtFEhazAmrMPEanPT5WjUCITejPIUo2jzsmVTh22m0JBHcsaAsY9EALw_wcB)

Ocean Conservancy, Fighting for Trash Free Seas

<https://oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas/take-deep-dive/threat-rank-report/>

Microplastics Found in Gut of Every Sea Turtle in New Study, Matthew Robinson, CNN

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/12/05/world/microplastic-pollution-turtles-study-intl-scli/index.html>

Microplastics Found to Permeate the Ocean's Deepest Points (video)

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/2018/12/microplastic-pollution-is-found-in-deep-sea/>

Military

Climate Change and the Consequences for the Military

How does climate change affect social realities and threaten peace?

Hoover Institution and Stanford University hosted a panel discussion on Climate Change and National Security in February, 2017. This is a spin on climate change that our congregations are not discussing.

Take a peek at the panel discussion and also view the trailer to the documentary The Age of Consequences. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHVGxzEajrg> for the panel discussion. The link to renting the film is this <http://theageofconsequences.com/>.

**The US Military Pollutes More Than 140 Countries
January 9,2020**

Alanna Ketler The Collective Evolution

<https://www.collective-evolution.com/2020/01/09/the-us-military-pollutes-more-140-countries-combined/>

NASA/Space

NASA Slide demonstration of climate research, 2013. Be sure to read the commentary along the side...

https://www.facebook.com/NASA/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10151367442216772

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Nuclear

Friends of the Earth – Nuclear

<https://foe.org/projects/nuclear/?issue=5>

Oceans

Friends of the Earth – Oceans –

<https://foe.org/issues/oceans/>

Plastics

Earth Day Plastic-Free Checklist –

http://greenactioncentre.ca/tip-of-the-week/wastereduction_checklist/

Ten Alternatives to Household Plastics – Canadian Wildlife Federation

<http://blog.cwf-fcf.org/index.php/en/10-alternatives-to-household-plastics/>

Resilience

Climate Resilience and Faithful Democracy recorded webinar

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70BOEvm1Pek&ab_channel=CreationJusticeMinistries&eType=EmailBlastContent&eid=95766444-3e42-4655-b752-9c4ecd003003

Faith Communities and Climate Resilience recorded webinar

<https://www.creationjustice.org/resilience.html>

US National Climate Assessment

<https://nca2014.globalchange.gov/>

Prairie Climate Centre in cooperation with U of Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton

Building a Climate Resilient City – 9 specific reports

<http://prairieclimatecentre.ca/publications/>

FLOOD RESILIENCE A Basic Guide for Water and Wastewater Utilities sponsored by US

Environmental Protection Agency

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/flood_resilience_guide.pdf#:~:text=For%20the%20water%20sector%2C%20%E2%80%9Cflood%20resilience%E2%80%9D%20refers%20to,service.1Utilities%20can%20build%20resilience%20by%20implementing%20mitigation%20measures.

Six strategies for creating flood-resilient environments Tom Ravenscroft Six Spatial Tactics

<https://www.dezeen.com/2020/08/17/retrofitting-for-flood-resilience-edward-barsley/>

NEW STANDARDS HELP BUILD RESILIENCY AGAINST FLOODING Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Although written as an invitation to an October webinar, the “Conservation” tab will take you to <https://trca.ca/conservation/> with various other themes, including “Take Care of Where You Live” and **Flood Risk Management** <https://trca.ca/conservation/flood-risk-management/>;

These Canadian Cities will be Under Water in 100 years – Nov. 23 2017 video from Global News

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3845545/how-climate-change-affects-canada/>

See other Global News stories under “Rising Tides and Flooding”

<https://globalnews.ca/?s=rising+tides+and+flooding>

THE BIG PICTURE: THE LOOMING THREAT OF RISING SEA LEVELS — AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT

Story by Alison Auld, photos by Danny Abriel - December 12, 2019 Dalhousie University

<https://www.dal.ca/news/2019/12/12/the-big-picture--the-looming-threat-of-rising-sea-levels---and-w.html>

Rising to meet the tide As the threat of coastal flooding grows, scientists are responding with an inundation of data. Faster and more accurate forecasts can save lives and property. By [Carrie Arnold](#) 11.11.2020 Knowable Magazine.org

<https://knowablemag.org/article/physical-world/2020/rising-meet-tide>

Calgary's Flood Story- Regulations; History; Reducing Risk; How to Prepare; Changing Climate. Prepared by the City of Calgary.

<https://maps.calgary.ca/riverflooding/>

Sanitation

State of the World's Sanitation Report

<https://www.worldtoiletday.info/2020/11/18/coming-soon-state-of-the-worlds-sanitation-report/>

UN World Toilet Day Nov 19 Sustainable Sanitation and Climate Change

<https://www.worldtoiletday.info/world-toilet-day-2020/world-toilet-day-2020-learn/>

Stewardship

A Matter of Stewardship: Eco-Justice in Biblical Perspective

http://www.creationjustice.org/uploads/2/5/4/6/25465131/a_matter_of_stewardship.pdf

Trees

"Trees, Threats and opportunities" Webinar originally broadcast March 17, 2020

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=519258969011627&ref=watch_permalink

Breath of Life Bible Study

https://www.momscleanairforce.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/BibleStudy_CommunityRX-compressed.pdf

Dogwood Alliance

<https://www.dogwoodalliance.org/>

The Great American Stand: US Forests and the Climate Emergency

<https://www.dogwoodalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/The-Great-American-Stand-Report.pdf>

Seeing the Forests: Nature's Solution to Climate Change

<https://www.dogwoodalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/The-Climate-Plan.pdf>

The Sustainable Biomass program: Smokescreen for Forest Destruction and Non-Accountability ****

<https://www.dogwoodalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Sustainable-Biomass-Program-Report.pdf>

Faiths For Forests: A Global Campaign to End Tropical Deforestation

<https://faithsforforests.com/>

Check out Fact sheets for Brazil, Columbia, Democratic Republic of The Congo, Indonesia, Peru
Also Tropical Forests – A Resource Under Threat, Tropical Forests and Climate Change, Indigenous Peoples – Guardians of the Forests

PROTESTANT A TOOLKIT ON FOREST PROTECTION FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND FAITH COMMUNITIES

Interfaith Rainforest Initiative

https://faithsforforests.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Interfaith_Protestant_V3.pdf

Examining the Viability of Planting Trees to Help Mitigate Climate Change, Alan Buis, November 7, 2019.

<https://climate.nasa.gov/news/2927/examining-the-viability-of-planting-trees-to-help-mitigate-climate-change/>

Could Planting 1 Trillion Trees Counteract Climate Change? By Tara Yarlagadda, September 20, 2019. <https://www.greenbiz.com/article/could-planting-1-trillion-trees-counteract-climate-change>

Dogwood Alliance. Org <https://www.dogwoodalliance.org/>

Mom's Clean Air Force <https://www.momscleanairforce.org/>

Friends of the Earth – forests <https://foe.org/issues/forests/>

United Nations Environment Programme

Why Faith and Environment Matters

<https://www.unenvironment.org/about-un-environment/faith-earth-initiative/why-faith-and-environment-matters>

Weather

Effects of heat and humidity rise on wildfires, crop production, GDP, etc.

<https://projects.propublica.org/climate-migration/#997150>

Extreme Weather Toolkit

<https://d3n8a8pro7vmtx.cloudfront.net/faithcommongood/pages/241/attachments/original/1520351127/Ready-Emergency-Preparedness-FINAL.pdf?1520351127>

Developed for the Greater Toronto Area, **could this be adapted for other regions across our country?**

Faith Communities & Climate Resilience - Virtual Summit with the Southeast Faith Leaders Network **Recorded August 8, 2020**

Recorded Webinar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZs4vhKu2HY>

Religious leaders address a variety of environmental issues, including hazardous waste sites; the impact of severe storms on coastal communities; and the loss of communities because of rising coastal waters. “We cannot wait until the 2050 time frame!”

This isn’t our country, our neighborhood. But these are our brothers and sisters, in faith and humanity. What can we learn? What can we do in our own land?

Faith and the Common Good https://www.faithcommongood.org/extreme_weather_resilience

Canadian resources for community resilience in the face of changing weather (extreme heat, flooding, ice storms)

Worship Resources

<https://foodgrainsbank.ca/news/earth-day-worship-resources/>

Food Grains Bank Earth day resource, 2017

<http://www.creationjustice.org/educational-resources.html>

List of links for Earth Day Worship, 2004 – 2017

“How do we pray for the care of creation? The Beatitudes give us guidance”

Check out this article from Baptist News. It could shape your prayer or be the basis for a sermon/ devotion/ teachable moment.

https://baptistnews.com/article/how-do-we-pray-for-the-care-of-creation-the-beatitudes-give-us-guidance/#.XcL_-3dFzIW

Christmas

Tips for Greener Christmas Giving - A Suggestion for your December Newsletter

Celebrating the season doesn't have to be all about shopping, shopping and more shopping. Here are some low(er) carbon ways to show your love.

Start close to home. What do you have in your life that brings you joy? Some favourite recipes you could copy out for a friend? A house plant that you could take a cutting from and pot up as a gift? Some family heirlooms you can pass on to the next generation now?

Think outside the box. Introduce someone to a new author by signing a book out of the library for them. (It's a gift there's no shame in returning!) Sign someone up for a gift that could last the entire year – or at least a few weeks, like a pottery class or a membership with one of the Manitoba Eco-Network member groups.

Get cookin'. Edible gifts can be a good way to go. How about some homemade frozen dinners for a busy family to heat up when they need a ready made meal? Or a batch of sweets made with local flour and fair trade chocolate chips?

Be generous. According to a poll by CanadaHelps and Ipsos Reid, 59% of Canadians prefer to receive a charitable gift rather than a traditional gift. Plus, there are so many great causes working to reduce carbon emissions and help communities here and abroad adapt to our changing climate. Donate time or money in honour of your loved one.

Spend time together. Go for a walk or a toboggan, a skate or a swim, hold a family talent show or a costume party. Build or cook together. Teach each other about things you've learned this year. There are so many creative possibilities for strengthening relationships and giving the gift of acceptance and belonging during these longest nights of the year.

Lenten Resources

Lenten Guide from Global Catholic Climate Movement Based on Laudato Si

See link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/15YBNBoguXqRJEkdCmT0pYPGjtY09OVER/view?link_id=0&can_id=5fdb4d2ab12a30c492161e8bb5557ea3&source=email-new-lent-resource4&email_referrer=email_718403___subject_959093&email_subject=free-lent-resource

This resource is a two -page with an **ecological sin – and ecological virtue** and an action suggestion for each of the weeks in Lent.

Thinking about Lent already? The World Council of Churches has resources for **“Seven Weeks of Water,”** <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/@@search?SearchableText=Seven+Weeks+of+Water>

See the order of service for Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016, which focuses on the water crisis in Palestine. https://water.oikoumene.org/en/whatwedo/seven-weeks-for-water/2016/Order20of20Worship_Ash20Wednesday_1020February_2016_Final.pdf

And an archive of past resources may be found at <https://water.oikoumene.org/en/whatwedo/seven-weeks-for-water/past/past>. World Water Day is March 22!

Creation Partnerships/Community Websites

A Rocha – Has a Manitoba Chapter;

<https://arocha.ca/>

A Rocha sponsors lay training events and educational events: conservation, sustainable agriculture, environmental education.

Interested in creating a community garden? Here is a link to a Community Garden Resource, <https://arocha.ca/get-involved/green-living-resources/#gardeningtips>. Find here a blog and helps with organizing, planning, and start-up, including release forms (?)

<https://arocha.ca/where-we-work/winnipeg-area/> Keep up-to-date with information on activities in the Winnipeg area.

Canada A Rocha Environmental Stewardship What we do – Who we are – where we work

<https://arocha.ca/who-we-are-a-rocha-canada/>

Brandon Neighborhood Renewal Corporation

<http://bnrc.ca/community-development/incredible-edible>

Brandon Neighborhood Renewal Corporation has a tab about neighborhood gardens as a means of community building. The project is called Incredible Edibles Brandon. Some gardens are private rentals, like we have in Wpg. Others are meant to be community efforts – like a garden across from a skateboard

park – kids pick radishes, cukes and the like while using the park. The idea comes from Britain. Check the related Ted Talk at https://www.ted.com/talks/pam_warhurst_how_we_can_eat_our_landscapes.

CLWR

<https://www.clwr.org/>

Climate Change Connection

<http://climatechangeconnection.org/>

Important local news. Background information on science, emissions, impacts, solutions, connections, and other resources

Creation Justice Ministries

<http://www.creationjustice.org/members-and-partners.html>

– check out list of partners, including ELCA

Follow links to other resources, such as worship, education and advocacy

Check out campaigns: Protecting Places; Energy; Climate Change; Environmental Health

Campaigns: Suggestions for Action

Creation Justice Ministries Newsletter

<http://www.creationjustice.org/capsules.html>

Creation Justice Ministries Monthly Action Newsletter

<http://www.creationjustice.org/action.html>

CSA's Farm Production Subscription Services (Manitoba)

<http://csamanitoba.org/find/>

Elders Climate Action: A Project of Elders Action

<https://www.eldersclimateaction.org/>

WE ELDERS....

...REMEMBER A HEALTHIER, LESS DANGEROUS CLIMATE; we will defend this planet against further harm.

...UNDERSTAND THAT TIME IS SHORT; today is the best day for taking an action.

...HAVE HEARD THE VOICES OF THE YOUTH ACTIVISTS when they said “our house is burning;” we believe we are duty-bound to fight for their future.

...**BRING UNIQUE POWER TO THIS GLOBAL EFFORT** by using our wisdom to transform anxiety into organizing and action.

...**INTEND TO BE AMONG THE ONES WHO GET THIS DONE.** It will be our legacy that our work helped turn the tide toward love, a habitable planet, and justice and equity for all. TODAY

For the Love of Creation A Faith Based Initiative for Climate Justice [For the Love of Creation – A faith-based initiative for climate justice](#)

Theological reflection – Congregational Engagement – Political Advocacy

See video link here

[Videos – For the Love of Creation](#)

Forum 1 Communicating Climate Change Nov 2

Forum 2 Advocating for Climate Justice Nov. 9

Forum 3 is not available due to confidential content

Forum 4 Creation Care A Letter of the Faithful – beginning a two year process for grassroots theologizing on care of creation

Friends of the Earth – foe.org

Friends of the Earth – forests
<https://foe.org/issues/forests/>

Friends of the Earth – Oceans –
<https://foe.org/issues/oceans/>

Friends of the Earth – Nuclear
<https://foe.org/projects/nuclear/?issue=5>

Friends of the earth – food and agriculture technology
<https://foe.org/issues/food-and-technology/>

Interfaith Power and Light

Interfaith Power and Light inspires and mobilizes people of faith and conscience to take bold and just action on climate change. Multi-faith expressions. Chapters found in most US states. Addresses climate change and COVID. “Climate justice is racial justice.” Emphases on climate change, carbon reduction resources, religious statements and resources, resources for worship and educational opportunities.
<https://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/>

Kairos

Ecological Justice

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/ecological-justice>

Questions? Ideas? Contact the [Ecological Justice Program Coordinator](#).

Key documents:

- [Re-energizing the Future: Faith and Justice in a Post-Petroleum World](#)
- [Drawing a Line in the Sand: Why Canada needs to limit tar sands expansion and invest in a green economy](#)
- [Ethical Reflections on the Northern Gateway Pipeline](#)
- [Ethical Reflections on Fracking](#)
- [Indigenous Wisdom](#)

Reconciliation in the Watershed Program <https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/ecological-justice/reconciliation-in-the-watershed>

New Economy Trailblazers

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/ecological-justice/new-economy-trailblazers>

For the Love of Creation

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/ecological-justice/for-the-love-of-creation>

Climate Justice

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/ecological-justice/climate-justice>

Resource Extraction

- [WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR AN INDEPENDENT OMBUDSPERSON WITH INVESTIGATORY POWERS](#)
- [TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE EXPANSION](#)
- [COASTAL GASLINK PIPELINE](#)
- [NORTHERN GATEWAY PIPELINE](#)
- [TAR SANDS](#)
- [FRACKING](#)

Kairos Resources for Ecological Justice - a variety of briefing papers and discussion paper
<https://www.kairoscanada.org/product-category/ecological-justice>

Topics of Note:

Climate Change and Hunger
A Just Transition to a Life Sustaining Economy
Christian Faith and the Canadian Tar Sands
Re-energizing the Future: Faith and Justice in a Post-Petroleum World
Re-energize: Time for a Carbon Sabbath
Drawing a Line in the Sand

Mennonite Central Committee

<https://mcccandada.ca/>

Overview and listing of area farms

<https://www.myfarmersmarket.com/>

Subscription or Casual services

<http://www.freshoption.ca/>

<https://www.cramptonsmarket.com/cramptons-food-box/>

<http://www.wildfirefarms.ca/>

Not CSA but grass finished beef, free range chicken and free-range pork
Pick up at St. Norbert Market or home delivery

News and Eco-Journalism

Eco-Justice Journalism

Ensia - Published at the University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment, Ensia is a solutions-focused media outlet reporting on our changing planet. <https://ensia.com/>

Grist - A journal exploring, Climate, Justice, Politics, Science and more. <https://grist.org/>

The Guardian

The National Catholic Reporter <https://www.ncronline.org/>

Earthbeat- A project of the National Catholic Reporter <https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat>

****** Miscellaneous Articles of Interest**

How the fossil fuel industry drives climate change and police brutality

By [Alexandria Herr](#) on Jul 28, 2020

Grist

https://grist.org/justice/how-the-fossil-fuel-industry-drives-climate-change-and-police-brutality/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=daily

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences reporting on **media bias against climate action...**

In climate news, statements from large businesses and opponents of climate action receive heightened visibility

_ Rachel Wetts

Summary and Abstract Only Access to article requires

subscription

<https://www.pnas.org/content/early/2020/07/21/1921526117>

BP's 'green' promises are anything but – their latest investments are a slap in the face for humanity and nature

The Independent

Donnachadh McCarthy, August 13, 2020

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/bp-green-promises-renewables-fossil-fuels-climate-crisis-a9667371.html>

Human beings are not a virus

Sinéad Mercier, 9th June 2020

The Economist: The Journal for the Post-

Industrial Age

<https://theecologist.org/2020/jun/09/human-beings-are-not-virus>

Opinion: Current proposals to plant trees to fight climate change are badly misguided

Reforestation and afforestation can play a role in reducing carbon emissions — but “what” and “where” are critical considerations

<https://ensia.com/voices/tree-planting-afforestation-carbon-sequestration/>

Parents Rally for Electric School Buses Mar 9, 2020 – National Observer – Prince Edward Island has pledged to make that province’s entire school bus fleet all-electric. Now a network of parents called “For Our Kids” has organized to convince other provincial governments to do the same. “Reducing our kids’ exposure to harmful diesel fumes is good for their lungs and the planet.”

https://www.nationalobserver.com/2020/03/09/news/next-stop-parents-rally-electric-school-buses?utm_source=National+Observer&utm_campaign=68c2bf1f24-

[EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_10_12_29&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_cacd0f141f-68c2bf1f24-267648049](https://www.nationalobserver.com/2020/03/09/news/next-stop-parents-rally-electric-school-buses?utm_source=National+Observer&utm_campaign=68c2bf1f24-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_10_12_29&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_cacd0f141f-68c2bf1f24-267648049)

Representing 500 Million Citizens, The EP Officially Declares a Climate Emergency



LUISA BECK, RICK NOACK & QUENTIN ARIES, THE WASHINGTON POST

28 NOVEMBER 2019

<https://www.sciencealert.com/the-european-parliament-has-officially-declared-a-climate-emergency>

Report Finds 76 Solutions Available Right Now to Slow Down Climate Change

TESSA KOUMOUNDOUROS 8 MARCH 2020

<https://www.sciencealert.com/report-outlines-76-of-the-best-solutions-for-tackling-the-climate-crisis-right-now>

Pencil Preaching – Send in the Prophets

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/spirituality/pencil-preaching/send-prophets>

How much bad stuff can be attributed to climate change?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/04/climate/australia-wildfires-climate-change.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share>

How broadcast TV networks covered climate change in 2019

<https://www.mediamatters.org/broadcast-networks/how-broadcast-tv-networks-covered-climate-change-2019>

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If you have comments, recommendations, or suggestions for additional resources, please contact me.

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Appendix A Catalogue of Studies, Curricula and Discussion Guides

These have proven effective in congregations of our synods. These may be used as they are or serve as suggestions for your own program development.

This Appendix is under construction. Watch for additions in the coming weeks

A Study of the Land – Exploring our relation to one another, creation, God and the land as revealed in the Biblical book of Leviticus. 4 Sessions. Offered over Zoom by Camp Kuriakos, November, 2020

Neighbor to Neighbor – Two community conversations. This community is known for its back lanes and over-the-fence conversations. A local church invited neighboring churches to gather for an evening conversation on care for the environment from a faith perspective. A second conversation invited neighbors to a more general conversation. Offered by Faith Lutheran Church, Edmonton, September 2018.

Safe, Simple Conversations – Everybody has a story about living with nature. Intentionally seeking to be non-confrontational and non-political, members of a congregation gathered for four sessions over Zoom to share stories: Care of Creation – A Personal Experience; Care of Creation – Personal Experience Becoming Personal Responsibility; Care of Creation – A Community Responsibility; Care of Creation – a Faith Community Responsibility. Offered by Advent Lutheran Church, Calgary, June 2020