



## Impact Report – 2020

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In 2010, dozens of Lutherans gathered at a camp outside of Chicago to learn about incorporating “Caring for Creation” into the full life of their churches. This small band of students, seminary professors, and theologians of the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(“ELCA”\)](#) launched their words into action as a grassroots movement which has grown into thousands of “earth-keepers” called Lutherans Restoring Creation.

Building on the foundation of the ELCA’s [1993 social statement Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice](#), Lutherans Restoring Creation encourages the greater church-wide organization to care for creation via resolutions and memorials. Our active volunteer Board of Directors oversees a part-time salaried Executive Director, Phoebe Morad. Phoebe supports this network, amplifying the work of these earth-keepers across the church and its communities.

Since our first gathering in 2010, Lutherans Restoring Creation has:

- **Trained** over 600 people in summits, assembly workshops, and retreats; sharing non-partisan resources and theological connections to leverage existing church structures. Each of these trainings reach from ten to 100 Lutherans with a goal of being true stewards and loving global neighbors.
- **Created and distributed** the free Lutherans Restoring Creation [Congregational Covenant Self-Organizing Kit](#) which outlines steps each standing committee of their church can follow to develop their own [Action Plans](#). Congregations use these plans to document and share goals for accountability and leveraging assets. Church efforts are ushered into regional partnership efforts in public witness.
- **Gathered and supported** personal pledges for lifestyle changes (for [kids](#), [youth](#), and [adults](#)), connecting daily creation care actions to personal discipleship practices.
- **Connected** over 40 Lutheran “green teams” and ambassadors in different states with dozens of trained [Green Shepherds](#) and [speakers](#) available to help other ministry groups accomplish their goals.
- **Sustained and informed** our network through monthly national [Connection Calls](#).
- **Lead the way** for Christians across the country in energy and water usage. With 21 congregations across nine states certified using the [free software](#), the ELCA has the largest representation of denominations participating in the [EPA’s Energy Star Portfolio Manager](#) program!

Visit our "Map of Creation Care Ministries" on [lutheransrestoringcreation.org](http://lutheransrestoringcreation.org) for updates!



Since registering as a 501(c)3 in 2017, we have been able to manage this network all with a budget of under \$50,000. **We depend almost entirely on our membership community** for funding as we continue to share the ministry in synods who have yet to blossom!

Please consider supporting this work to help ensure there are congregations in *all* 65 synods acting as seeds of inspiration for their communities. [Please join us and become a member today](#), share this information with someone, and become a part of our [Good Green News!](#)



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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of the Internal Revenue Code; EIN # 82-0828984.*

### ***Lutherans Restoring Creation: Timeline of Outreach Efforts***

We are conducting many trainings/gatherings online and in affiliation with other partners. Think outside of the box as far as how you can bring this material to your community and existing networks! College campuses, neighborhood group, Bible Studies, confirmation classes, and more! *where would you like us to go next?*

<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Partner Organizations</b>
2011	Mar Lu-Ridge MD	Trainings on Congregational Self-Organizing & Synod-wide efforts	8 synods represented
January & August 2013	Gettysburg Seminary, PA	Trainings on Congregational Self-Organizing & Synod-wide efforts	5 synods represented
March 2014	Woodstock GA	Trainings on Congregational Self-Organizing & Synod-wide efforts	Southeastern Synod's Green Team Task Force
January 2015	Hartford Seminary, CT	<a href="#">Regional Training and Networking event</a>	New England, New Jersey & Metro NYC Synods
February 2016	Tomah Shinga Camp – Kansas	Central States Caring for Creation Mission Table Launch ( <a href="#">several follow-up gatherings</a> )	Central States Synod office; Funding from <a href="#">ELCA World Hunger Education/Networking</a>
June 2016	Churchwide Assembly – New Orleans	Grace Gathering (500th Observance of Reformation) 2 workshops re: Eco-Reformation	ELCA Advocacy LSTC – Professors & Students ELCA Domestic Mission Stewardship Group
October 2016	CA – LutherGlen Outdoor Ministry	Gathering of all CA synod green team leaders – World Café/Retreat re-assessment of progress throughout state	ELCA Advocacy ELCA Domestic Mission Stewardship Group
Nov. 2017	West Virginia	State of Appalachia Conference – facilitated World Café conversation around Water Discipleship	Creation Justice Ministries
April 2017	Dallas - Joy Ranch	Workshop, integrating Creation Care into budgets as part of Generosity Now program	ELCA Stewardship & Ecumenical Stewardship Center
January 2018	Albany NY	Northeast Region Boot Camp; 2 days focused on Energy Savings	Erik Backus, US Green Building; New England EPA's Energy Star Rep. Linda

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February 2018	LutherRanch, Tallapoosa GA	<a href="#">3-day LRC Training/Retreat and Workshop for First Call Training &amp; Education event</a>	Region 9's Stewardship Council Synods throughout Region 9; ELCA Domestic Mission Stewardship Group
June 2018	Houston – ELCA Youth Gathering	<a href="#">Interactive Learning program which over 250 pledged to change personal habits to help their global neighbor</a>	ELCA Domestic Mission Stewardship Group
September 2018	Global Climate Action Summit	<a href="#">Joined multi-faith conversations/trainings and helped facilitate Talanoa Dialogue</a>	ELCA Advocacy GreenFaith
May 2019	Washington D.C.	Advocacy Convening for Bishops to learn connections between Climate Change and all other issues – sampled Talanoa Dialogue	ELCA Advocacy & Hunger Fellow program
August 6-9th, 2019	Stony Point Retreat Center, New York	"Peace for the Earth: from the Bible to the Front Lines" <a href="http://presbyearthcare.org/events">presbyearthcare.org/events</a>	Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC); United Seminary (supported attendance of seminary students)
Sept/Oct2019	San Diego, CA	<a href="#">LRC Workshop Training at Stewardship Kaleidoscope, National Training for ELCA &amp; PCUSA</a>	Presbyterian Hunger Program ELCA Stewardship Program
Nov. 10-14, 2019	North Carolina Great Gathering <a href="http://omcgreatgathering.org/">omcgreatgathering.org/</a>	Workshop, World Café Method discussing personal discipleship, from camp "nature" experiences to deliberate action in church	Outdoor Ministries Connection
Nov 15-17th. 2019	South Carolina Coastal Retreat Center	Full Workshop Agenda & Retreat Excursions on LRC site under "events" (read article)	Rev. Kris Litman-Koon, Pastor at All Saints Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant SC and Chair of SC Synod Green Team