



Lutherans Restoring Creation Art Contest!

In preparation for Youth and Young Adult Gathering 2024, Lutherans Restoring Creation is hosting an art contest to inspire creativity and hope around what our future can be.

Background

We know that the youngest in society live in trepidation of environmental devastation. So often our imagining of the future is informed by concerned citizens showing us the dangerous consequences of an unchecked climate crisis: drought, famine, natural disaster, war. While being informed is important, how often are we able to imagine a future that fills us with hope? Where God's Vision for Creation, abundant and Good, is realized; where we live in community with our neighbors and ecosystems? This art project asks for young Lutherans across our nation to imagine a better future, inspired by the "solarpunk" movement.



Prompt: *A Better Future for Creation*

Use art to show what our communities and church would look like if we lived in harmony with God's Good Creation.

Submission Rules

- Due date: June 30th, 2024
- ALL art abilities are welcome. This "contest" values PROCESS over PRODUCT.
- Artist must be a Youth (13-18) or Young Adult (18-35)
- The art must be human generated (AI art, while a helpful tool for imagining, may not be submitted)
- Submit results [HERE](#) or type in bit.ly/2024GatheringArtContest

Results

- Submissions will be shown at the Lutherans Restoring Creation display at Youth Gathering 2024 in New Orleans
- The top 4 submissions will be adapted to a postcard/letter for all Youth Gathering participants to send to their legislators asking for environmental justice

Examples for inspiration:

- 1) Take a picture or screenshot of your hometown or congregation and re-imagine what it could be by overlaying a digital or physical collage. (We want to see the before and after!)

Hint: Google Streetview and a screenshot can help find a picture. Canva, Photoshop, or Photopea can be helpful tools in digital collages.



- 2) Draw an original landscape of a hope-filled and just future.

Hint: For inspiration, try googling "solarpunk art!"



- 3) Draw directly on top of an image of your community, adding greenery or other projects you would want to see in that area.

Hint: You can use white painters tape to draw directly on top of a printed image.

