



**PLTS Center for Climate Justice and Faith:
Linking Ecological Healing to Racial and Economic Justice***

*“And what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?”
Micah 6:8*

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

*“You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in
the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:....to strive for justice and
peace in all the earth?”*

**Circle of Watering Congregations, Synods, and Dioceses -
Enabling the Center to Bear Rich Fruit**

Climate justice is at the heart of “doing justice” and “loving neighbor” in our day. By partnering with the Center, congregations and synods engage in the baptismal vocation of “striving for justice and peace in all the Earth.”

Watering Congregations, Synods, and Dioceses commit to:

- Pray for the Center’s work, pray for program participants around the globe especially those who are suffering the ravages of climate change, and pray for climate “justice...in all the Earth”.
- Support the Center generously with financial gifts.**

Watering Congregations, Synods, and Dioceses are invited and encouraged also to:

- Send a team to the Center's annual training in Community Organizing for Climate Justice as Faith Active in Love. See: https://www.plts.edu/programs/continuing-education/community_organizing_climate_justice.html
- Enroll one or more persons in the Center's Climate Justice and Faith Certificate Program See: <https://www.plts.edu/programs/certificates/certificate-in-climate-justice-and-faith.html>
- Form a congregational or synodical climate justice team or creation care team if one does not already exist.
- Include climate justice in the educational programs of the congregation or synod.
- Include climate justice in the social ministries of the congregation/synod in collaboration with interfaith partners or other community partners.
- Incorporate climate justice in worship.
- Connect with the climate justice work of Lutherans Restoring Creation. See <https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/>.
- Consider engaging a "creation care coach" for your synod or congregation.: See <https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/caring-for-creation-coaching/>

Benefits to Watering Congregations, Synods, and Dioceses:

- For those sending teams to the training in Community Organizing for Climate Justice: on-going mentoring to strengthen the work of the congregation or synod.
- Networking and generative conversation with other congregations, synods, and dioceses in the Circle of Watering Congregations, Synods, and Dioceses.
- On-going notices from the Center about its programs and about other opportunities for participating in God's work of bringing life in its fullness to Earth's web of life.
- A resource guide to be available by end of 2021.
- The joy of having engaged -- in this vital way -- in the baptismal vocation to "seek justice and peace in all the Earth."
- The joy of having heeded -- in this vital way -- God's call to love neighbor as self and to "serve and preserve" God's garden.

*** Crucial Clarification:** "Climate justice" holds that the climate crisis is inherently a crisis of racial and economic inequity. Those suffering first and foremost the ravages of climate change are disproportionately the world's people of color and economically impoverished people. Thus, climate justice weds efforts to address climate change with efforts toward racial and economic justice.

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**** Watering Congregations:** In this exciting inaugural year, the seed has been planted for the tree that is the PLTS Center for Climate Justice and Faith. Now the seed needs water. We trust that the Spirit will move at least ten "watering congregations" to step forth with gifts of \$500 – \$5,000 to enable this tree to flourish and bear rich fruit in the years to come. However, we know full well that some congregations do not have such resources, and we eagerly welcome them also as partners and as generously watering congregations.