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The Center for Climate Justice and Faith at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS) is proud to welcome 37 students into our 2025-26 cohort of the English-language Certificate in Climate Justice and Faith.

In April 2025, the PLTS Center for Climate Justice & Faith opened applications for the fifth round of this cohort-based, online, year-long certificate program. This opportunity allows learners from across the globe to converse, collaborate, and equip one another with a foundation of eco-theology and practice community-based work. The first few years attracted a wide array of ages and professional and cultural backgrounds, but this year's applicant pool was *extraordinarily* diverse. There were 199 applicants, from 24 countries and four continents with roles such as pastor, student, musician, non-profit leader, retiree, healthcare professional, and more!

After a thorough review process, a representative selection of participants were selected to offer a class size conducive to small-group learning. The Center is proud to welcome 37 participants from highly diverse contexts in Asia, Europe, North America, and many parts of Africa. (The Center offers a sister program for Spanish-language speakers which draws applicants from other countries.)

In the first semester, participants will launch into the knowledge-building component with a baseline understanding of the concepts affecting the complex and dynamic realm of climate justice as seen through the lens of faith. Many of the materials are sourced from ecumenical responses to the inequitable impacts of a changing climate. Participants will learn from a variety of expert voices, while interacting with one another as part of an online forum and live Zoom gatherings. The second semester will build on the theological foundations earlier discussed and encourage in-context skill-building. New knowledge and tools will be applied to their local context and on-the-ground where they live and/or work. Drawing from the ideas and information in the learning modules and the regular bi-weekly dose of inspiration and advice from their cohorts and guides, participants will develop a "Sacred Action Project" that is intended to serve their community well into the future.

This offering is just one branch of the PLTS Center for Climate Justice and Faith. To explore the fruit ripening from the Center's other growing branches and find out what these participants offer the world, explore www.centerforclimatejusticeandfaith.org