

## THE TOP FIVE WAYS TO BECOME A CREATION CARE CONGREGATION

Delaware-Maryland Synod Creation
Care Ministry Team





21993 ELCA Social Statement: Creation Care: Vision, Hope and Justice

### Award winning climate video: "Three Seconds"

• (1916) Three Seconds - 1st Prize Short Film Winner #Film4Climate - YouTube



### Acknowledge God as the source of all things





### #1 WORSHIP

 Worship: We seek to worship in creative ways throughout the year so that we express our gratitude and praise to God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer.

#2 Education



We seek to learn about the biblical, theological, and ecclesial traditions concerning creation, including the biblical mandate from God for us to care for Earth.



#3:

**Building and Grounds** 

 We agree to assess the impact that our activities and the use and maintenance of our property may have upon creation—

### #4: Discipleship at Home and Work



+ • We encourage ourselves as individual members of this congregation—at whatever age, economic level, ethnic group, or walk of life—to care for creation in our personal lifestyle, in our homes, and at our work

## #5 Public Ministry Part 1



We seek to change the systems that foster the degradation of creation and to rectify the injustices that result from it.

# And Ministry to Youth #5 part II



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Because we desire to leave Earth a better place for our children, we will promote love and respect for creation among our youth, teach them responsible Earth practices, and engage them in projects that restore creation.

#### **RESOURCES:**

- Internet links to documents, articles and websites that address strategies for a "Just" transition to a clean energy economy through policy and finance:
- The Delaware-Maryland Synod Creation Care Ministry website
- Lutherans Restoring Creation
- St. Peters Lutheran Church, Ocean City, Maryland Creation Care Ministry Website

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