

South-Central Synod of Wisconsin 2023 Assembly Resolution

Request for Congregations to Submit a Care of Creation Plan

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Whereas the 1993 ELCA Social Statement *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice* affirms that “we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth;” and

Whereas we are called by various resolutions of this synod’s assemblies and the ELCA Churchwide Assemblies to decrease the use of fossil fuels and increase our dependence on renewable energy resources like wind and solar, and

Whereas the ELCA social statement on *Caring for Creation* says: “*Caring for Creation* expresses a call to pursue justice for creation through active participation, solidarity, sufficiency and sustainability, and states the commitments of the ELCA for pursuing wholeness for creation – commitments expressed through individual and community action, worship, learning, moral deliberation and advocacy,” therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin in Assembly recommends that Synod congregations encourage their members to care for God’s creation in every way they can, e.g. planting trees, starting pollinator gardens, recycling, discontinuing the use of Styrofoam products, installing solar panels, doing an energy audit, and finally be it resolved

RESOLVED that in order to raise awareness of the urgency of the Climate Crisis and actively participate in justice for God’s creation, the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin in Assembly recommends that all synod congregations submit a Congregational Care for Creation Plan to the synod Care for Creation team by the end of 2023. (Note: This plan should be no longer than one page and can be as short as a few sentences.)

Reference and Counsel Committee recommends adoption.