

RESOURCE LINKS for CREATION CARE

BUTTERFLY/HUMMINGBIRD/POLLINATOR GARDENS/NATIVE PLANTS/COMMUNITY GARDENS

<http://www.pollinator.org> The Pollinator Partnership's mission is to promote the health of pollinators, critical to food and ecosystems, through conservation, education, and research. Includes extensive information and many brochures, posters, and school programs.

<http://www.pollinator.org/PDFs/Guides/PrairieParklandrx12FINAL.pdf> 24 page guide to plants for pollinators.

www.gatewaygreening.org St. Louis organization supporting 250+ community gardens.

<http://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=2147587446> **U.S. Fish and Wildlife**--information on attracting hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, bats, pest control

<http://extension.missouri.edu/publications> **University of Missouri Extension**--Search by topic--organic gardening, native plants for birds or butterflies, pesticides, etc.

www.grownative.org **Missouri Prairie Foundation**--info in native plants, pollinators, and suppliers of native plants and services

www.mobot.org **Missouri Botanical Garden**--extensive information on plants, home gardening, and plant research

CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS

www.kansasinterfaithaction.org **Kansas Interfaith Action**--successor organization to Kansas Interfaith Power & Light which from 2008-2015 served as "the religious response to climate change" in Kansas. Taking on current issues: Racism, violence, poverty and environmental disruption

<http://www.moipl.org/> **Missouri Interfaith Power and Light** will engage, equip and educate Missouri faith communities to be stewards of God's creation by addressing the environmental and social justice consequences of climate change.

EDUCATION

[The EarthBound series](#) 6-part DVD series hosted by David Rhoads that takes Martin Luther's breakthrough understanding of Justification and Vocation and explodes it across God's magnificent creation.

[Awakening God's Call - Bible Study](#) A four-session small group study to encourage, empower, and equip Lutherans in their calling to care for creation.

[Currents in Theology and Mission](#) Eco-Reformation is the theme of the April 2016 issue.

LUTHERANS RESTORING CREATION & RESOURCES FOR CONGREGATIONS

<http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/> Lutherans Restoring Creation (“LRC”) is a program designed to encourage the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to incorporate care for creation into its full life and mission at all levels.

[Lutherans Restoring Creation Blog](#)

www.webofcreation.org Ecology Resources to transform faith communities & society

www.bibleandecology.org A site dedicated to exploring how scripture informs sustainability.

[Awakening the Dreamer - Pachamama Alliance](#) You Tube video—from a Symposium whose goal is to create a world that is environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just. More information www.awakeningthedreamer.org.

PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP

<http://stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com/stl/community/green.jsp> St. Louis Cardinals 4 a Greener Game program where volunteers collect recyclables during Cardinal games.

[Low Carbon Diet - simple program with easy to follow steps](#) By making specific, targeted changes to actions we already take every day, we can significantly reduce our CO₂ emissions.

<http://www.empowermentinstitute.net/index.php/community/low-carbon-diet>

[TIM talk with Erik Backus](#) You Tube video on sustainability and green practices.

PROPERTY

[Energy Stewardship Program with link to specific ideas](#) a one- to two-year nationwide LRC program for ELCA congregations and Lutheran Outdoor Ministry sites. The ESI Program is designed to help churches and camps reduce energy use and costs, lower carbon footprints, and save money for other expressions of mission.

PUBLIC MINISTRY/POLITICAL ADVOCACY

<http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Advocacy> ELCA advocacy works for change in public policy based on the experience of Lutheran ministries, programs and projects around the world and in communities across the United States.

WORSHIP

[Care for God's Creatures](#) Information about how we learn from God's creatures, and explores the meaning of our Genesis call to dominion over all creatures. Includes sermon starters and liturgical ideas.

www.letallcreationpraise.org Resources for Christian worship that promotes love of and care for God's creation.

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