

How Lutherans can respond to the climate crisis

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The ELCA has published *The Earth's Climate Crisis* social message, and an ELCA Task Force on Civic Life and Faith tells us that we cannot separate our faith from caring for all of God's creation. We know that the most vulnerable are suffering the most.

Solutions are out there; they need to be enacted. Putting a price on carbon at its source is the fastest, most effective solution. This means that fossil fuel producers (Exxon, BP, etc.) will pay fees to bring fossil fuels, such as coal, into the economy.

Sending all the net revenue from those fees back to Americans will make it possible to weather the transition to renewable energy. This will



1. give us affordable, clean energy,
2. put money in our pockets,
3. get us to net zero by 2050, and
4. save lives.

Learn more at www.energyinnovationact.org. To learn more about advocating for specific, effective climate solutions, go to www.citizensclimate.org, where you can join the Citizens' Climate Lobby Lutheran Action Team.

- ELCA Civic Life and Faith, <https://elca.org/civicsandfaith>

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- [ELCA Carbon Pricing Basics](https://elca.org/carbon-pricing-basics) (Oct. 2019)
- [ELCA Carbon Tax Implementation Considerations](https://elca.org/carbon-tax-implementation-considerations) (Dec. 2020)
- ELCA Earth's Climate Crisis social message, www.elca.org/climatecare (April 2023)
- *Earth's Climate Crisis* powerpoint, <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1H6DQjvJY7qcvZRhatOHIT5YoNu3KjGs/edit#slide=id.p1>
- Join the Citizens' Climate Lobby and its Lutheran Action Team, www.cclusa.org/action-teams.