

Follow-Up Actions from 2026 Synod Assembly

- **B5. To direct the Lutherans Restoring Creation Mission Table of the Central States Synod to explore and identify any additional resources they might need to guide, support, and organize congregations in their renewable energy initiatives and to report any related requests to the Synod Council by March, 2027**

Noni Strand reported on August 13, 2026, that the LRC Mission Table doesn't foresee any budget requests for next year. If that changes, Noni will get that information to Synod Council before their October meeting.

- **B7. To direct the Central States Synod Council to request that the ELCA Church Council implement the Churchwide budgetary, staffing, and fund-raising goals identified in the Lutherans Restoring Creation resolution and the solar panel encouragement of the Ryan Bose, Craig Nesson, and Wartburg Seminary Ecojustice Students resolution**

Noni Strand reported on July 10, 2026, that the LRC Mission Table approved of the proposed motion (see below) regarding the Climate Justice Action Resolution at their meeting on July 9, 2026. They are currently awaiting action by the Synod Executive Committee so that they may send notification to the national coordinators of similar actions across multiple synods.

The proposed motion for Synod Executive Committee action review by the LRC Mission Table is:

In response to Central States Synod Assembly Action **SA26.06.06.A11**, the Central States Synod Council requests the Church Council to:

- devote additional funds and staffing to lead the church in this *kairos* moment identified within the World Council of Church's Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action;
- help all expressions of the ELCA participate actively in the WCC's Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action;
- launch a fund-raising campaign "Climate Justice Action for the Life of the World," (in concert with the appropriate ELCA churchwide offices), as a

means to strengthen awareness, commitment, and advocacy across all congregations, synods, and ELCA churchwide;

- raise at least \$1 million for concrete programs dedicated to greenhouse gas reduction and other efforts to address Earth's climate crisis in response to God's urgent call for decisive action in this *kairos* moment; and,
- encourage synods, seminaries, congregations, and other ELCA ministries to install solar panels both for energy savings and as a witness to their communities about loving God's people and creation as our neighbor.