

**Calvary Creation-Care Team
Strategic Plan
March 2021**

Purpose:

The ELCA suggests that for Christians, care of the Earth is not an “environmental cause”. Rather, it is central to our holy calling to treasure the Earth and to care for it as our common home, fully integrating creation-care into our love of God and neighbor. **It is therefore the purpose of the Calvary Creation-Care Team to be a catalyst for encouraging creation-care awareness and actions at Calvary, in the community and beyond.**

Goal 1:

To organize the “Calvary Creation-Care Team”

- Objective 1: Request approval from the Council through the Outreach Committee - done
- Objective 2: Develop a structure to meet Goals 2-6.
- Objective 3: Evaluate Organizational Effectiveness.

Goal 2:

To promote creation care to congregational members of all ages through education

- Objective 1: Develop Structure to meet Goal
- Objective 2: Work cooperatively with staff and boards of Children & Family and Youth & Family and Adult education ministries to integrate creation-care into the various programs of education and faith nurture.
- Objective 3: Develop a listing of available books, DVDs, curriculum resources and environmental education materials that can be used in our educational efforts within the congregation.
- Objective 4: Develop a speakers’ bureau of people within our area, who would be available to speak/ make presentations in our various program areas of the congregation.
- Objective 5: Partner with other organizations to provide education to the community.

Goal 3:

To promote and facilitate creation care actions into day-to-day congregational life at home and work

- Objective 1: Develop Structure to Meet Goal.
- Objective 2: Promote and provide information on recycling programs available in the area.
- Objective 3: Promote concepts of reducing energy and water to all members of the congregation.
- Objective 4: Promote concepts of reuse to all members of the congregation.

Goal 4:

To promote and facilitate creation care actions for Calvary building and grounds

- Objective 1: Develop Structure to Meet Goal.
- Objective 2: Promote ecologically sustainable building systems.
- Objective 3: Promote ecologically sustainable building practices at Calvary.
- Objective 4: Promote ecologically sustainable use of land owned by Calvary.

Goal 5:

To integrate creation care into worship activities

Objective 1: Develop Structure to meet Goal.

Objective 2: To lift-up Creator / Creation in a stronger way through preaching, music, confessions of faith, etc. in Church services.

Objective 3: To lift-up Creator / Creation programs to the Youth of Calvary.

Objective 4: To lift-up Creator / Creation in a stronger way for families and individuals in their homes.

Goal 6:

To coordinate creation care with the community

Objective 1: Develop Structure to Meet Goal.

Objective 2: To inventory who is doing what in the faith community.

Objective 3: To inventory who is doing what in the local / regional community.

Objective 4: To inventory who is doing what in environmental organizations.

Objective 5: To develop partnerships as appropriate.