Care of Creation Summit

A Watershed Moment: Reformation for the Next 500 Years

March 25, 2017  9:30 am-2:30 pm
St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Hosted by Leadership Team of the Northeastern Synod/ELCA EcoFaith Network

A "watershed moment" is defined as a critical turning point in time that marks an important, often historical change. A moment in time when nothing after it will ever be the same! The phrase is derived from the hydrologic term "watershed," which is a boundary—or turning point—that causes waters to flow in different directions; a crucial divide. As a society we are at a critical turning point—a watershed moment—to protect the water on which all aspects of our lives depend. As Christians, we have a stewardship responsibility to protect and improve our waters and insure their use for future generations.

The waters within the Northeast Synod/ELCA are generally of high quality. How can we as Christian stewards protect the future quality of our waters? As Christians we can learn from our watershed—the water, the ground, the wildlife, the people—that which is in need of restoration and how our story is interwoven with God’s to work toward a right relationship between all living things and the natural resources they depend on.

Come and learn more about the state of our waters and how Lutheran congregations can be effective watershed disciples.

Saturday, March 25, 2017 AGENDA

9:00  Registration/Coffee
9:30  Welcome:
      John Hanson, EcoFaith Leadership Team (Suomi Area Lutheran)
9:45  A Watershed Moment: Reformation for the Next 500 Years
      Pastor David Carlson, Gloria Dei Lutheran, Duluth
10:00  Watershed Discipleship: A Panel Discussion
      Everyone Lives in Watershed: We Are All Connected to Water
      Paula West, Communications Coordinator, EcoFaith
      Network (Lutheran Church of Cross, Nisswa)
      What’s the Quality of our Waters?
      Kevin Stroom, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
      (French River Lutheran, French River)
      Threats to Our Watersheds
      Todd Holman, The Nature Conservancy (Lord of Life Lutheran, Baxter)
11:45  Lunch with roundtable discussion
12:15  Lutheran Congregations in Action Caring for Our Watersheds
      Emi lie Bouvier, Congregational Organizer for EcoJustice, Minneapolis Area Synod
12:45  Taking Bold Actions to Protect Our Waters
      Tammy Walhof, Lutheran Advocacy
1:15  As We Depart: How Can NE MN Synod Congregations Respond? Next Steps?
1:45  Worship: Honoring the Waters of Creation
      Led by Reverend Kristin Foster, Messiah Lutheran, Mt. Iron
2:30  Adjourn (optional) Showi ng of the video “Before the Flood” for those interested in staying.

Cost: $10 free will offering; collected at the door. Questions, call Paula West at 218-838-5010.

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