



## What is your next step after completing ELCA CoachLaunch Level 1?

Many leaders are discovering an opportunity to use their new skills in a new area of ministry — Caring for Creation Coaching. We find that many leaders across the country, both emerging and established, are concerned about God’s creation and our environment. The ELCA has long stressed this issue, as reflected in our 1993 social statement *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope and Justice* and our new work with Blessed Tomorrow ([elca.org/environment](http://elca.org/environment)). Caring for Creation Coaching was introduced in early 2019 to accompany leaders as they pursue their goals in caring for creation and in finding climate solutions in their congregations, their communities and beyond.

After becoming a Level 1 Coach, you are invited to consider further coach training. Care for Creation Coaching is one of these paths. This Level 2 training includes an orientation and seven sessions that will broaden and deepen your coaching skills, with educational and practical exercises that will prepare you to coach others in attaining their goals in this specific ministry. You will join a cohort of peers with similar interests and be accompanied by and experience ELCA Lab Coach. The fee for the orientation and seven sessions is \$175, with some cost for additional materials.

If you are interested in starting on this path, we will work with you as you first gain experience in your own context and encourage connections with others in your synod and beyond. Some of this experience will come through volunteer coaching hours. There could be opportunities for financial compensation, especially as you continue this coaching path.

## CARING FOR CREATION COACHING ORIENTATION AND LABS

**Orientation** (five hours) will prepare you to become a coach — not a consultant, teacher or counselor but someone who can ask powerful questions, assist others in clarifying their hopes and dreams, identify milestones, monitor accountability and celebrate the achievement of goals.

**Coaching sessions** (about two hours per month) will focus on sharpening your coaching competencies as designated by the International Coaching Federation and on teaching a curriculum that focuses on caring for creation, asset-based thinking and climate solutions. These creative and thought-provoking sessions will inspire participants to grow in their personal and professional potential while relying on the Holy Spirit.

- 1) Worship** — How to recognize God’s presence and role in the world today while embracing the spiritual aspects of nature all around us, through prayer, song, worship and more.
- 2) Personal Discipleship** — How to love our neighbor at home, at work, in the community and beyond.
- 3) Education** — How to integrate the prophetic messages coming from nature and the scientific community into Christian education for all ages.
- 4) Building and Grounds** — How, as individuals and as congregations, to use land and other natural resources to provide shelter and clean energy, establishing a lifestyle that is just for all and sustainable for future generations.
- 5) Public Witness and Advocacy** — How to use our voices and actions to care for creation, pursue justice, and sustain resources for current and future generations. Knowing how to connect with public servants and government officials as a faith-based group is a unique skill set.

### How does this coaching differ from Green Teams, Creation Care Ministries and other eco-theology groups?

In this role a Level 2 Coach will help people to be more aware of creation and issues related to it; to move forward to envision and achieve their goals; to draw out the ideas fostered by new insights; and to reach milestones and negotiate accountability factors more effectively.



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