

## ***NWPA Synod Assembly Approves Memorial for “Just Transition” to Reduced Greenhouse Gas Emissions***

On June 10, the 2022 NWPA Synod Assembly approved a green “memorial” to be transmitted to the upcoming Churchwide Assembly to be held in Columbus, Ohio in August of 2022. This memorial lays out a plan for ELCA and its units to undertake actions over the course of the next 30 years to encourage the U.S. transition to a greatly reduced production of greenhouse gas emissions (GGE, such as carbon dioxide, among others). These greenhouse gases are products of fossil fuel combustion and other processes. NWPA is just one of many ELCA synods that have considered similar greenhouse gas memorials this year for consideration by the Churchwide Assembly. If the Churchwide Assembly passes this resolution, the ELCA Churchwide Council would consider the actions proposed by the memorial and take appropriate actions.

**Among other actions, this Just Transition memorial calls for ELCA advocacy for:**

- **Reducing GGE by 50% by 2030**
- **Achieving net-zero GGE by 2050**
- **Emphasis on funding to reduce GGE effects on minorities**
- **Staff, education, tools and resources that equip congregations and Synods to take actions for GGE reduction**
- **Education of congregants, rostered leaders, and bishops regarding GGE**
- **Work with organizations that share our commitment to the protection and restoration of the natural world while doing justice for all.**

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*(<https://www.elca.org/About/Churchwide/Office-of-the-Secretary/Memorials-and-Resolutions>)*

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