



For God So Loved the World* - An Eco-Justice Learn/Work Event

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross." Col. 1:20

What - An **Eco-Justice Learn/Work Event** to learn about eco-justice issues on a global as well as a local scale, tour environmentally-degraded neighborhoods in east Houston, and engage in a creek clean-up (trash removal) and trail maintenance project with the Japhet Creek Community Association**, (an organization associated with the Buffalo Bayou Partnership), also in east Houston. All equipment needed for the service/work project will be provided. Attendees should plan to wear comfortable clothing and shoes. **Please pre-register online; there are only 60 seats available on the buses for the Toxic Tour.**

When - **Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 10 am to 4:30 pm.** Online registration for this event can be found on the synod's website www.gulfcoastsynod.org/Events.html or you may register at the door. If you want to purchase lunch you must register online – the \$10 for your lunch will be collected at the registration table on the day of the event.

Where - The Event will take place at Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, **located at 5700 Lawndale St. in Houston**, beginning at 10 a.m.

Who Should Come -All clergy and laity, including youth, are invited to attend.

Cost—There is no cost for either the morning or afternoon sessions. Lunch is \$10. If you prefer, you may bring your own lunch.

John Nunes, President & CEO of Lutheran World Relief, which works with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering, will speak on global eco-justice issues.

Amanda Robinson, coordinator of the Texas Interfaith Power and Light environmental program for Texas Impact, an interfaith justice advocacy organization of which our synod is a member, will speak on local eco-justice issues.

Time to answer your questions about eco-justice issues will be provided after each of the talks. Please note that **attendance at all activities is not required** to register for the conference. You are welcome to attend any portion of the conference, as your schedule permits. Conference schedule specifics are given on back. **Please pre-register online as soon as possible so we can adequately prepare for you!** If you have questions contact Lisa at gcs.lrc@gmail.com.

***As originally written in Greek, the word chosen for "World" meant the cosmos - the whole of creation - planet, ecosystems, people.... Everything!**

**** There will be an alternate date for the service project, if needed, due to weather.**

Event presented by the Creation Care Team from Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church and the TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod's Lutherans Restoring Creation Team.



Schedule of Events

Activity	Time	Speaker/leader	Location
"Day of" registration opens	9:30 a.m.	(Note: If you want to purchase lunch you will need to register online by February 13)	Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Opening Prayer	10 a.m.	Rev. Grant Housewright Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer	Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Introductory Remarks	10:05 – 10:15 a.m	Conference Organizers	Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Global Eco-Justice Issues/Q&A	10:15 – 11:00 a.m.	Rev. John Nunes President &CEO, Lutheran World Relief	Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Local Eco-justice Issues/Q&A	11:15 – noon	Amanda Robinson Coordinator, Texas Interfaith Power & Light program of Texas Impact	Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Lunch & Information Fair	noon – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch is provided for those who <u>register online</u> and <u>pay \$10</u> at the registration table	Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
Toxic Tour <u>Note: Attendance for this tour is limited to a total of 60.</u> <u>Register Early!!!</u>	1 – 2 p.m.	Juan Parras Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services	On buses provided by Kinsmen Lutheran Church (leaving from Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer)
Work/Service Project**	2 – 4 p.m.	Eileen Hatcher Japhet Creek Community Association	Japhet Creek (transport on buses from tour to work site)
Conference ends	4:05 – 4:30 p.m		On buses back to Redeemer Lutheran Church