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PRAY

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Days later, walking and hiding, walking and hiding, you are weak from hunger, thirst, travel and anxiety. Your children are crying for the same reasons. You are not sure where you are going—to the border somewhere, that much you know. Are there going to be militia there to stop you?

You hear about a UN refugee camp just across the border, operated by the Lutheran World Federation. You stay there for months as the turmoil drags on.

You apply as a refugee to Canada because you have a sister there. It is a confusing, difficult process, but an agency called Canadian Lutheran World Relief is helping you through it. Your application is accepted. It's only because a Lutheran congregation in Canada is sponsoring you through CLWR that you are able to make this life-saving trip.

LEARN

Is there a recent or past refugee in your community? Invite them to speak to your congregation about their experience.

PRAY

Consider the needs of a refugee. Say a short prayer for the world's millions of refugees.

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Right now, CLWR is focusing its resources in five countries: India, Peru, Bolivia, Mozambique and Zambia. In communities throughout these five countries, measurable progress is being made on a wide range of issues.

Families are being given the skills and tools to grow healthy food. New and rebuilt wells are increasing crop production, improving sanitation and cutting the distance people travel for water. Girls are being given a chance to go to school. Adults are learning to read and do math. Scarred land is being reforested to stop erosion and water loss. Groups are pooling their small savings for a revolving loan system.

All of this is possible when you sustain the work of CLWR with your prayers and offerings to GHDA.

LEARN

There are many aspects to a safe, vibrant community. Focus on one (e.g. access to education). What does it take to achieve that one aspect (e.g. trained teachers)?

PRAY

Ask God to give strength and wisdom to community leaders and workers.

ACT

Identify an area of need in your community. Address this issue to gain an appreciation of what community development is about. Support similar work internationally through GHDA and CLWR.

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You don't necessarily need to travel to volunteer with CLWR. You can support one of our many programs, such as our alternative trade program, Four Corners. This program sells international products that have been bought at a price that is fair to the people who made or grew them. This allows those same people to move out of poverty. Host a consignment sale, fundraise with our fair trade chocolate, and shop Four Corners personally.

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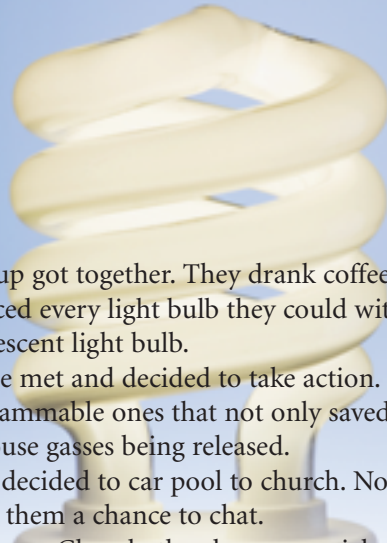
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Stewardship of Creation



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Betty and Anne have decided to car pool to church. Not only do they pollute less, it also gave them a chance to chat.

At Resurrection Lutheran Church, they have a special service where they remember the ways in which God has blessed them through creation and how in Christ, God came in love to be a part of creation. At the end of the service they go outside and plant a garden as a symbol of how they are called to continue to care for creation.

How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb? The answer is one, but it is much more fun and effective to care for creation together. The ELCIC has committed itself to practice our stewardship of creation; through GHDA we are helping to make this commitment a reality.

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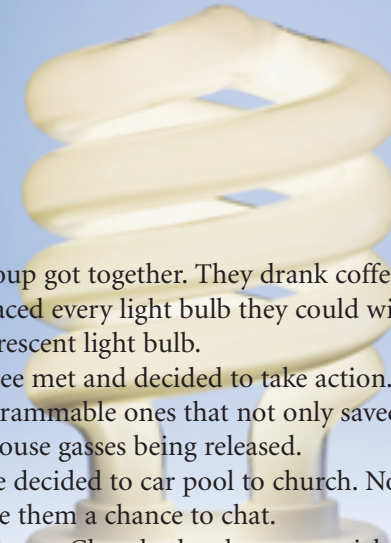
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When Canadians across the country began to question their use of bottled water not only for the impact on the environment but also because clean water is not a commodity but a right for all we were involved because of our work with KAIROS.

Churches across Canada have committed themselves to work together towards a *Re-Energized* future where the energy we depend on comes from environmentally sustainable sources which do not threaten the basic rights of people. Together this is what we do through KAIROS.

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Consider how congregations in your community could work together to bring about a just-energy future. For ideas, visit KAIROS's Re-Energize campaign website at www.re-energize.org.

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Help us Lord to "make every effort possible, each from where God has placed us, to rein in our reckless over-consumption, so that the harmonious workings of this planet, our common home, may be restored"
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