

**2023 Spring LiVE Project Learning Opportunities**  
**The LiVE Project is a ministry of the NW WA Synod, and**  
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The following communication offers language for you to use in your congregation as you promote and invite folks to participate in the upcoming LiVE Project events for the upcoming Spring course offerings, April and May. Included below are event descriptions, dates, zoom links and ways to register for the upcoming courses.

For additional questions please feel free to reach out specifically to Rev. Dr. David Hahn, [david@lutheransnw.org](mailto:david@lutheransnw.org), synod Director of Learning and Formation, and the oversight director for the LiVE Project.

## **Spring Retreat: “Spirit-Stirring & Creation Care”**

**Saturday, April 1 | 9AM-3PM | at First Lutheran, Bothell, WA**

**Spirit-Stirring & Creation Care:** The call of the Spirit is to renew the face of the earth. This call comes with renewing our attention to creation as the very partner with whom God is bringing forth new life in this world. Far too long, many Christians have related to the land, and its ancestors, with domination and neglect. This day-long retreat focuses on how to restore dignity in relationship to creation, to rethink and practice faithfully a life of faith with creation at the center of our imaginations as local congregations. This retreat is a primer to the follow-up 5-week course in April and May with Deacon Jessica Zimmerle.

Registration Link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScG0nIjL5k9Zy-9D9kdZVI-HqgIXCZpUHSsJV3GqfNiyEUcSw/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScG0nIjL5k9Zy-9D9kdZVI-HqgIXCZpUHSsJV3GqfNiyEUcSw/viewform?usp=pp_url)

## **5-Week Course: “The Kin-dom of God and Environmental Justice”**

**Class meets for 5 weeks of zoom Thursdays 6:30-8pm**

**April 13, 20, 27 (one week off) May 11 and 18**

**The Kin-dom of God and Environmental Justice:** This 5-week series will help you consider and embody how faith lives at the intersection of co-creating a just and sustainable future. Using the ELCA Social Statement on Caring for Creation as a guide, participants will build a faith-based foundation with a toolkit of resources for taking action as stewards of Earth and advocates for environmental justice. Come and learn how you and your congregation can engage this essential, and timely, vocation to care for creation in a way that centers justice.

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1. Supporting the continued creation and capacity of the LiVE Project;
2. Launching two additional ministry initiatives:
  - a. The Synodically Authorized Lay Ministers (SALMs) program
  - b. The Growing Young initiative

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89523139793?pwd=b3dYNIHVHMkRyeHhvYUsxcnJsVHNGUT09>

Meeting ID: 895 2313 9793

Passcode: 353037

**About the Faculty Facilitator:**

Sister Jessica Zimmerle has served as a community organizer in the faith-based environmental justice movement for 10 years, most recently as the Advocacy Director of Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power & Light. She centers stories and values in her work supporting congregations living out their call to care for creation and mobilizing individuals taking action as faithful advocates on issues of environmental justice. Sister Jessica lives out this vocation as a Minister of Word and Service and member of the Deaconess Community of the ELCA.

**Synod-Wide Acts Study****Class meets weekly on Tuesdays 6:30pm – 7:30pm on Zoom**

All are welcome to join as you are able. Upcoming texts and presenters.

March 14 <i>Lent 4</i>	Acts 12:1-25	“The Prison Returns” pgs. 125-131	Bp. Shelley Bryan Wee
March 21 <i>Lent 5</i>	Acts 13:1-12	“The Unambiguous Spirit” pgs. 132-133	Bp. Shelley Bryan Wee
March 28 <i>Lent 6</i>	Acts 13:13-52	“Between Diaspora and Antioch: The Christian Cosmopolitan” pgs. 134-135	Pr. Andy Yee Assistant to the Bp.
April 4 <i>Palm Sunday/Passion Week</i>	Acts 14:1-18	“The Threats of Loss and the Promise of New Life” pgs. 136-137	Pr. Andy Yee Assistant to the Bp.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82209850836?pwd=ZS9sRm1HVfHlUDZZWkxXa3ppTm1oQT09>

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Passcode: Acts

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