LOCAL (to Saint Paul Area Synod) SUPPORTS
From St. Paul Area Synod Caring for Creation Workgroup

Advocacy
-ELCA Lutheran Advocacy MN – “Advocating for Justice and Care for All of God’s Creation” www.lutheranadvocacymn.org

Congregational Support -- Interfaith
-Alliance for Sustainability | AforS – “We bring together individuals, congregations, governments and businesses to work collaboratively towards sustainability.” www.aforS.org
-Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light | MNIPL – “Convening leaders and youth in faith communities for training and inspiration and breaking the silence on climate change through a relational approach to organizing.” www.mnipl.org
-Interfaith Creation Care | South Metro – networking
-Interfaith Creation Care | St. Paul – networking and advocacy with the City of St. Paul

Congregational Support – Lutheran
-Minneapolis Area Synod | EcoFaith
-St. Paul Area Synod | Creation Care Group
-Lutherans Restoring Creation | LRC – “LRC is a grassroots movement promoting care for creation in the ELCA by cultivating a community of dedicated stewards of earth and neighbor who proclaim God’s promise of hope and healing for all.” Chicago-based staff work with local congregations. www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org

Local Congregational Support – NFPs and Municipal, Speakers etc.
-Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy www.climategen.org
   Climate Convenings Toolkit: A How-To Guide for Inspiring Local Stories and Community Solutions on Climate Change
-MN350 – www.mn350.org
-MCEA Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy – www.mncenter.org
-U of M, Institute on the Environment (IonE) EnsiA publications www.environment.umn.edu/engage/ensia
-Transition Towns – many affiliates around the Twin Cities www.transitiontwincities.org
-Do It Green! Minnesota – www.doitgreen.org
-Fresh Energy – www.fresh-energy.org
-Green Ramsey: An Environmental Health Newsletter for Fix-It Clinics, Household Hazardous Waste, Kits & Games, Bins

GRANT FUNDING AND BUILDING EFFICIENCY AUDITS
-BizRecycling -- BizRecycling works with businesses/churches in Ramsey and Washington counties to improve recycling or organics collection. Learn more at BizRecycling.com or call 651-266-1199.
-Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTS) – Prefer alliances among grantees www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org
-Watershed districts – Helping keep water on the property: www.mnwatershed.org/watershed-district-map
-EnerChange – A free, NFP-specific program only for Xcel Energy customers. Very helpful walkthrough audit of the facility with building engineers. www.enerchange.org
-One-stop Efficiency Shop – This program can provide extra rebates for lighting projects for small buildings, like churches. Many participating contractors can enroll your building and conduct the audit as part of their bid. www.mncee.org
-Minnesota Retiree Environmental Technical Assistance Program (RETAP) provides free, energy, waste, and water assessments for small to mid-sized congregations and faith communities. www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/minnesota-retap

Of interest, nationally:
-Forum on Religion & Ecology at Yale – www.fore.yale.edu
-Yale Program on Climate Change Communication – www.environment.yale.edu/climate
-New Dream – Rethinking consumer culture www.newdream.org