

## Voting in Favor of God's Creation - A Message for Congregations

"Government remains God's gift because it is intended to do what churches, families, individuals, and businesses cannot do on their own: protect and coordinate the well-being of individuals, communities, and creation." - *excerpt from the [ELCA's "Discipleship in a Democracy"](#)*

In local, state and national elections, we will choose who represents us and our values. Our ELCA Social Statement, [Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice](#), reminds us of the importance to protect God's creations - the air, water, land, and habitat - which sustain the people, plants and wildlife that God created.

Climate change unequally afflicts the poorest people of the world with more intense floods, wildfires, storms, droughts, and famine. As we take personal steps to lessen the impact humans have on creation, we should remember that we also are answering God's call to protect and care for the poor and disadvantaged people of the planet.

As you decide who will earn your vote, we encourage you to consider if those candidates will represent your values and will work to care for God's creation, which sustains us all.