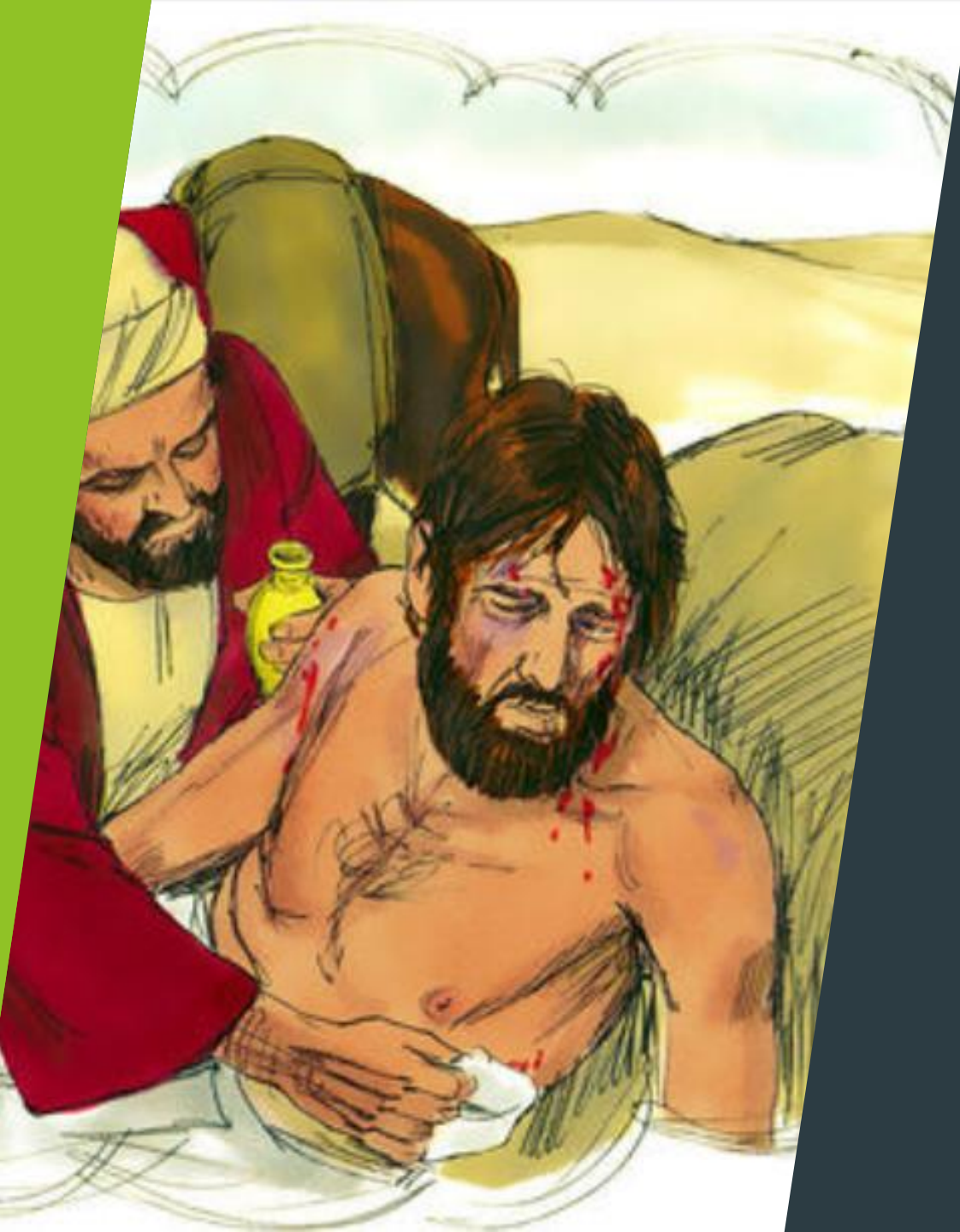


The Nuts and Bolts of Faithful

► Advocacy

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Responsibility



ADVOCACY BASIS

- ▶ The parable of the Good Samaritan
- ▶ ELCA believes that, through baptism, God is calling us into the world to serve together.
- ▶ Views governments as helpful ways God is active in our world and that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and public life.
- ▶ Shaped by the ELCA's social teaching documents
- ▶ Advocate to end world hunger and stand up for policies that create opportunities to overcome poverty, promote peace and dignity, preserve God's creation and promote racial justice.



About Advocacy

- ▶ Advocacy - building relationships with Federal, State and local governmental entities and with secular entities
- ▶ Educating Legislators about issues
- ▶ Mobilizing around a cause
- ▶ Researching to find the real stories in our communities
- ▶ Educating the public on the legislative process, issues, and voting
- ▶ Engaging in efforts to guarantee the right to vote to all citizens
- ▶ Finding and implementing concrete solutions



Advocacy Team Focus

Civic Engagement

Domestic Policy

Domestic Policy: Housing

Migration Policy

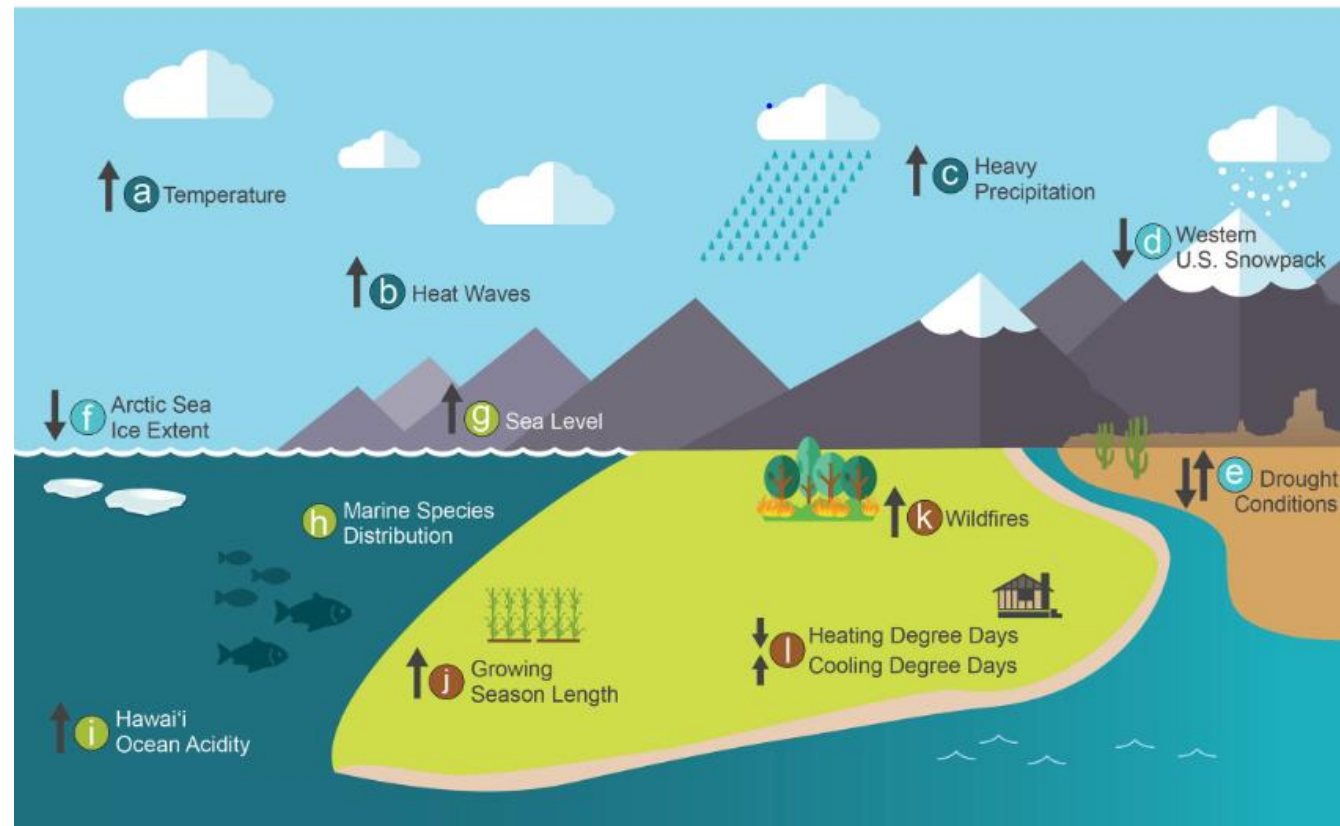
Corporate Social Responsibility

International Policy

Environmental Policy

Climate Change: It's Complicated

► Indicators of Climate Change



Climate Change Advocacy

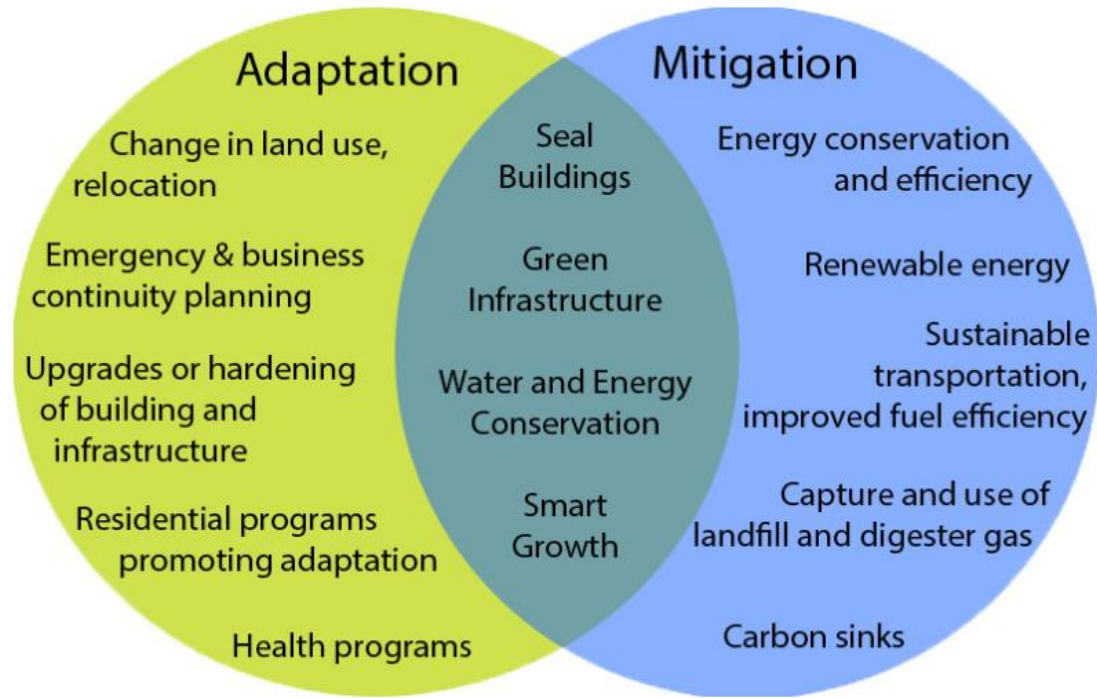
Educate: Must become climate literate

Relate climate to faith

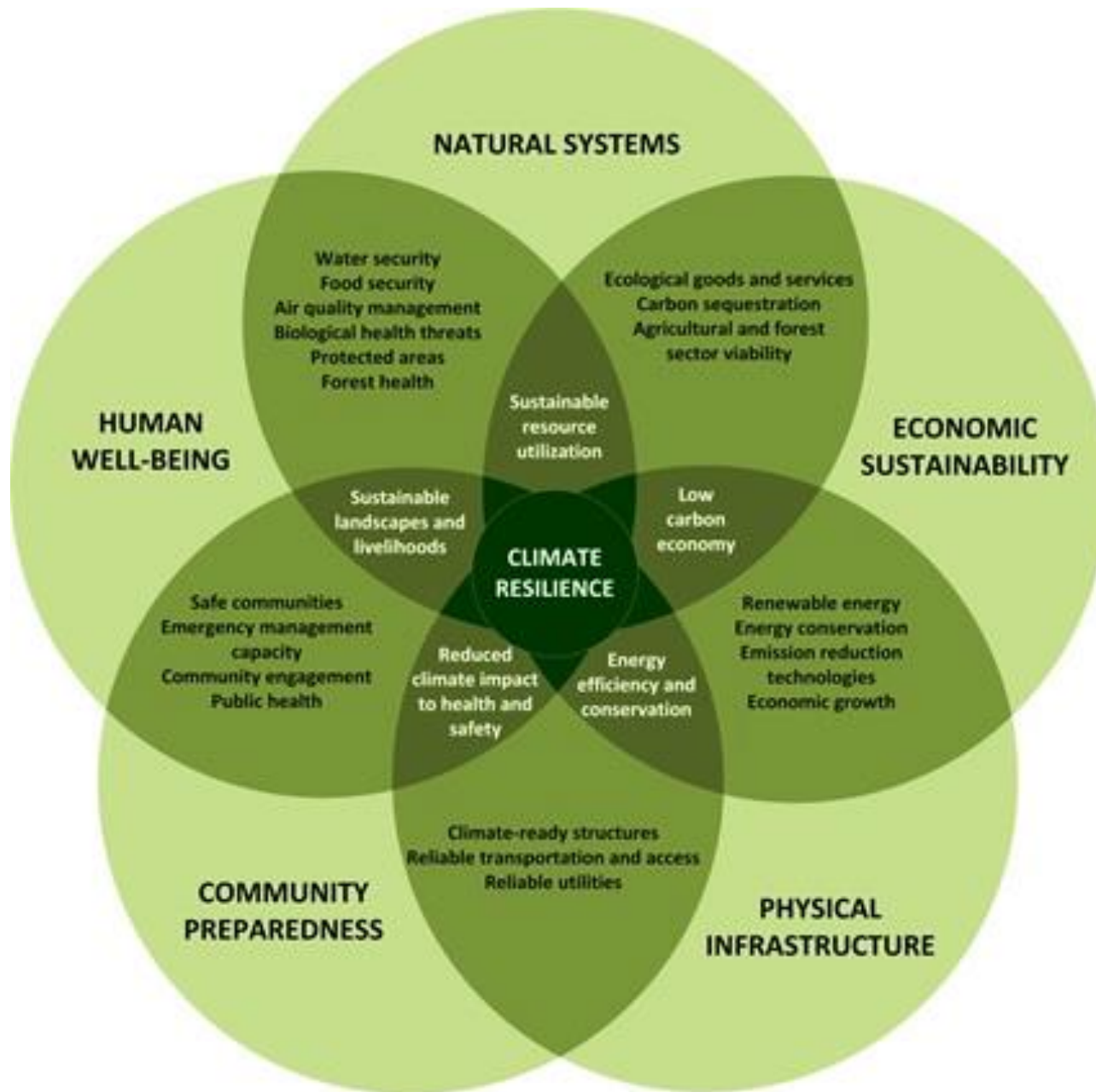
Communicate in language that resonates with community

Deliberate/intentional about inclusivity:
Ethnicity, Generational, Gender, Geographical,
Interfaith, Background/experiences,
Corporate/NGO

Advocate for policies to address mitigation,
adaption and resilience



Source: <https://ccap.org/what-does-climate-resilience-look-like/>



Resilience Protects People, Nature, and Communities

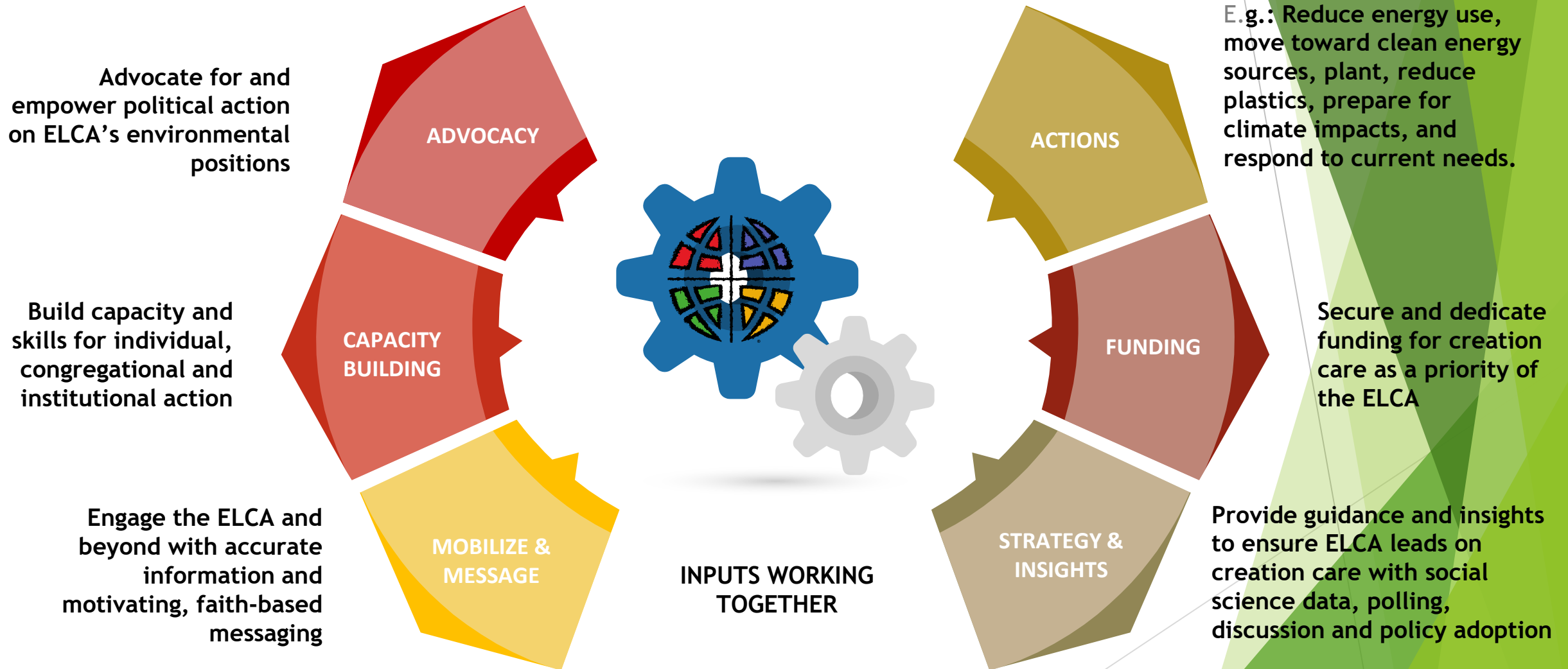
Source: IPCC

Vital Support: The Marginalized and Vulnerable



- Because the marginalized and vulnerable are most affected by environmental degradation, our failure to protect this population ultimately mirrors and deepens existing racial, gender and economic inequalities. Caring for all humanity and the environment means respecting environmental limits while pursuing economic growth that provides sufficient and sustainable lifestyles for all people.

Inputs For ELCA's Sustainability Table





Climate Action: Brings together law, policy, advocacy, social issues, science into the space of climate change, environment, energy , and environmental justice.



It is about people, communities, fauna, flora > just jobs ---Life and future generations



More than energy policy



Climate Justice justice frames the environmental crisis as an economic, racial and political issue, rather than one that is purely environment.

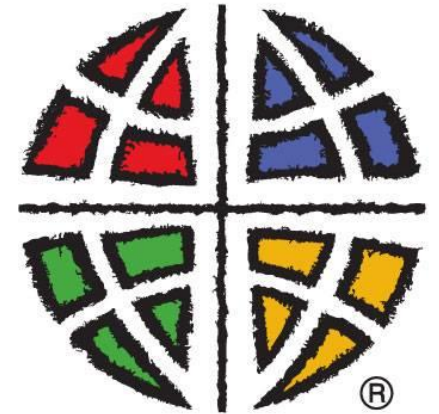
Faithful advocacy in Daily life

- ▶ ELCA social teaching resources
- ▶ Resources for advocacy efforts at [ELCA.org/resources/advocacy](https://elca.org/resources/advocacy)
 - ▶ ELCA homepage: <https://elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Advocacy>



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BACK-UP

Selected Significant Climate Anomalies and Events: October 2020

GLOBAL AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

October 2020 average global land and ocean temperature was the fourth highest for October since records began in 1880.

ARCTIC SEA ICE EXTENT

October 2020 Arctic sea ice extent was 36.8% below the 1981-2010 average and the smallest October sea ice extent since satellite records began in 1979. This marked the 20th consecutive October with below-average Arctic sea ice extent.

EUROPE

Europe had its warmest October on record.

ASIA

October 2020 was Asia's 10th warmest October on record.

NORTH AMERICAN SNOW COVER

North America's snow cover extent during October 2020 was the largest on record for October.

CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES

Cooler-than-average conditions were present from the northern Rockies to the Great Lakes and southward to the southern Plains. Several states had a top 10 cold October. Meanwhile, warmer-than-average temperatures were observed across the West and Southeast.

ATLANTIC HURRICANE BASIN

As of the end of the month, the 2020 hurricane season had 28 named storms, tying the record set in 2005.

HURRICANE ZETA

Zeta was the fifth named storm in 2020 to make landfall in Louisiana--a new record for the state and any U.S. state.

SOUTH AMERICA

South America had its second-warmest October on record, behind 2014.

AFRICA

Africa's October 2020 temperature tied with 2003 as the fourth highest for October on record.

AUSTRALIA

This was a warm and wet month for Australia. This was Australia's 15th-warmest October in the 111-year national record. Most regions had a wetter-than-average October, with South Australia having the most rainfall at 120% above average.

ANTARCTIC SEA ICE EXTENT

October 2020 Antarctic sea ice extent was 1.7% above average and the 12th largest for October on record.

Please note: Material provided in this map was compiled from NOAA's State of the Climate Reports. For more information please visit: <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc>

