

# Waking the Giant Webinar 4

December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020  
Special focus: SDG 13



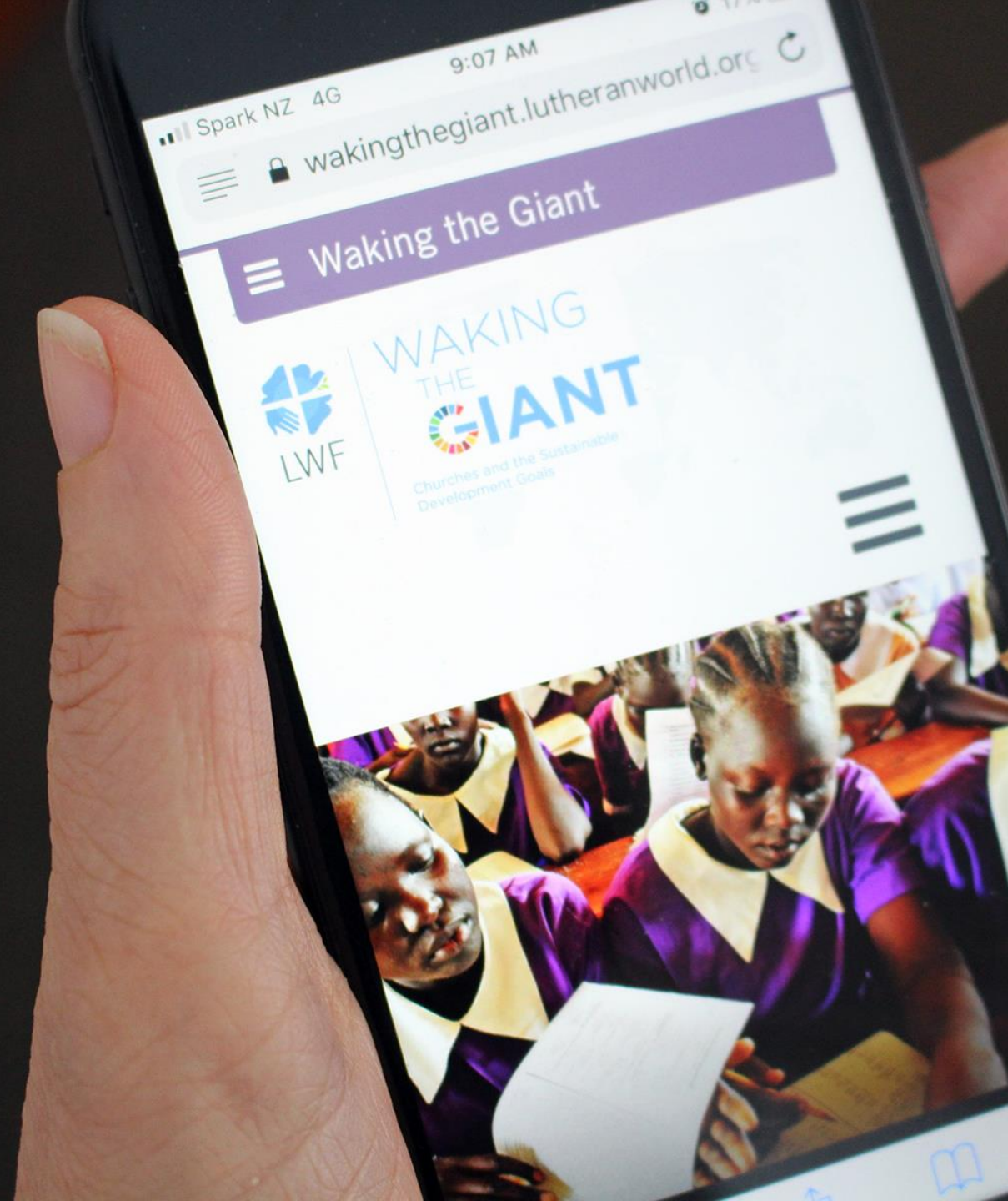
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THE  
**GIANT**

Churches and the Sustainable  
Development Goals



# Practicalities

- The webinar will be recorded
- Make use of the side bar to make comments
- If you wish to comment verbally, kindly highlight that in the chatroom



# Tentative timing

14.00 - 14.10

Short introduction of the webinar outcomes

14.10 – 14.25

Overview of SDG13

Presentation of the practical tools

14.25-14.50

Discussion in groups

14.50-15.10

Faithful advocacy by Ruth Ivory-Moore - Program Director, Environment and Corporate Social Responsibility/ELCA

15.10-15.30 Waking the Giant: wrapping up 2020 and a new form in 2021 onwards



# 13 CLIMATE ACTION



## Webinar outcomes

1. Deepened understanding of SDG13
2. Increased working knowledge of the climate tools and possibilities for action
3. Increased knowledge on (climate) advocacy
4. Getting to know the new form of the Waking the Giant (2021 onwards)

WHO ARE WE?

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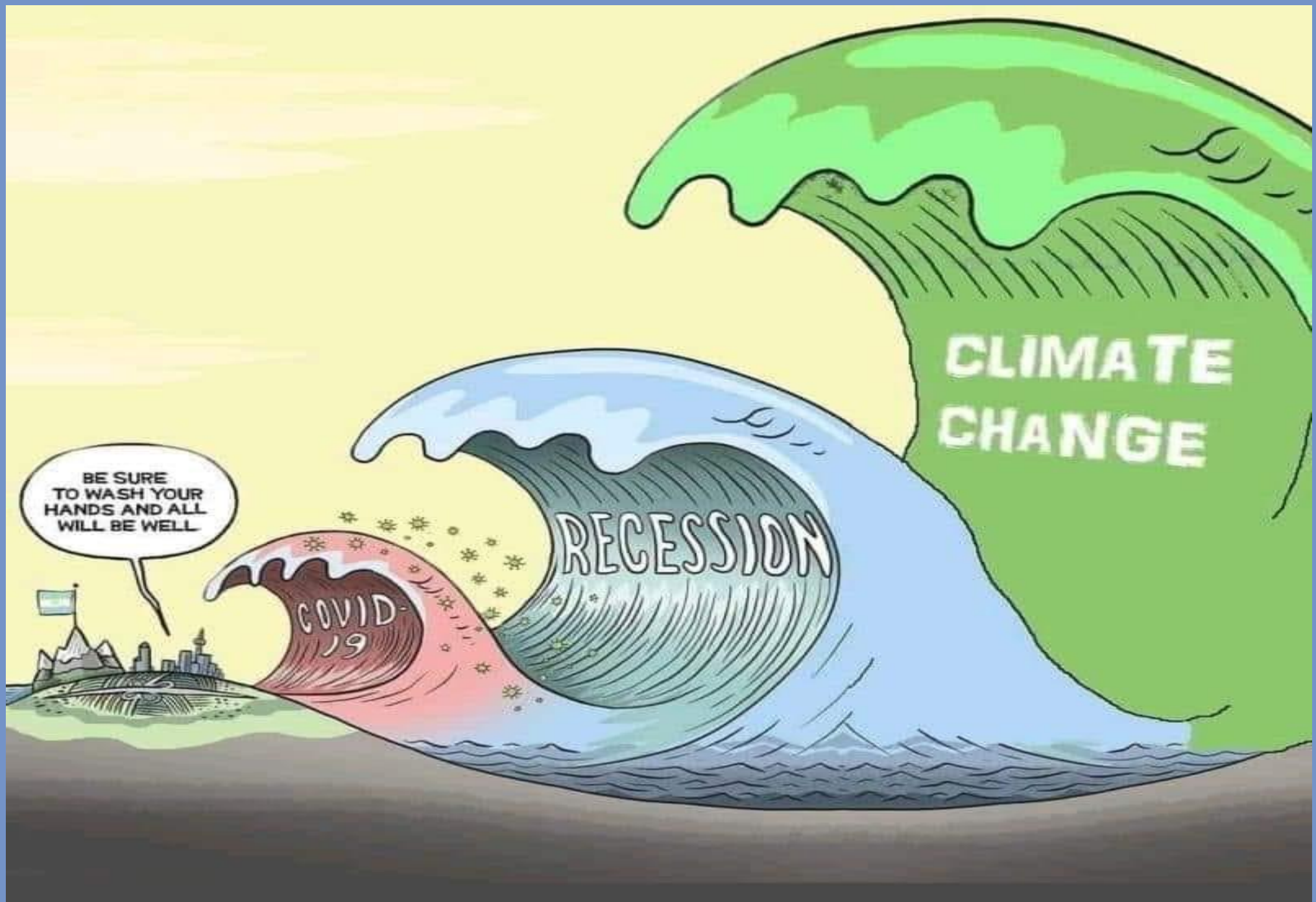
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# SDG 13: CLIMATE ACTION





BE SURE  
TO WASH YOUR  
HANDS AND ALL  
WILL BE WELL

COVID-19

RECESSION

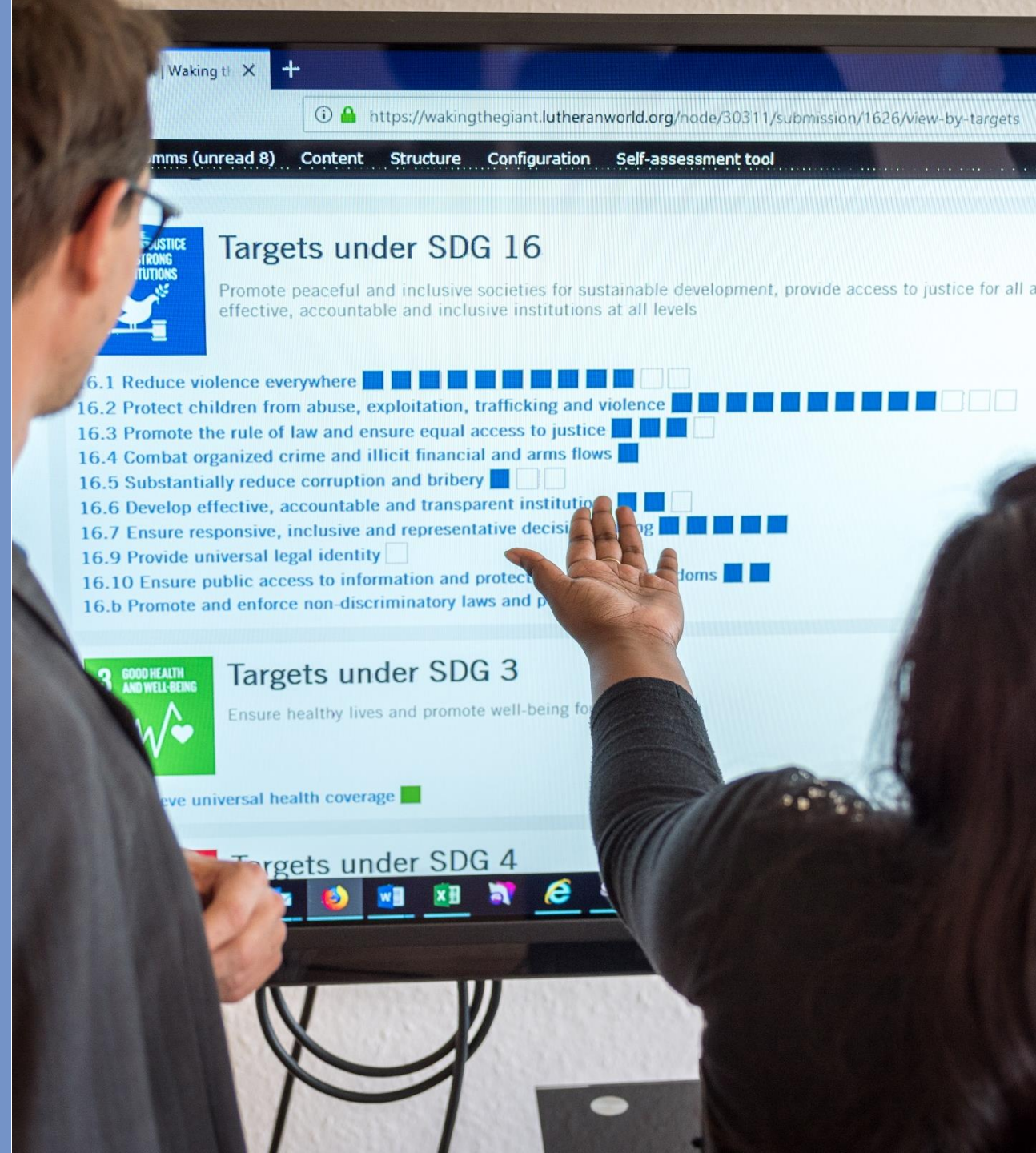
CLIMATE  
CHANGE



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# PRACTICAL TOOLS

# SDG SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL



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## Building Resilience to Climate Change and Disasters



# Building Resilience to Climate Change and Disasters Toolkit

1. **What is Climate Change?**
2. **Mitigation - what can we do?**
3. **Adaptation - Sustainable farming and food security**
  - Livelihood diversification
  - Water saving methods
  - Farming methods
  - Storage and processing
4. **Disasters**





# Theological aspects

- The word “ecotheology” describes an ecological way to read the Word.
- The goal of ecotheological reflection is to deepen our identity as human beings who are called to cultivate and safeguard creation (Genesis 2:15), and discern the spiritual and ethical ways to promote just, right relationships throughout the web of life
- “Season of Creation” – The Celebration Guide contains liturgical resources, prayers and meditations, and calls to action and advocacy, and can be used by individuals or congregations, to nurture faithful imagination to restore right, just and sustainable relationships with the Earth and among all species



# Choose your battles

- Personal level
  - - Making better choices, showing example
- Organizational level
  - - How to convince your church or organization to do more?
- Advocacy on the local on national level
- Joining global advocacy

# GROUP DISCUSSION



# Group discussion questions

1. What are the main climate challenges in your context?
2. What are your climate related plans for 2021 (projects, campaigns, events)?
3. In your role, what would you need to be more active on climate action?

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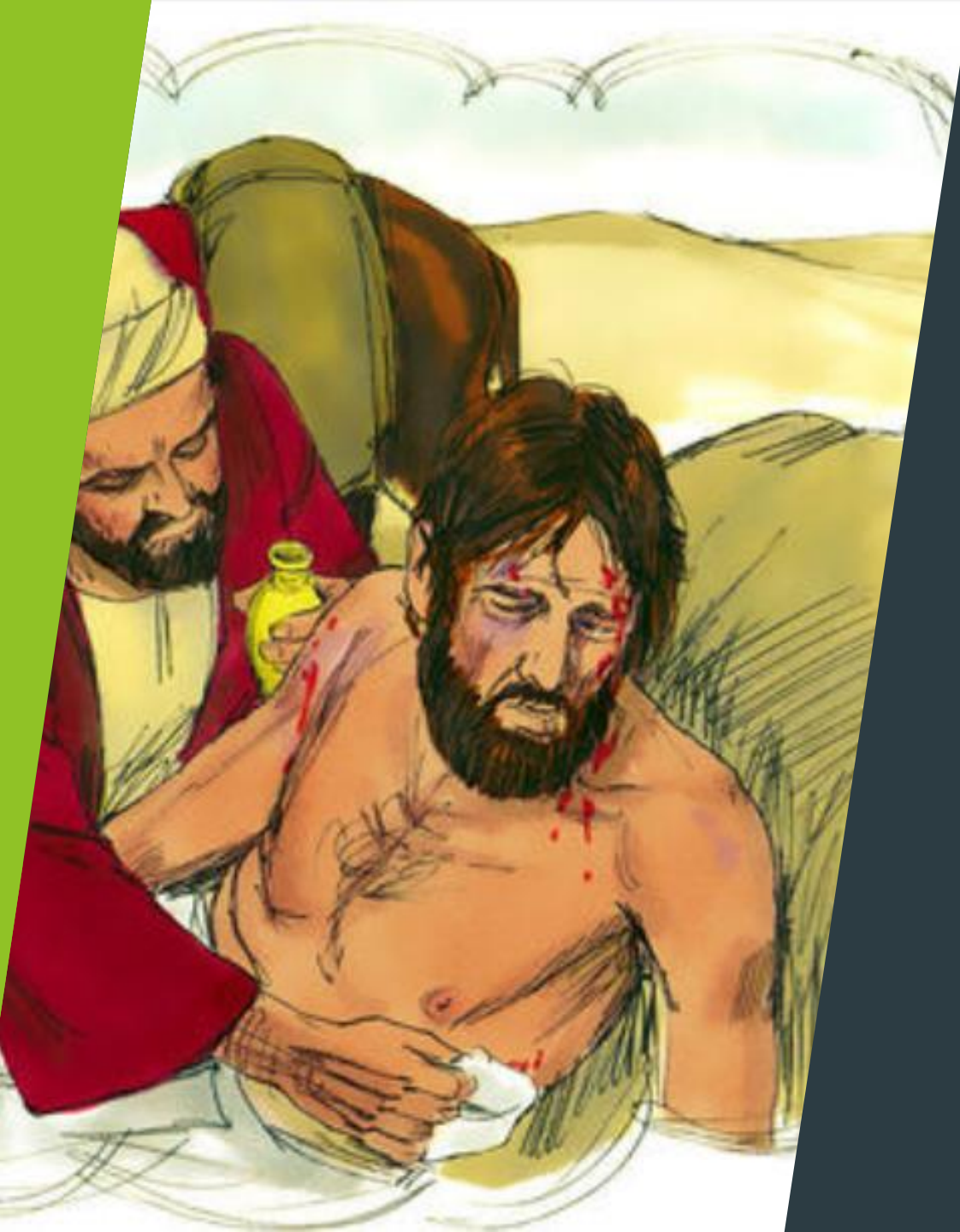


# The Nuts and Bolts of Faithful

## ▶ Advocacy

Ruth Ivory-Moore

Program Director, Environment and Corporate Social  
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.



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# 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

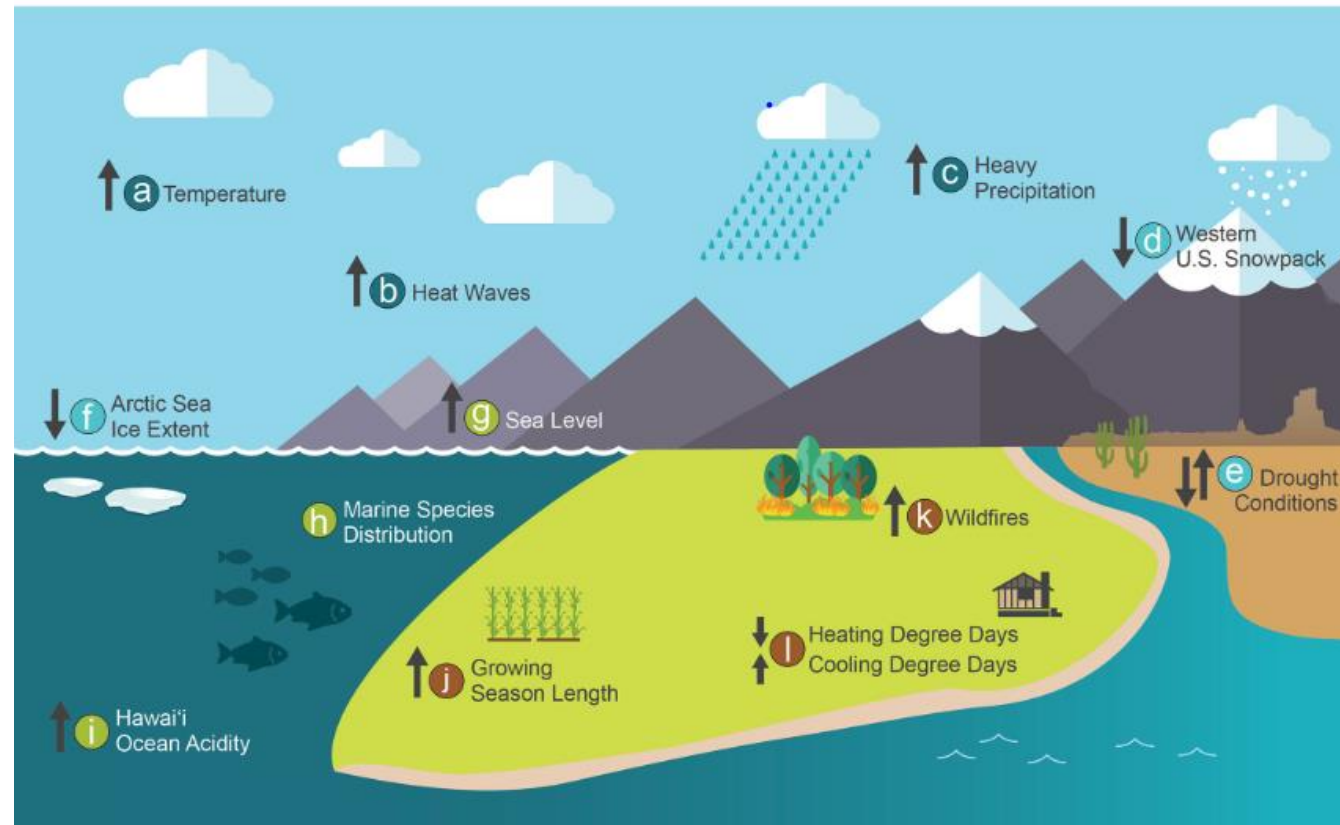
Corporate Social Responsibility

International Policy

Environmental Policy

# Climate Change: It's Complicated

## ► Indicators of Climate Change



# Climate Change Advocacy

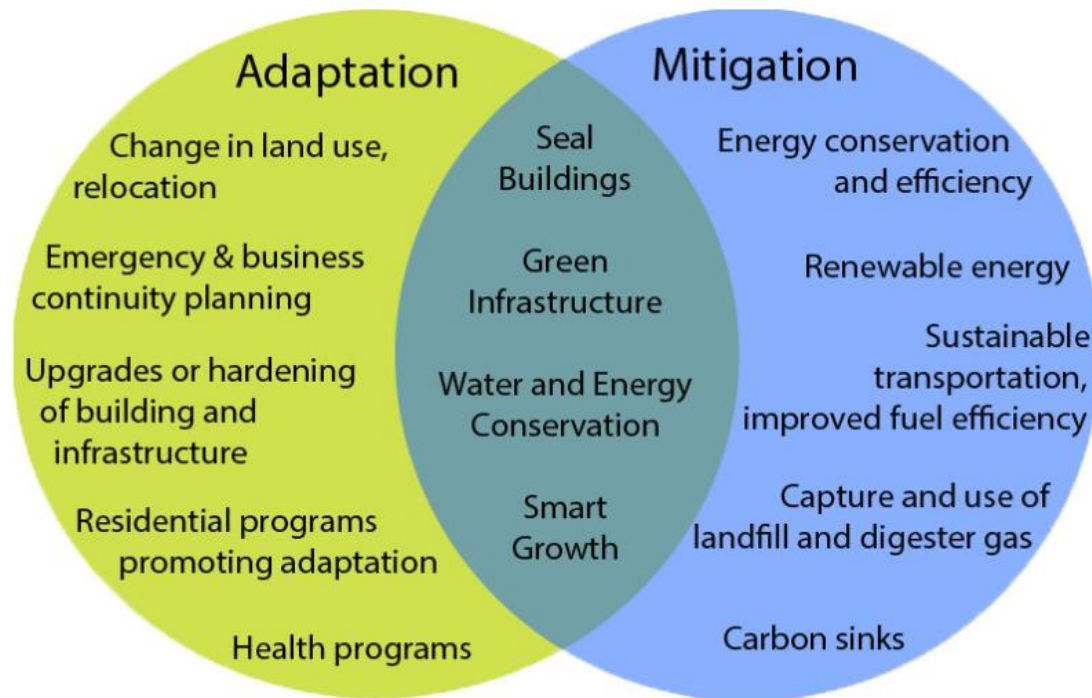
Educate: Must become climate literate

Relate climate to faith

Communicate in language that resonates with community

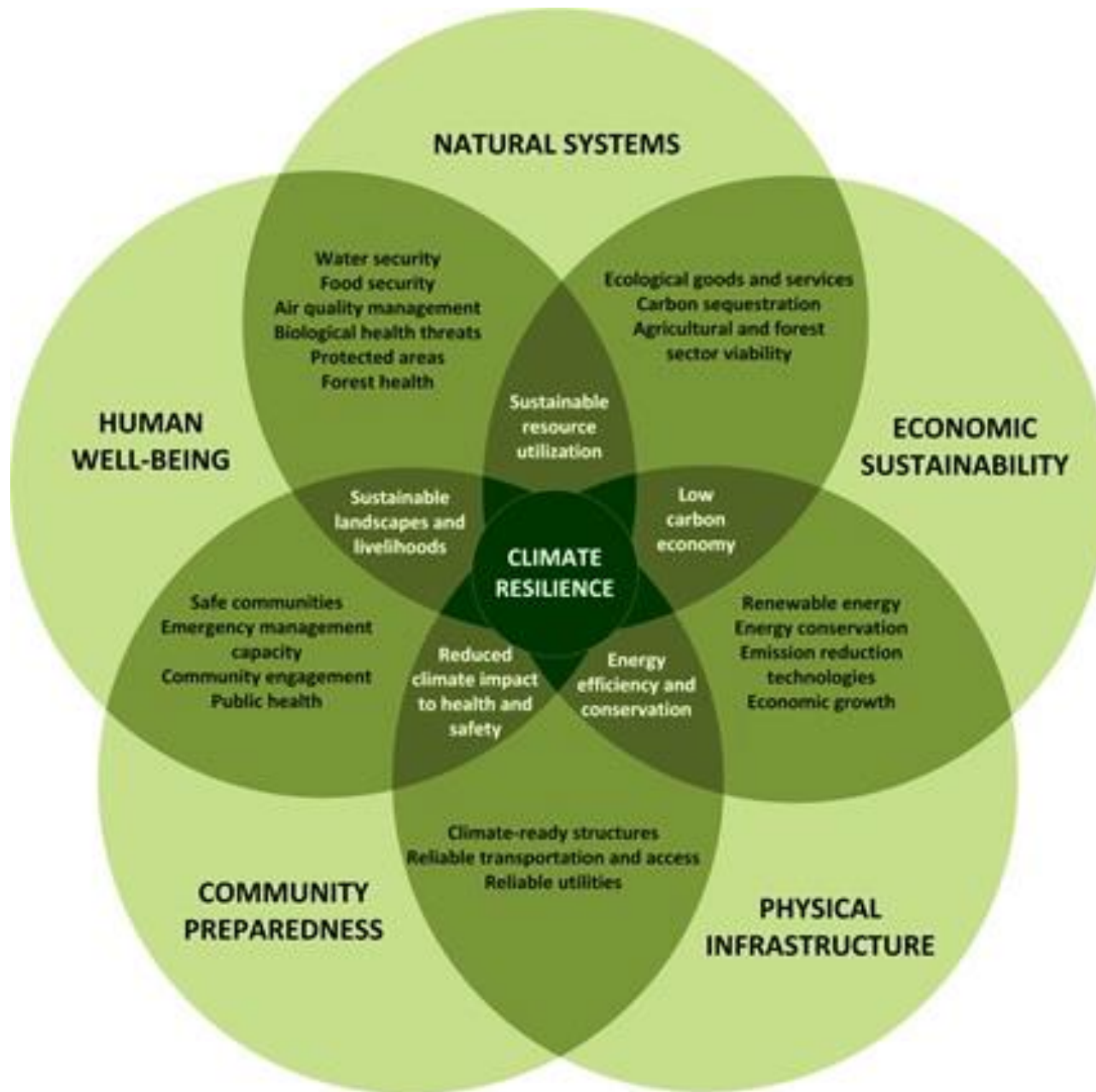
Deliberate/intentional about inclusivity:  
Ethnicity, Generational, Gender, Geographical,  
Interfaith, Background/experiences,  
Corporate/NGO

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

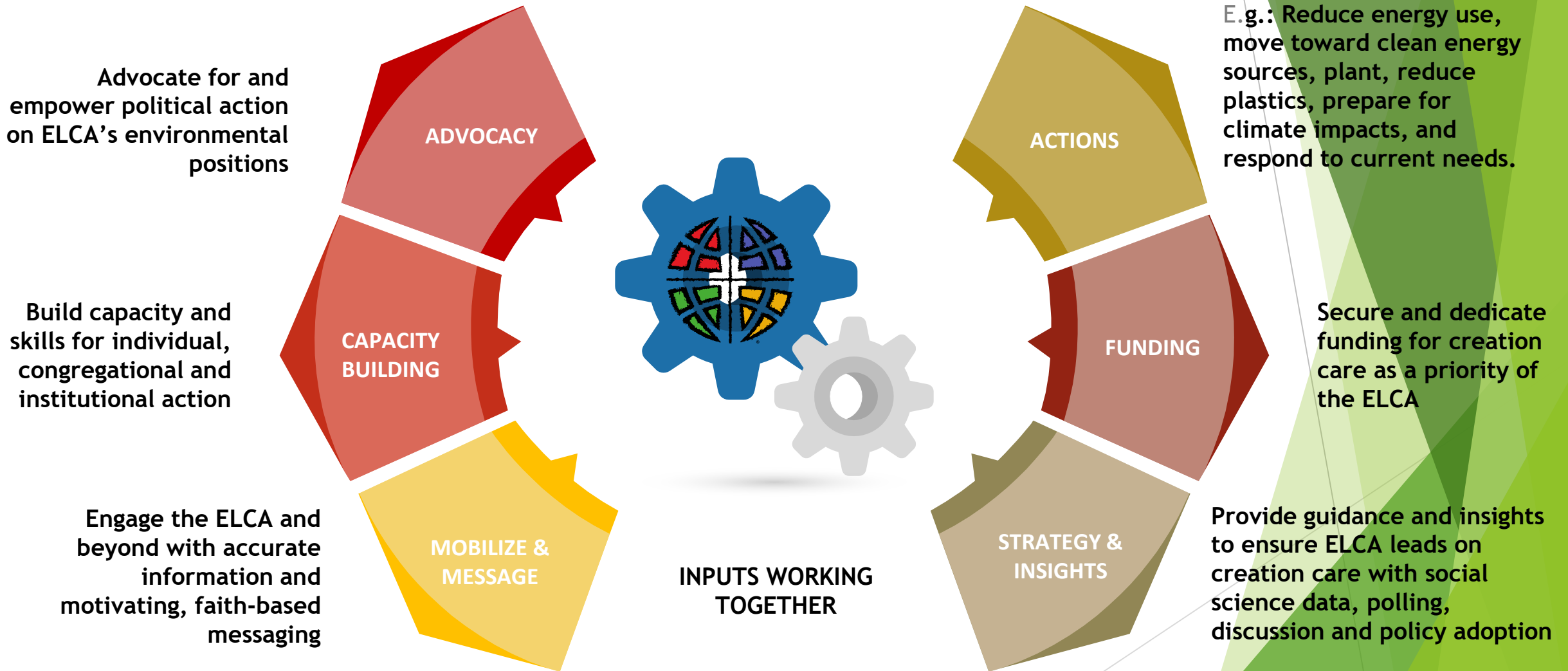
Source: IPCC

## 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

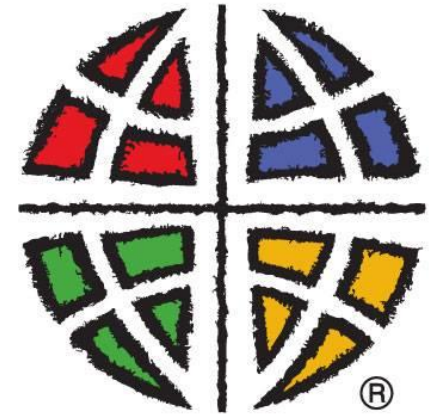
- ▶ [ELCA social teaching resources](#)
- ▶ Resources for advocacy efforts at [ELCA.org/resources/advocacy](https://elca.org/resources/advocacy)
  - ▶ [ELCA homepage: https://elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Advocacy](https://elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Advocacy)



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# 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.

## 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.

## NORTH AMERICAN SNOW COVER

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

## 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>



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

# WAKING THE GIANT

## in 2020



Churches  
and

Theological  
aspects on SDGs

related their  
own work  
the Agenda  
2030

4 Webinars

Regular newsletter  
and updates on the  
website

Mid-term  
review



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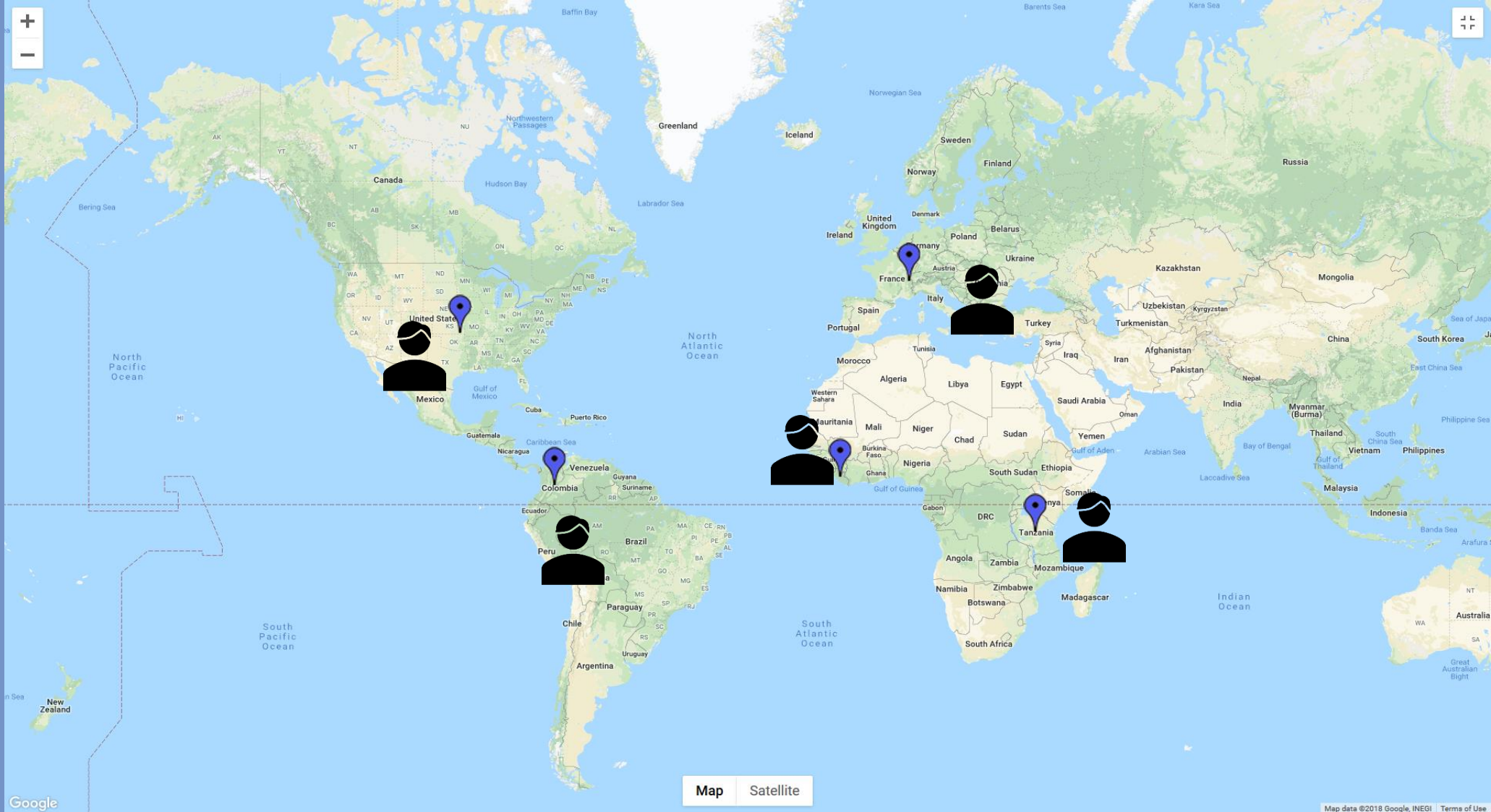
Training of  
trainers

Joint advocacy and  
networking

Target countries:  
advanced

SDG13 self-  
assessment  
tool ready,  
SDG1 and  
SDG2 on the  
way

for the churches  
and ecumenical  
actors worldwide  
to the Agenda  
2030





FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT  
PLATFORM



# DESPERTANDO AL GIGANTE

Las Iglesias y los Objetivos  
de Desarrollo Sostenible

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/hurricane-iota-brings-destruction-to-columbias-san-andres-island/vi-BB1b7jF1>



# Liberia

- Monthly appearances on the radio talk show and Liberia National Television (LNTV) advocating on involving Churches in the response and raising awareness on the SDGs and the corona emergency situation.
- Conferences on increasing Awareness among Churches and Faith Communities
- SDG action plans ready for the different churches

WAKING THE GIANT from  
2021 onwards



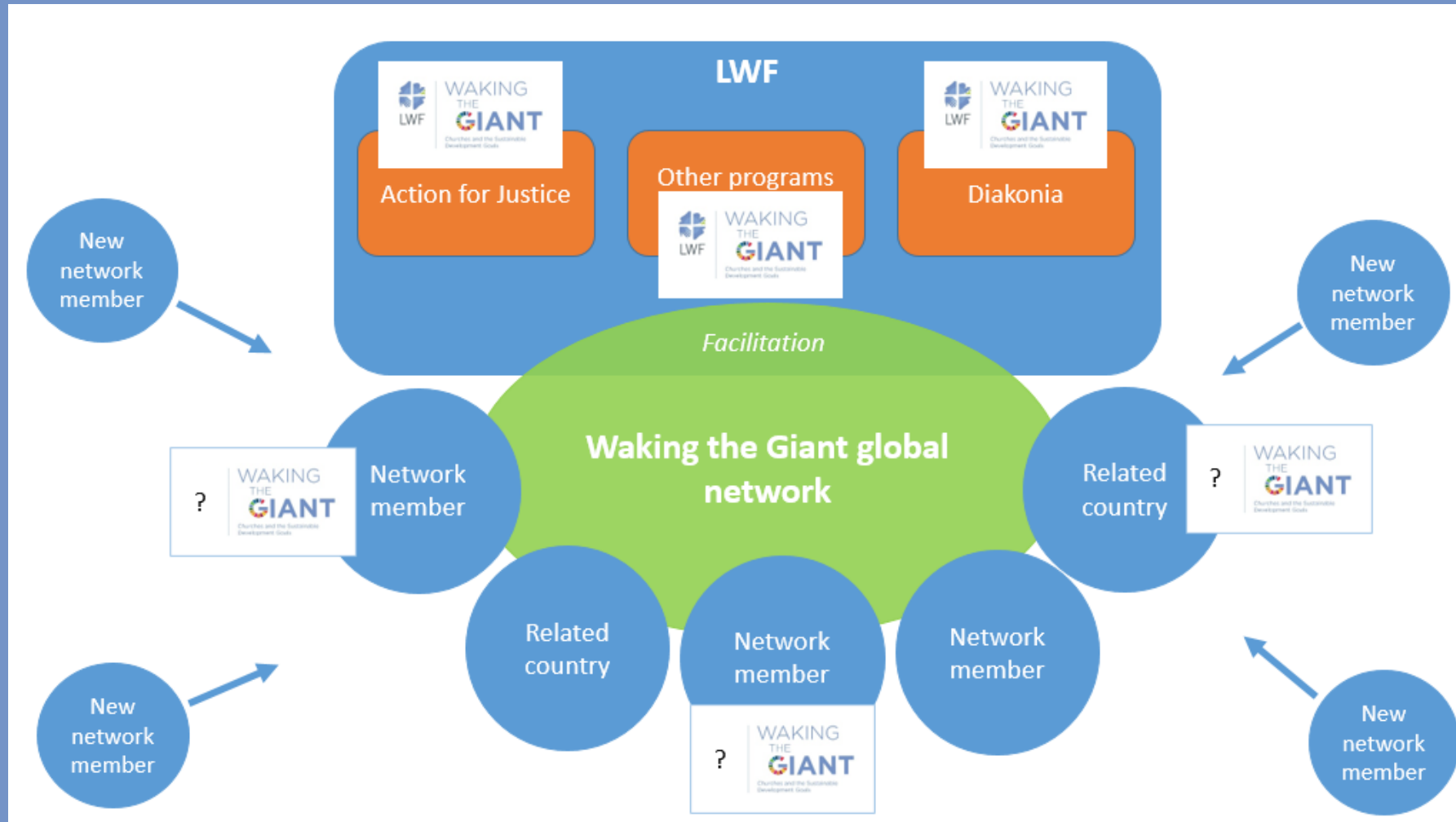
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## Waking the Giant is taking another form from 2021 onwards

- Waking the Giant moves from being a separate program to becoming a joint brand making visible the streamlined SDG approach of the LWF, its member churches and partners.
- The SDG approach will be included into several ongoing programs and activities.
- Global Coordinator's position will end on March 2021
- The network of key actors will meet on a regular basis
- Co-branding possible!

# The new WtG model







Feel free to contact and network with each other



See the WtG website <https://wakingthegiant.lutheranworld.org/> and LWF website, follow the updates



Try out the SDG assessment tool: SDG13 or any other SDG



Follow the further development from the Waking the Giant website and get involved in the new form in 2021



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Global projects Target countries ▾ SDG Toolbox ▾ Partners&Networks





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# LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

