

2025 Upper Midwest EcoFaith Leadership Retreat



A Multi-Synodical Gathering on the shores of Shakopee Lake at Camp Onomia

Earth Cries and We are Called:
What is being birthed among us in response?

August 24-26, 2025
Camp Onomia, Onamia, Minnesota

Focus: How do we birth and nurture a community in and among our churches, communities, and synods in active response to Earth's Cries and Call?

The Retreat Includes:

- Liturgical prayer throughout
- Conversation, networking and activity time
- Developing the 2026 EcoFaith Summit theme, title, speaker, goals
- Synod breakout time
- Enrichment sessions
- Summer reading discussions
- Discerning next steps

Suggested Pre-reading

Word & World Journal:

Care of Creation Issue, Spring 2025

(wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issue/care-of-creation/)

Focus Article: Now the Green Blade Rises:
The Easter Gospel for the Whole Creation

Who should come?

- Synod teams for EcoFaith and Care of Creation
- Synod representatives who want to network, learn, and cultivate creation care
- EcoFaith Partner Congregation Leaders
- Congregational leaders active in Creation Care

Synods invited:

- LaCrosse Area Synod
- Minneapolis Area Synod
- Northeastern Minnesota Synod
- Northern Great Lakes Synod
- Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
- Northwestern Minnesota Synod
- Saint Paul Area Synod
- Southeastern Minnesota Synod
- Southwestern Minnesota Synod

Register Here:

<https://forms.gle/bcXrKiYEksuSkKDq7>

Registration Deadline: August 15, 2025

(limited spots available after the deadline,
contact ecofaith@nemnsynod.org)

Retreat Costs :

- \$200 per person (full retreat)
- Partial Retreat: \$145 per person (Sunday-Monday, or Monday-Tuesday)
- Day Only (no overnights): \$65 per person (\$45 for additional days)

Scholarships/partial scholarships available – request a scholarship by emailing ecofaith@nemnsynod.org

Extras:

- Linens & towels provided: \$15 additional (otherwise bring your own)
- Single occupancy room: \$30 additional

Payment Options:

- Payment is due to the NEMN Synod office by August 15, 2025
- Pay online at: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=7KAJW77SKGUF2
- Mail a check: "NEMN Synod EcoFaith Network" with EcoFaith Retreat in the memo line (1111 London Rd. Duluth MN 55802)

*To simplify the payment process, we request **all payments be completed prior to the retreat**. Refunds are available upon request before August 15. After August 15, refunds will be considered for illness or emergencies. No refunds available after the retreat.*