



## Climate Conference: Faithful Responses to Climate Change

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We are excited to announce that the two keynote speakers for our fall ministry conference in the Kansas City area are Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda and Dr. Jessica Moerman. This one-day in-person ministry conference, with a livestreaming option, will be focused on educating, inspiring, and connecting congregations and people of faith for faithfully responding to the challenge of climate change. These keynote speakers from both theological and scientific perspectives will speak to the urgency of addressing climate change, the impacts it is already having, the theological and ethical questions it raises, and the ways to faithfully respond that will have an impact. There will also be breakout sessions on relevant topics of practical importance.

[Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda](#) is Professor of Theological and Social Ethics with a joint appointment at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PTLS) and Church Divinity School of the Pacific. She is a member of the Core Doctoral Faculty of the Graduate Theological Union, and is Founding Director of the PLTS Center for Climate Justice and Faith. She received her Ph.D. in Christian Ethics from Union Theological Seminary, New York. She has lectured or consulted throughout the world on theological ethics addressing matters of climate justice. Her ethical approach weds Earth ethics to liberation theologies including eco-feminist theology. Among the books she has written is *Resisting Structural Evil: Love as Ecological-Economic Vocation*. Having lived for many years in Seattle, she loves hiking in the woods and mountains, and relishes their life-giving beauty.

[The Rev. Dr. Jessica Moerman](#) is a climate and environmental scientist, pastor, educator, and advocate. She serves as the President and CEO of the Evangelical Environmental Network. Jessica received her Ph.D. in Earth and Atmospheric Sciences from the Georgia Institute of Technology and has held research positions at John Hopkins University, University of Michigan, and the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, where she researched how climate has changed throughout Earth's history. Prior to joining EEN, Jessica was a AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow at the U.S. Department of Energy. Jessica regularly speaks on issues related to climate change, pollution, children's health, the clean energy transition, environmental stewardship, and the intersection of science and faith. Jessica is co-founding Pastor at her church, which she planted in 2016 with her husband Chris in Washington, DC. Jessica is passionate about leading church communities towards positive solutions to safeguard

our cities, neighborhoods, and the next generation from the effects of a warming world and life-threatening pollution.



Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda



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