

***LWF together* - The earth needs you**

In 2011, the Lutheran World Federation starts an unprecedented experiment of global community. Hundreds of groups of young Christians (15-30 years old) share their faith, pray and get active for ecological justice around the globe. The program runs from May to October 2011.

Personal and global

Three groups of young people in different continents will get in contact with each other by email and other means. This way, the local groups continue to work within their local contexts while at the same time exchange their conversations with the other groups and get inspired by their action.

Faith

The basis is the common Christian faith. All groups of young people study the same bible passages and exchange their views with those of the two other groups.

Active for environmental justice

Young people in the Lutheran World Federation have selected environmental justice and sustainability as their priority theme. LWF together helps to analyze the specific issues in the home context and learn about the home contexts of other young Christians. The groups organize jointly small-scale activities that address these issues.

How does it work practically?

Local groups who want to join register with the LWF and will be matched with two other groups in different continents but of a similar age (prior partnerships will be respected). A handbook in many languages will support the work of the local groups and guides them through the 6 months. The groups can adjust the time according to holidays etc. Communication will be done by email or other Internet methods. Groups who have difficult access to the Internet receive a small grant to cover their additional costs.

The global connection

On the LWF Youth Blog and facebook, the groups can post their learnings and ideas. It becomes a global community of action. The groups will be contacted by the LWF office several times a year. In many churches are contact persons who can give support in the native language.

Who can join?

Groups of young people (majority between 15-30 years old) who are connected to a member church of the Lutheran World Federation. One of the group members needs to be able to communicate in English. At least sporadic access to the Internet is necessary.

Timeline

20 January 2011: Detailed information material is available on <http://lwfyouth.org> The registration is open.

1 April 2011: Registration deadline. The groups are matched.

1 May 2011: Global launch of LWF together

31 October 2011: Reformation Day - Conclusion of LWF together

Further information

More information is available on <http://lwfyouth.org> and <http://facebook.com/LWFYouth>.

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