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Description automatically generated*Loving People and Planet   
in the Name of God:*Homework

**This course includes quite a bit of homework, especially because all five of the proposed sessions will be included in a two-day Lay Academy. So do your best to prepare!** But it’s all great stuff. The links to the online resources are also included on the Northern Illinois Conference Net-Zero website, [**econetnic.org**](https://www.econetnic.org/) **.**

**Before the first day of class, please do these things, as much as possible:**(I know that if you don’t have internet access, you won’t be able to access everything.   
Choose “skip” for any “verification” messages – the links are all safe)

**Read**   
If you have been able to access *Climate Justice* (edited by Pat Watkins, second edition):   
 Chapters 1, 2 and 6   
[*Council of Bishops Climate Crisis Response*](https://www.econetnic.org/green-summit) (and if you have time, *God’s Renewed Creation*)   
The [draft 2020 United Methodist Social Principles:](https://www.umcjustice.org/news-and-stories/social-principles-2020-607) “A Community of All Creation" pp 9-13  
Genesis 1:31, Genesis 2:15, and Luke 10:25-27  
Job 14:7-9, Matthew 18:20  
[*Forget Your Carbon Footprint. Let’s Talk About Your Climate Shadow*](https://www.mic.com/impact/forget-your-carbon-footprint-lets-talk-about-your-climate-shadow)

**Do**[Water Footprint calculator](https://www.watercalculator.org/) [Global Footprint calculator](https://www.footprintcalculator.org/home/en)   
[Watch video about urban farmer and creation care committee member, Reggie Marshall](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLo0Z_q1qRc)

**Before the second day of class, please do these things, as much as possible:**

**Read***Climate Justice*, Chapters 3, 4, 5, 7, 8   
[*Jemez Principles*](https://www.uprose.org/values)[*Energy Star for Congregations*](https://www.energystar.gov/buildings/resources_audience/congregations)(ignore recorded webinar links – they are no longer active – but if you wish, [download the *Energy Star Workbook*](https://www.energystar.gov/buildings/tools-and-resources/energy_star_action_workbook_congregations))Isaiah 24:4-5, Ezekiel 34:17-19, Matthew 25:40  
Genesis 45:4-8a, Genesis 47:13-26; Luke 18:1-8  
Esther 4:11-15 and 1 Corinthians 3:6

**Do**Watch [summary video on the extinction crisis with Sir David Attenborough](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dbCR0KSU52g)  
 (If you have Amazon Prime or PBS membership, consider *The Extinction Crisis –* one hour)  
Watch [“Reggie’s Veggies”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLo0Z_q1qRc)   
Watch Northern Illinois Conference [video about what some NIC churches are doing](https://www.econetnic.org/)

Begin to think of a project you might lead in your congregation

**If you have time, watch any of these short videos about U.M.C. resources available:**

▷ [UM Creation Justice Movement](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_lu0Pq83ZZY)

▷ [Global Ministries](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t74raGBYEq8)

▷ [Discipleship Ministries](https://youtu.be/5nRprJuhJ_I)

▷ [General Board of Church & Society](https://youtu.be/foBB9ADwTEs)

▷ [Wespath Benefits and Investments](https://youtu.be/2h9vBi90BO4)