

**Rick Steves:** “Climate change is a reality. Humans are driving it and only humans can stop it... When carbon is emitted into our atmosphere it creates a ‘greenhouse effect’ that traps heat between us and space — heating up our planet. Every person and every business contributes to this problem. We believe every person and every business has a responsibility to the environment.”



**Rick Steves**, long-time friend and supporter of LPF, directs a very popular travel agency. Each year, [Rick Steves' Europe](#) donates \$1 million to climate-smart agriculture, conservation, & agroforestry projects in developing countries! “We’re paying a self-imposed carbon tax.”

### Sierra Club:

Humans can still prevent the worst effects of climate change says the newest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ([IPCC](#)), a very respected (and very cautious) global scientific group. “But we have less time than anyone hoped, to undertake a dramatic and speedy transformation. The famines, floods, heat waves, wildfires, vanishing glaciers, hurricanes, and tropical cyclones that have recently dominated the news will increase in number and ferocity.”



### Physicians for Social Responsibility ([PSR](#)):

Scientists around the world are ringing alarm bells: Time is running out on addressing climate change. We must act on solutions immediately to protect our health & survival. *For example, Tell Your Member of Congress: “Support 100% Clean Energy!”*



### ELCA Advocacy:

“It’s been challenging. For most people, climate change is an abstract subject tainted with divisive politics. The truth is, we can all speak effectively on climate change. Americans know that the climate around them is changing. They are concerned. They want information and solutions that instill confidence and are consistent with their values and beliefs. If we understand and connect with them, we can provide them with answers that build support for solutions that they, in turn, can share with their networks.”  
from “[15 Steps](#)”

We’re pleased to report that **ELCA Advocacy** is sharing outstanding resources for everyday people to play our part in addressing climate change, e.g. “[15 Steps to Effective Climate Communications...](#)” “[Let’s Talk Faith & Climate](#)” and “[Moving Forward: A Guide to Climate Action For Your Congregation and Community](#)” [for links search ‘climate’ at [www.elca.org](#) or [lutheranpeace.org](#)]



**American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)** — “What We Know: 1. 97% of climate scientists have concluded that human-caused climate change is happening.

2. We face risks of abrupt, potentially irreversible changes, with highly damaging impacts.

3. Responding now will lower the risk and cost of taking action. And there is much we can do.” from “[What We Know](#),” by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. *With over 120,000 members, AAAS is the world’s largest general scientific society. It publishes the well-known and highly regarded journal, [Science](#).*

LPF’s web page has links to more information from these, organizations and some additional relevant resources:  
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*more on Climate Change: Advocacy, Sources, Links for exploring further & sharing:*

## **ELCA Resources**

<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Advocacy>

[“15 Steps to Create Effective Climate Communications: How to talk about climate change”](#)

[“Let's Talk Faith & Climate: Communication Guidance for Faith Leaders”](#)

[“Moving Forward: A Guide to Climate Action For Your Congregation and Community”](#)

[“Climate Change as a Perfect Moral Storm,”](#) *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*

[Advocacy, e.g.: “Global Fragility Act”](#)

## **Rick Steves**

<https://www.ricksteves.com/about-us/climate-smart>

**Sierra Club, AAAS, PSR – source, advocacy, and resource links:**

**Sierra Club:** [Climate Change: Even Worse Than We Thought, IPCC Report Take Action](#)

**American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS):**

[What We Know: The Reality, Risks, and Response to Climate Change](#)

[Links to articles from Science magazine](#)

**Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR):** [Action Alerts](#)

[Greta Thunberg testimony before Congress, video](#). New York Times

[“10 Ways that the Climate Crisis and Militarism are Intertwined”](#) CounterPunch.org

## ***On a brighter, more visual note:***

**National Geographic:** Images of change. How do you create a visual language for climate change? That's what this year's winners of the Climate Visuals award attempted to do. Here are a few of the photographs that have been honored by the European organization “Climate Outreach.”

[Link to award photos](#)

[Photos from the environmental photographer of the year award program](#)

**Another award:** “Chasing winter.” National Geographic photographer Katie Orlinsky won the Alexia 2019 Professional Grant for her work tracking the **challenges of climate change** upon people, animals, & the land across Alaska.

[Link to article and award](#)

[Link to Google search of Katie Orlinsky's “Chasing Winter”](#)

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