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[Wednesday Noon Live!](#)

A very Special Wednesday Noon Live with COP28 participants speaking frankly about what's working and not working at COP. Please take time to listen to their honest, faithful voices to

explore these questions: What is challenging to hear at COP28? What do faith leaders have to say? Where can we find hope? What role are local communities playing to keep the Paris Agreement regardless of what nations are and are not doing? Listen and view [HERE](#).

ELCA Witness in Society staff interviewed from left to right:

- **Tammy Walhof**, Director of Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota
- **Regina Banks**, Director of the Lutheran Office of Public Policy-California
- **Christine Moffet**, ELCA Program Director for Environment and Energy Policy in our D.C. office
- **Savannah Jorgensen**, the Legislative Coordinator with the Lutheran Office of Public Policy-California

"COP28 brings together leaders from governments, businesses, NGOs and civil society to find concrete solutions to the defining issue of our time. This year's UN climate change conference,

COP28, is a pivotal opportunity to correct course and accelerate action to tackle the climate crisis. COP28 is where the world will take stock of progress on the [Paris Agreement](#) – the landmark climate treaty concluded in 2015 – and chart a course of action to dramatically reduce emissions and protect lives and livelihoods." –United Nations. Learn more about COP from the UN here: <https://www.un.org/en/climatechange>

Take Action on Immigration, Creation Care, and Homelessness.



IMMEDIATE ATTENTION NEEDED: [Ask your lawmakers to co-sponsor three bills supporting DACA Recipients in Wisconsin!](#)

LOPPW is asking for Wisconsin residents to contact their lawmakers on LRB-1527/1, LRB-1528/1, and LRB-1627/1 for co-sponsorship. **The deadline for co-sponsorship is 12 p.m. on Friday, December 8th, 2023.** These three bills were all announced this week on pivotal issues surrounding those in the deferred action for childhood arrivals program (DACA). There are 578,680 DACA workers in the United States in total and 5,790 right here in Wisconsin.

LRB 1527/1 would allow DACA recipients to pay in-state tuition for Wisconsin schools like most residents who have lived in the state for 12 months.

LRB-1528/1 would create a tax credit for DACA recipients of \$250 for their annual taxes. Currently, DACA recipients have to go through many hurdles to remain in Wisconsin due to their status.

Lastly, LRB-1627/1 would allow individuals part of the DACA program to be eligible to receive occupational licenses.

Learn more within the body of the [action alert](#).



Support Farmers and the Environment via the Transition to Grass Pilot Program

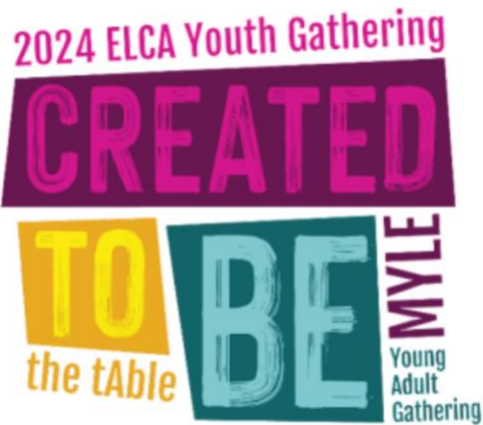
SB 619/AB 655 initiates a pilot "transition to grass pilot program" in the Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Providing support and grants to farmers who are implementing livestock grass-based managed grazing systems and farmers and agribusinesses in the grass-fed livestock business is a win-win. The practice where livestock are systematically rotated through pastureland optimizes their nutrition and the land's health. Learn more within the body of the [action alert](#).



[Increase support for people experiencing poverty and homelessness!](#)

Senate Bill 557 is a comprehensive bill that would address issues relating to housing, homelessness, and poverty. It would help support the transition of people experiencing homelessness into more independent living, establish an emergency rental assistance program, and expand grant housing support. It would better fund services as well as track their success through reporting. There would be a Housing Choice Voucher Program that would be piloted for children. There would be support for services such as Internet services, civil legal services, and workforce development. There would also be funding to help those exposed to lead, transportation, and to assist the Institute for Research on Poverty at UW-Madison study and provide

an annual report to the public on poverty in Wisconsin. [Increase support for people experiencing poverty and homelessness!](#)



July 16-20 in New Orleans, LA

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