

## Laudato Si' Vision Fulfillment May 21, 2020

**Present:** Alex, Lissa, Patty, David, Marta, Claire. **Absent:** Tim

**Prayer:** Marta opened with prayer

**Check in/How are we doing?**

**Review and discussion of proposals** (Thank you to Patty for all her work!):

*Orienting to googledocs* (Thank you, David)

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- Also we are all encouraged to use the “make a comment icon,” to make comments to which others can respond.

*Discussion re: Resource Groups and Process* going forward from Assembly

- Listing of resource groups is available in the “Vision Fulfillment Grid” at [www.passionist.org/vfp/](http://www.passionist.org/vfp/).
- General sense is that it may turn out that we will be the driver of these and we can always reach out to resource groups; might well legislate ourselves into existence as a resource group that continues.
- Alex shared that in the New Partnerships group, each project is attached to a person with the assumption that they will be shepherding the projects.
- Stressed the importance of having some mechanism for continuity in place so that initiatives don't die on the vine. Ideally that would bring in more people and enlarge the context, e.g. inter-province and international.

*Individual Proposal Review*

(All the projects we brainstormed have been included in these 4 proposals except the one getting theologians together.)

**LS 1** Revisions

- Change title to: “Laudato Si' Resource Bench.”

**LS 2** Emphasizes intra-province formation; some overlap with LS 3.

Revisions

- Add Global Catholic Climate Movement to Websites section.
- Add formation/vocations departments to resource groups.
- Change title to “Infusing the principles of LS into Passionist formation and family life at all levels.”

**LS 3** Revisions

- Add communications to resource groups.
- Change title to “Promoting and Witnessing to LS.”

- Add “promotes” to Description: “HCP shares, promotes, and witnesses...”

#### Discussion re: LS 3

- Witnessing is needed to make it real.
- We are putting out information with the intent of influencing people, “selling” LS
- Everything we do as the LS group needs to witness to the principles of LS; the modeling starts with us.

#### LS 4 Revisions

- Change title to: “Walking the Talk: The Integral Ecology of LS in action.”
- Add the Investment Advisory Committee (IAC) to the resource groups.

#### Discussion re: LS 4

- For the resource groups doing audits, there are a lot of templates out there. Interfaith Power and Light do audits as well as Catholic Energies so will bring new partnerships. Retreat centers and parishes are going to need some help putting together audits.
- Re: Costs: Recommend that the new partnerships group start looking for grants. You can’t have an unfunded mandate for retreat centers to start energy audits when they can’t afford energy. For instance The Kalliopeia Foundation, a Catholic funder of the Earth and Spirit center, loves ecology work. Start with getting a grant to fund the energy audits of our sites and then go from there. It will look different for each site.

#### LS 5 Revisions:

- Change title to: “Weave the principles of LS into the Passionist Family communications infrastructure.”
- Revise Description to: “Weave LS spirituality into HCP publications, newsletters, and outreach, beginning with spirituality/inspiring quotations and reflections (e.g. LS corner) and ending with LS principles, particularly integral ecology, being part of the fabric of all our communications.

#### **Next steps:**

- Review proposals at our LS googledocs, edit and comment. Currently proposals are very ecology focused. We want to make them more focused on integral ecology. Thinking about intersectionality might be helpful. We want to be sure that everyone reading this understands that LS incorporates care of ALL creation, all people, all creatures, all the earth--”cry of the earth, cry of the poor.”
- Think about materials we might want to include in information packet sent out in preparation for the Assembly (e.g. Catacomb Pact for our Common Home).
- Start thinking about our presentation at the assembly for the next meeting.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, May 28th, 10AM (PST); Noon (CST); 1PM (EDT).