

**Laudato Si' Vision Fulfillment  
May 28, 2020**

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

**Opening Prayer** led by Marta

**How are we doing?**

**Review of Proposals:**

Thanks to Lissa for uploading proposals to googledocs.

When finished, send proposals to Tim individually, rather than him taking them off the googledocs; Patty will send finished proposals to Marta and Lissa. Marta will take care of sending them to Tim. Lissa will post them to googledocs.

**Edits to proposals:**

1. LS1:

1.1. Change 1st sentence under description to: "Develop the webliography so the Passionist family can engage LS" on the 3 levels of Joachim's letter that Patty read.

2. LS2:

2.1 Add OME to resource groups;

2.2 Add to the website box: "See webliography for additional resources."

3. LS3:

3.1 Under "Description of Project," include communities also under #2.

3.2 Change language under #1 to "'sponsors some version of the Lent 4.2 program developed by the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center."

3.3 Add preaching team to Resource Groups.

3.4 Alex will get Patty the links for the educational resources he talked about last time.

3.5 Alex: Raised importance of an invitation to retreat teams to prioritize LS; Know for a fact Pat's team is looking at post-pandemic, and LS is a door because the pandemic comes out of environmental abuse. If the earth isn't healthy, we can't be healthy.

4. LS4:

4.1 Add Investment Advisory Committee to Resource Groups.

4.2 Edit description of project as follows: under # 2 replace with: "Each local community, retreat center, parish, etc. in HCP conducts an integral ecology assessment by end of 2022, assessing such areas as water, cleaning supplies, supply chain, land stewardship, energy, and other social justice principles. Our hope is the assessment will affirm and celebrate what we are already doing as well as guide us to where we can move further into LS implementation.

4.3 Edit #3 to replace everything after “action items,” with “based on the sustainability assessment described in #2 above.”

4.4 Include local administrators under Resource Groups. They are a valuable asset and are the ones who are going to “get into the weeds” on this.

5. LS5:

5.1 Amend 2nd sentence under Description of Project to: Utilize Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook in addition to already established Province communications.

6. General edit: Add apostrophe after Si, e.g. Si’

7. Claire will upload minutes to VF page.

### **Ideas for Presentation at Assembly:**

Video weaving together:

Video of earth breathing: <https://youtu.be/r2yLSLmnsY4>

I can’t breathe campaign with George Floyd, Eric Garner

Corona Virus, literally causing people to be unable to breathe

>>Breath is the pneuma, ruach, the very spirit of God

Ground in Passionist charism: Thomas Berry’s idea of human religious rebirth, the divine creative redemptive process is always associated with a temporal-historical transformation process.

Also Paul of the Cross. A remembering of who we are as Passionists.

David shared a short animation that might also have some use, maybe an excerpt? Its from CAFOD <https://youtu.be/o3Lz7dmn1eM>

Unanimous that all of us should participate and have a role in the presentation.

Claire and Lissa will work on (video) presentation

Lissa will send out Berry quotation (see quotations below) and video of earth breathing (in minutes above).

**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 4th, 10AM (PST); Noon (CDT); 1PM (EDT)**

### **Addendum:**

Potential quotes:

“Religion is not a sentimental feeling or a pious attitude or an escape from the real challenge of life. It is, rather, a way of dealing with the hard and difficult and threatening moments of life and with the terrors of death. No other force has yet been discovered by

humans that can so sustain us in adversity, so inspire us in moments of exaltation, or so awaken our imaginative and creative powers.” (CF, 12)

“The religious forces of the world, with their sense of the sacred, [are needed] to evoke the psychic energies [required] to transform a declining Cenozoic Era into the emerging Ecozoic Era. (SU, 83)”

“As all creativity involves being seized by an archetypal reality in the unconscious depths of the universe, as creative religious personalities were seized by revelatory experiences of the divine whereby they created the religious cultures of the past, so now we are being seized by a new revelatory experience that is coming to us in the new origin story and its fulfillment in this latest communion phase of the universe. It is the supreme challenge of our period to bring this new origin story into its fuller articulation. With this story as an orienting context, our way into the future is possible.” (ET, 74)

The latter quotation resonates in response with this from LS:

“The ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion. It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent. So what they all need is an “ecological conversion,” whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.” (Par. 217)

A beginning...to start thoughts percolating. :-)