

## Laudato Si' Vision Fulfillment

August 18, 2020

**Present:** Claire, Lissa, Marta, Patty, David, Alex; **With a guest appearance by:** Tim

**Opening Prayer:** Prayer for 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Laudato Si, prayer by all.

**How are we doing?** Some resources shared: Begin Again by Eddie Glaude (on James Baldwin). [So many parallels, relationship with the environment, part of our job is to reveal the ongoing story of salvation history.]; The Creation by E.O. Wilson.

Shared conversation on the fear that is being stirred up today, racist dog whistles, etc. Part of our role as Church is to encourage each other, speak up about a different story, one of commons, of interconnectedness, of the antidote to fear.

Prayers for Marta and her family.

### **Review. Where are We?**

David has sent out to our team the “**Engaging Laudato Si**” proposal submitted to Fr. Joachim. Thank you to Joe, David and Paul Wadell for all their work on this. Patty noted that representation with Social Investment group was not included. David responded that the proposal is general, for the international congregation; it can be tailored specifically for different provinces.

**Questions:** Have our proposals been approved as is? How can we find out where we have been listed as a resource group by other teams?

Tim: Yes. The proposals were all approved as is and that the best place to see where LS was listed as a resource in other vision teams' proposals would be the "Vision Fulfillment Proposals by Resource Group" document that I sent right before the meeting. I've attached it here again.

He also emphasized that what is most important for him is that "this is an opportunity". There were originally only 6 vision fulfillment teams and then because Laudato Si was felt to be so important, a team was added specifically for that. He said that "the 6 other groups all pretty much have existing structures to work with and support them. The Laudato Si group is *creating* the structure it needs. "

*Patty will create easy to use document collating proposals and where we are listed as a resource for other groups.*

Discussion:

Some of work is going to need **financial resources**. May need to look at outside fundraising.

Mary Evelyn and John Grim's group at Yale have tremendous resources.

Low hanging fruit: **webliography**. Start creating in a more deliberate way so it can grow and become a tool for us.

More intentional **partnership between Provincial Newsletter and PSN newsletter**. Balance between reflection/charism and action oriented content. *David and Claire will work on LS Corner over the next few months and coordinate.*

**Next meeting**, Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am pacific, noon central, 1pm eastern. Lissa will send out invite.