

**October 6, 2020**

## **Laudato Si' Vision Fulfillment Team minutes**

Present: Claire, David, Lissa, Patty Absent: Alex, Marta, and Tim

Prayer: Lissa shared a prayer by Pope Francis from Laudato Si'.

### **Updates:**

Those present reflected on our work together in light of Pope Francis' prayer.

### **Minutes:**

The September 29, 2020 meeting are posted in our googledocs folder.

### **Sustainability Audits Process:**

Our Team will meet with Sr. Corinne Sanders, OP, Director of Sustainability for the Adrian Dominican Sisters at our regular meeting time on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. We agreed that the meeting would be extended to 1 ½ hours. Lissa will comment on the Adrian Dominicans' enactment, specifically the use of the word "sacrifice": "We will sacrifice to mitigate significantly our impact on climate change and ecological degradation."

We brainstormed the following questions for Sr. Corinne:

1. How did you work with people who were set in their ways?
2. What advice can you give on following through with socially responsible investing?
3. How did the LS principles become part of Portfolio Advisory Board (PAB)? (In regard to this question, Patty will forward some info about the PAB.)
4. Can you suggest some assessment tools? What did it look like for you?
5. Do you have any comments on the letter to the Superior General, Fr. Joachim Rego?

Lissa will put these questions into a googledocs document, so we can reflect on them and make additions. We will finalize the questions at our next meeting (October 13th), and Patty will get them to Sr. Corinne in advance of the meeting with her.

### **Feedback from Fr. Joachim on Proposal submitted 8-11-20.**

David shared a response he recently received from Fr. Joachim Rego to the "Proposal, A Program for the Passionist Family, Engaging Laudato Si', Renewal, Responsibility, Reimagining"

Following is an excerpt:

*I want to inform you that I presented the document to the General Council this past week for their comments and suggestions. All were more than satisfied with the structure, depth and breadth of the document, resulting in the Council's*

*agreement to proceed further. I have appointed 3 members of the Council to open a dialogue/conversation with the 3 of you as a next step. The three members are: Mirek Lesiecki (who is the JPIC liaison on the Council), Gwen Barde and Juan Ignacio Villar. In particular, the continuing dialogue among yourselves will concern the action steps which is indicated in your proposed program document in Section 6 – Appendix (Resources for Implementation).*

David said that, in the future, when the above three-mentioned council members engage those who wrote the proposal, he would like to see the members of the LS VFT be part of the conversation, at the appropriate time.

Patty mentioned that the Lent 4.5 program is part of the implementation section, and many groups are starting to prepare for Lent soon. Is our Team expected to promote this? We will discuss at our next meeting.

#### **Contacts at CP sites:**

Team members reported back that they are in conversation with their various sites:

- Patty reported that Fr. Alex and Sandra Arnould had spoken with Tom Scherf in Detroit, and he will serve as part of the team with Patty and Fr. Alex.
- Lissa reported that there are two possibilities for Chicago: Phil Jackson and Dan O'Donnell.
- Claire will follow up with Houston and Alabama.
- David will follow up with Louisville.

We fill in data on the spreadsheet available at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G8-HUqdS8JX\\_IpY\\_\\_rXp5JVNOdVHQdt\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G8-HUqdS8JX_IpY__rXp5JVNOdVHQdt_/view?usp=sharing)) as the process progresses.

#### **Laudato Si communications:**

Lissa spoke with Marci about posting on Twitter. Marci had some questions:

- What platforms?
- Do we want our own LS Twitter feed? Would it need a LS communication team?
- How do we reach younger adults?

#### **Collaborating with New Partnerships VFT— young adult volunteer program:**

We watched the video in which Lissa explained the vision of the young adult volunteer program. The video will be featured in the next Vision Fulfillment newsletter.

The young adults might respond to the “Get Involved” link on the LS web page.

They may align with something already existing or a possible new program. The Catholic young adults would live out the principles of Laudato Si’, and be paired with a Passionist member of a

local Catholic community. The emphasis is on the Passionist charism and Laudato Si'. Fr. Hugo is already doing this in Haiti. Meeting with mentors and fellow volunteers could be on Zoom.

### Progress Report for Leadership Day

Lissa shared some news from the minutes of the last Vision Fulfillment Commission (VFC) meeting regarding the December 2020 Leadership meeting:

*The VFC discussed the format for the December gathering. It was agreed that this should be held over 2 days, 12/03 will be a ½ day of reflection and 12/10 will be 4 hours and focus on reports and updates from the Vision Fulfillment Teams and Working Groups on the Project Proposals. A planning group was named (Keith, David, Faith and Tim) for the Days of Recollection and Vision Update. Also, Tim is to reach out to Mindy Gold to try to secure her services for the gathering. The planning group is to meet during the week of 10/05.*

### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 13th at 10am Pacific/noon Central/1pm Eastern. We will work on the content for the web page and finalize the questions for Sr. Corinne—members asked to review and add to questions on googledocs.