

September 29, 2020

Laudato Si' Vision Fulfillment Team Minutes

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

Prayer: Claire shared a prayerful and beautiful Powerpoint about eco-spirituality.

Minutes Approval:

Minutes of September 22, 2020 meeting are posted in googledocs folder. The Team approved all the minutes since August 18, 2020. Tim mentioned that the Vision Fulfillment page has links to the minutes of all the VFT's. Lissa explained that the minutes are in a running document with headers on the side. (Lissa will help Patty with the headers.) Claire will put our Googledocs link with our minutes on the Vision Fulfillment page.

Updates:

Those present spoke of how they and their families are faring during these tough public health, economic and political times.

Laudato Si communications:

- Claire stated that we need content for the inaugural LS web page. Claire will ask the web host to set up a framework which can be populated. Lissa suggested we devote a LS meeting to developing the web page content.
- Twitter-Lissa emailed Marci re: possible LS content for posting on Twitter.

Progress Report for Leadership Day (Thursday, December 10, 2020)

Tim explained that the first half of the day will be a retreat, led by Faith Offman. The second half of the day will be reports from the VFT's. More planning is to come. Tim suggested that, when the planning meeting is held, that Lissa suggest to Faith that some Laudato Si' content be included in the morning retreat time.

Contacts at CP sites:

Team members reported back that they are in conversation with their various sites and **will fill in data on the spreadsheet** available at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G8-HUqdS8JX_IpY_rXp5JVNOdVHQdt_/view?usp=sharing) as the process progresses.

Sustainability Audits Process:

Sr. Corinne Sanders, OP, Director of Sustainability for the Adrian Dominican Sisters has agreed to come to either our October 20th or 27th meeting to help us focus on the assessments and plans (Proposal #4) and give us some suggestions of resources. In the meantime, Patty sent our LS VFT Team some info about Sr. Corinne and her work, so we can prepare questions for her. Patty will follow up with Sr. Corinne and invite her to the October 27th LS VFT meeting. Our Team will devise some questions for Sr. Corinne at our next meeting, October 6, 2020.

Collaboration with New Partnerships report back:

After Lissa met with Elizabeth Velarde, Chair of the New Partnerships VFT on 9-14-20, Elizabeth sent an update on her work with the retreat center boards' adoption of Laudato Si' (AKA Integral Ecology) Ends Policies for the retreat houses in HCP. Elizabeth is following up with the Governance Committees at the three retreat centers who have not adopted the policy, and she will keep us posted. Tim said that the retreat center board members would be invited to leadership training focusing on discernment and pastoral planning, which will help them in implementing Policy Governance.

Lissa met with the entire New Partnerships VFT on September 22, 2020. Elizabeth Velarde, Chair of the New Partnerships VFT reflected that there are layers of involvement in young adult programs. A very high level of involvement would be the commitment to an intentional community with formation and service. Current youth programs are the gardens and kids playing basketball together in Haiti.

Tim said a successful young adult project could have a multiplier effect, where other such projects would follow. It is important to be formed in the Passionist charism in light of Laudato Si'. Lissa suggested that young adults could be involved in social justice groups and mentored by someone from the Passionist family.

New Members:

Lissa explained that some new members of our team would serve to diversify us by geography, backgrounds, and ethnicity. We agreed to think and pray about candidates.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 6th at 10am Pacific/noon Central/1pm Eastern.