

September 8, 2020

Laudato Si' Vision Fulfillment Team minutes

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

Opening Prayer: Patty graciously offered our opening prayer.

Minutes of the September 1 meeting were sent out previously.

How are we doing & prayer requests:

We continue to hold Marta and her family in our prayers.

Our prayers are also with: our Passionist family in California and all those affected by the fires; all the young people whose schooling and lives are being transformed in this time of Covid, including Tim's grandson; and all the educators and educational institutions, particularly small religious-run colleges who are struggling to survive.

Laudato Si' web page

Claire and Lissa presented a draft Laudato Si' webpage. This is a process in progress which needs to be further fleshed out in conversation with appropriate people in the province as well as other vision fulfillment teams. A PDF version is available in our google drive at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11wZ1Oyh_U-wdKvXaRkHo_w9ur3Ufq9a

On going work/exploration includes:

- Click-through button for people wanting to contribute to Provincial Laudato Si' effort. In our thinking about this, it will be important to be in close conversation with Keith and others to see how this might fit into and support the overall province strategy. **Lissa, Tim and Claire will meet with Keith to continue the conversation**. Patty mentioned the satisfaction donors receive from knowing specific projects that their money has supported. We could include a section in the newsletter or some other follow up that would keep donors up to date on where their money is going in the LS effort. Also mentioned importance of avoiding an attitude of scarcity--that support to one effort does not take away from support to other efforts. It's about the pot growing ever larger as more people are attracted to efforts important to them.

- Click-through button for people wanting to become involved in the Laudato Si' effort. Involvement could include a spectrum of possibilities from site specific LS work at our Passionist sites for people geographically close to particular sites to a Passionist Lay Volunteer program geared toward young adults who could live in community, receive formation in the Passionist charism, take meals with the community, etc. and be connected with a local organization working toward integral ecology/social justice issues. Alex mentioned a similar idea had surfaced in the partnership group (Sharon); **Lissa will reach out to Elizabeth Velarde to explore possibilities**. Whatever the possibilities, a prompt, personal response to anyone wanting to become involved is important.
- Opportunity to also use the LS page to draw attention to resources and other CP and vision fulfillment work through links: eg PSN newsletter, link to webliography, partnerships related to integral ecology/LS, etc.
- What "evergreen" items do we want to include on the page?
- We trust the feature highlighting LS work in different Passionist locations will unfold as we solidify the network of LS contacts at each CP site.

Contacts at Passionist sites

Review: We are looking for a balance at each CP site between lay, vowed, prophetic, action oriented.

Status of contacting sites:

Detroit---**Patty and Alex** will be in touch this week

Louisville (clarified we mean Parish, Community, and Earth & Spirit Center together)---**David**

Sierra Madre---**Alex** will call Michael Cunningham

Birmingham---**Claire** will be talking to Phil this week

Houston---**Claire** will contact Ronan this week

CTU---**Lissa** spoke with David Colhour; he is reflecting on possibilities.

Citrus Heights---**Lissa** will contact Natalie/Jack Conley this week

Lissa is developing a tracking tool for LS contacts and sites.

Webliography

Work is ongoing. Thank you, David. David will add the link Patty included in the last minutes. If anyone finds themselves with a few minutes on their hands, there is a standing **invitation to**

work collectively on the webliography organizing it in a way so that it is easy and inviting to use.

Question of how to track analytics. Is it being used? [Minutes writer is wondering...Possible to have a comment option for visitors: "How can we improve? Make this easier to use?"?]

David will hold a googledocs mini-training at our next meeting to help get us all up to speed on how to work in googledocs. Thank you, David!

Progress Reports at upcoming Passionist meetings

Dates not finalized. Alex will look into it and report back.

New Business

Lissa invited the team to collaborate collectively on googledocs for the **agenda** for the next meeting. She will create a doc and send out the link.

Alex announced the **next vowed member zoom call** will be next Wednesday.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 15th 10am pacific/noon central/1pm eastern