

**October 27th**

**Laudato Si' Vision Fulfillment Team minutes**

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

[Conversation with Sr. Corinne, Director of Sustainability, Adrian Dominicans](#)

Please see the "Meeting with Sr. Corinne" folder on our LS googledrive for the zoom video and saved chat of the meeting.

Some highlights:

- Gather stakeholders in every area and brainstorm.
- Not so much strategic as a lot of ongoing conversations.
- Locate the people who are most passionate about LS and find out what will work for each community. Listen and engage.
- Find the people who are moving and get behind them; engage and keep talking with the others but don't make them your focus.
- Educate, educate, educate. Consistency and repetition. Educate at each step.
- Some potential assessment tools
  - Sierra Club
  - Association of Schools in Higher Education
  - Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center
- Develop feedback channels.
- How will you measure progress and successes?
- Examples of successes in their programs
  - Every 6 weeks a 1.5 hour presentation to all communities
  - Instagram as means of communication (as well as newsletters, Annual Report, etc.)
  - Summer program, 10 days, work on site & learn permaculture principles
- SRI Notes
  - Dee Joyner is chair of Portfolio Advisory Board and Director of Resilient Communities (efforts at SRI began in 70s)
  - Developed Dominican Sisters Climate Solutions Fund with Morgan Stanley
  - Suggested available tools to see carbon footprint of portfolio
  - Divest vs retain ability to influence through shareholder meetings question
  - Sr. Corinne will send along names (Pat Daly [Dominican Sister of Caldwell NJ], Sr. Elise Garcia [Santuario Sisterfarm; on Advisory Committee for Dominicans' partnership with Morgan Stanley/Climate Solutions Fund]) who might be helpful.
- Importance of gratitude--focus on and celebrate what is going right.
- Balance of how to create urgency without hysteria.
- Provincial level support
  - Province purchasing policy
  - Province policies on new construction and renovation
  - Province wide preaching from LS principles
  - OME

- Other potential resources
  - Center for Sustainability at Loyola in Chicago (Nancy Tuchman)
  - Catholic Energies
- Keep asking “How can we collaborate better--among ourselves and with local and national organizations?”
- Trust in the creativity of people!