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Faith Plans Newsletter | August 2023

Here in the northern hemisphere, the summer holiday season is over and children are returning to school, eager to learn and continue their journey of education. We too are looking ahead to what we can achieve before the end of the year, to ensure that every child has a future to look forward to.

In this edition of the Faith Plans newsletter you will find:

- An invitation to embrace the heart of Laudato Si'
- A global ecumenical prayer service to mark the start of the Season of Creation
- More about the origins of the Faith Plans framework and its creators: FaithInvest and the WWF Beliefs and Values programme.

We love to hear stories from people of faith around the world who continue to do all that they can to protect people and planet, so please do keep sending us your news and updates!

From the Faith Plans Team



This inspiring day (on Zoom), called 'Dominicans Embracing the Heart of Laudato Si', will help us discern the signs of the times, share the gift of Laudato Si' and respond to the invitation to restore right relationships.

We invite all supporters of Laudato Si' to join us for this important conversation, held across two sessions (morning and afternoon) on Wednesday 20 September. Tickets cost US\$20 for the morning session only or US\$35 for the morning and afternoon session.

Expert presenters and storytellers

The day will be presented by three expert presenters in the area of Laudato Si' and speakers and storytellers from the Dominican family. Together they are bringing the gifts of Laudato Si' alive. Speakers include:

- **Dr Lorna Gold**, newly-appointed FaithInvest CEO (formerly Director of Movement Building) and Chair of the Laudato Si' Movement's Board of Directors
- **Elizabeth Garlow**, Co-founder, Francesco Collaborative and Senior Fellow, New America
- **Catherine Devitt**, FaithInvest Programme Manager

Two half-day sessions to choose from:

- **Morning session**
- Time: 9-11.15am Chicago / 3-5.15pm London / 5-7.15 pm Nairobi
- Restoring Right Relationships with Laudato Si'. This session will explore how Laudato Si' offers us the wisdom to see and respond to the ecological crisis. Examples of Laudato Si' initiatives from the Dominican Family from:
 - **Sharon Zayac, OP**, Dominican Sisters of Springfield
 - **Colette Kane, OP**, Dominican Sisters of Cabra and Program Director, An Tairsearch, Wicklow, Ireland
- **Afternoon session**
- Time: 1:30-4 pm Chicago / 7.30-10pm London / 9.30-midnight Nairobi
- Becoming Stewards for a More Just Economy. This session will take a deep dive into how finances and investments can be used as a force for good. Includes a storytelling session facilitated by Elizabeth Garlow with:
 - **S. Marilin Llanes, OP**, Dominican Sisters of Adrian
 - **Lisa Kane, OP**, Dominicans of Racine
 - **Pat Siemen, OP**, Dominican Sisters of Adrian and the Dominican Climate Solutions Fund.

Our day together will be on Zoom, and Spanish interpretation will be available. [Read more...](#)

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The Day of Prayer for Care of Creation takes place this Friday, 1 September. Find out more about how Christian faiths around the world will take action during the Season of Creation, which runs until 4 October:

- Visit www.SeasonOfCreation.org
- Sign up for the [Global Ecumenical Prayer Service](#)

Faith Plans information series



Register for our free information series, delivered to your inbox each week for nine weeks. You will receive links to many useful resources and explore the Seven Key Areas of Faith Plans.

We also give you the tools and resources to help you create your own Faith Plan.

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Where did the Faith Plans framework originate?

The Faith Plans framework was established by FaithInvest and WWF's Beliefs and Values Programme, to help faith communities to drive positive action on the climate and the environment by using their assets, investments and influence.

FaithInvest's Programme Team posts weekly about related to faith-consistent investing (FCI). Topics include research relevant to faith-based asset owners. To see the posts, click [HERE](#).

Interested in FCI updates?

If you would like to learn more about faith-consistent investing, consider subscribing to the FaithInvest newsletter.

As a subscriber, you will receive updates every 6-8 weeks with news, information and resources, plus invitations to attend special events.

It's easy to become a FaithInvest newsletter subscriber. Just sign up on the FaithInvest website [HERE](#).

Share your Faith Plan

If you have already developed your Faith Plan, or have a draft Plan ready to go, please let us know! If you would like to showcase your Faith Plan on our website, alongside those developed by other faiths around the world, you can upload it here.

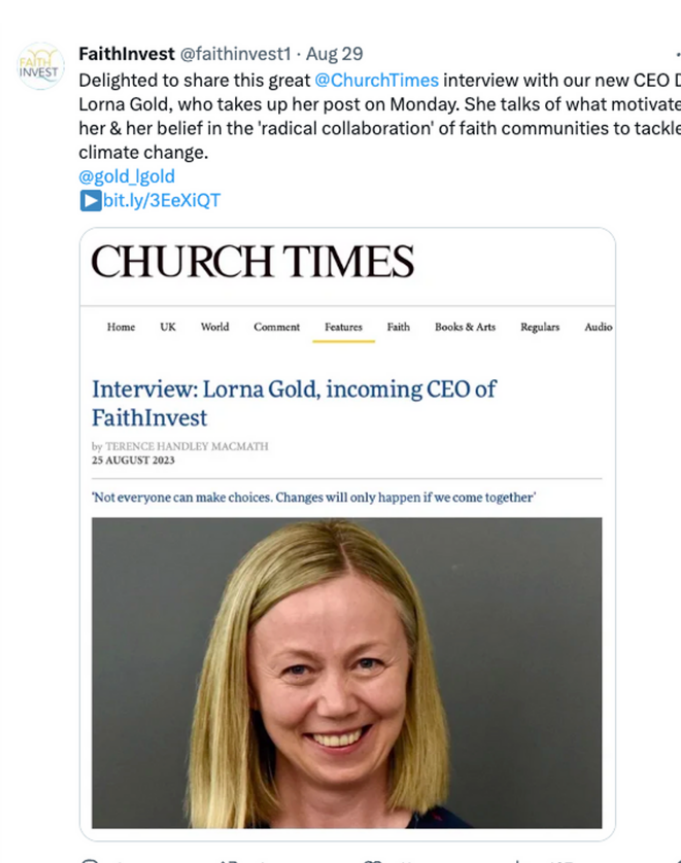
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This month, we are delighted that the Church Times has published an interview with Dr Lorna Gold, the incoming CEO of FaithInvest.

Lorna was previously the Director of Movement Building at FaithInvest and instrumental in the creation of the Faith Plans framework.



Faith Plans for People and Planet is a framework to help faith communities plan how to use their assets, investments and influence to drive positive action on the climate and environment.

Developed by FaithInvest and WWF's Beliefs and Values Programme, it is available to all faith groups via the FaithPlans.org website which has resources, guides and inspiring case studies.

Faith Plans is an initiative of FaithInvest. Visit FaithInvest.org for more information.

Join the Movement of faith communities taking action to protect the planet!

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