



The journey has begun!

We started the year with a really rich and engaging webinar in January, 'How to Develop a Faith Plan', with participants from all over the world – from Canada to Kenya and India to Indonesia. We had almost 60 delegates in attendance from a variety of faiths, and all at different stages of their Faith Plans journey.

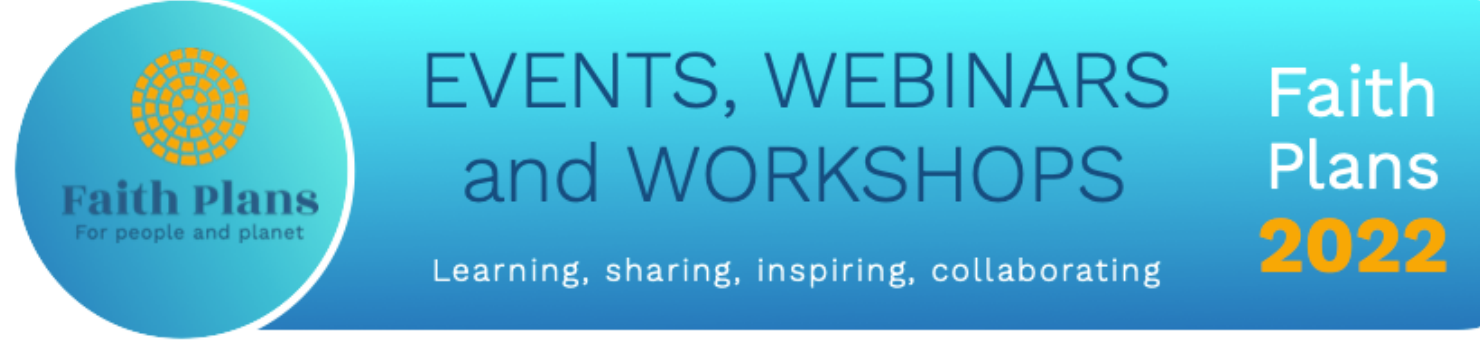
Sara Kaweesa, National Director of A Rocha Uganda, spoke about their experience of creating their first Faith Plan in 2021. A Rocha's Plan has very much been shaped by the consultation process.

'There are Seven Key Areas but what we noticed when we started making our phone calls and getting information from our groups was we had to quickly change our mindset and look at what our reality is, what are the challenges, what is the need, what is the vision of our group, and that's how we developed our plan,' Sara explained. If you missed it, you can watch the webinar playback.

Watch the webinar catch-up [here](#)

From the Faith Plans Team

Faith Plans is a key programme of FaithInvest and is organised with WWF's Beliefs & Values Programme. The dedicated Faith Plans website includes [useful resources](#) and guidance. Throughout 2022, we'll be hosting a series of practical, discussion-based workshops. The first one took place in January; reserve your place on the next, below.



Online workshop

Mobilising your assets for people and planet

Tuesday February 22

11.00 New York | 16.00 London | 17.00 Paris | 19.00 Nairobi | 21.30 Delhi

A workshop for exchange and learning, with guidance from guest contributors from the Investment Solutions team at FaithInvest.

This workshop will be of interest to faith-based groups and organisations who are interested in developing a Faith Plan and are keen to learn more about mobilising their assets in line with their beliefs and values. Workshop participants will be introduced to online guides and resources that can be used when creating a faith plan.

The workshop will be facilitated by the Faith Plans team and will include time for interactive discussion between the panel and participants. Contributors include Nana Francois, Director of Membership at FaithInvest, with more guest contributors to be confirmed.

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Methodist Church creates Action for Hope plan

The Methodist Church has set an aspirational target of becoming a net zero carbon emissions church by 2030.

'We are working with FaithInvest to develop a long-term action plan to determine how we will manage our assets and resources over the next seven to ten years,' said Anna McCrum, Senior Media Officer with the Church. 'We are calling our plan Action for Hope.'

The Church has decided to focus initially on three key areas:

- Faith-consistent use of assets – including investments, purchasing power, buildings and land;
Wisdom – including theology, liturgies and prayer;
Lifestyles – including traditions of simple living.

Action of Hope will be launched at the Church's annual conference in June.

Read the full story on the Faith Plans website.

This month's inspiring quote

'Creation is truth embodied before us; we see it, we touch it, hear it.' ~ Guru Nanak

Faith Groups for Climate Action

Faith Plans will join the United Religions Initiative, in collaboration with the UNEP Faith for Earth Initiative, to lead an online dialogue session Local Challenges, Local Solutions: Faith Groups for Climate Action, on March 1st, 4pm-5.30pm EAT. Read more...



Inspiring Stories



Faith-based investing makes headlines

Religious groups often struggle to find investments that truly fulfil their values. FaithInvest's Mathew Jensen explains how they can. Read more...

Faith, nature and the climate crisis

A reflective piece by Fazlun Khalid, Founder of the Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences in IDN-InDepthNews. Read more...



Get your copy of the new Faith Plans Guide

We launched a guide to developing your own Faith Plan during the January webinar. Download the guide...

Faith Plans at the Big Bold Jewish Climate Fest

Dr Lorna Gold, Director of Movement Building at FaithInvest joined partner Hazon during its 2022 Big Bold Jewish Climate Fest in early January. Anchored in the holiday of Tu B'Shvat, the Fest combined theory, practice, and action on climate change to carry throughout the year.

Lorna contributed to the Navigating Local Resources and Connections to Take Action Plan, which is now available to watch on YouTube here.

Hear from one of our Faith Plans Partners

We're honoured to have a wonderful coalition of partners working with us to promote Faith Plans. Here's what Interfaith Power & Light says about why it's involved.

'For two decades, Interfaith Power & Light has been working with congregations to lower their energy use and their carbon footprints as an act of faith. Religious groups have a tremendous number of buildings and land throughout the globe, and with clear and measurable plans for sustainability, these organizations can play a vital role in working for climate solutions and creating a healthy, thriving world for our children and those who come after us.'

~ Interfaith Power & Light

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 Plan on our website, alongside plans developed by other faith communities around the world, email us at info@faithplans.org, or get in touch with your questions.



Get involved!

We would love to hear how you are getting involved in Faith Plans. Why not post a comment, share a photo or create a video? You can find us on Facebook and Twitter, and through the hashtags #FaithsTakeAction or #FaithPlans.

Keep in touch by visiting www.FaithPlans.org where you will find more information and resources about the Faith Plans programme.

Please send your news to info@faithplans.org so we can share it.

Look out for more inspiring stories and short videos in the next newsletter. We would love to feature YOUR story or one-minute video about why you're involved so that we can share your work on social media. For useful tips on making short videos, see this guide.

Sign up to Faith Plans today!

Faith Plans for People and Planet is organised by FaithInvest and WWF's Beliefs and Values Programme. It works with faith groups globally to develop long-term plans to use their assets, investments and influence to drive positive action on the climate and environment. Join the Movement! For more information, visit FaithPlans.org

