



An increased sense of urgency

It's been a very busy and packed year, with many highlights and successes, but ending on the very sobering message from UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres who told us at COP27: *'We are in the fight of our lives and we are losing ... Our planet is fast approaching tipping points that will make climate chaos irreversible. The global climate fight will be won or lost in this crucial decade – on our watch.'*

So we now know, if we didn't before, just how important this work is. With Antonio Guterres's very serious message in mind, and remembering that this is still a beautiful world that is worth celebrating, thank you for all you are doing.

Many of our religious traditions remind us that the night is darkest just before the coming of the light. So at this festive time, we wish you the warmest of festive greetings, and we'll see you again in 2023 when, with renewed determination, resolve and urgency, we will continue to do all we can to protect people and planet.

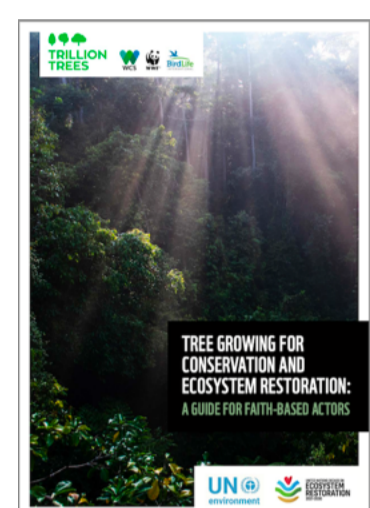
From the Faith Plans Team

First comprehensive guide to tree growing for faiths

Our friends at Trillion Trees, UNEP's Faith for Earth Initiative and WWF's Beliefs and Values Programme have published the first comprehensive guide to tree growing for faith communities.



Launched last week at the UN Biodiversity Conference COP15 in Montreal, Canada, [Tree Growing for Conservation and Ecosystem Restoration: A Guide for Faith-based Actors](#) recognises that tree growing is a key activity by many faith communities.



It outlines a straightforward, step-by-step approach to assist faith groups in planning and implementing tree-growing initiatives and in restoring their local environment to benefit people, nature, and the climate.

It's a fantastic – and beautiful – resource for those working to conserve biodiversity and take action on climate change.

[Read more...](#)

Ireland gives *The Letter* an amazing reception!



The Letter, the feature-length environmental film about the Pope and climate activists, has taken Ireland by storm following its Presidential Screening at President Michael Higgins's official residence in Dublin.

The film, which was developed by Faith Plans partner, the [Laudato Si' Movement](#), follows the story of five people as they travel to Rome to meet Pope Francis. It received a standing ovation at its Presidential Screening and President Higgins urged everyone to follow its message and act on climate change.

Read more about it [here](#), and you can also watch *The Letter* on YouTube. More information from the accompanying website [TheLetterFilm.org](#).

***** Hot off the press! PBS in the US will broadcast it on December 21 at 8pm EST. *****

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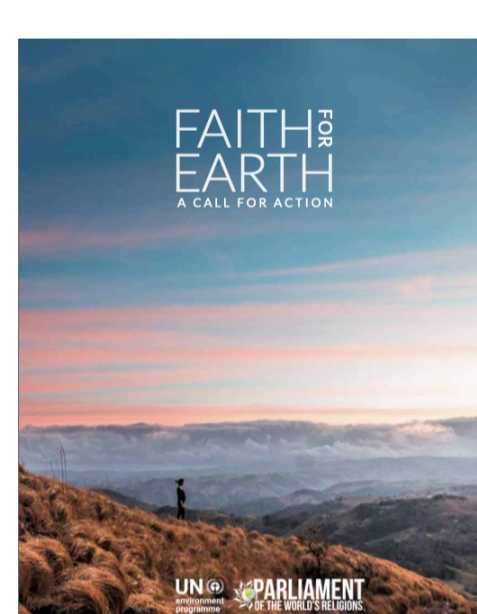
New Just Transition Fund

FaithInvest and Climate Investment Funds – one of the world's largest active climate finance mechanisms – are developing a multi-faith fund that will enable faiths to invest in large-scale, climate-smart projects to support a just transition. Click below to watch Martin Palmer at the launch at the COP27 climate conference. Or [read more...](#)

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Investing in climate solutions: report

Faith Plans partner **Operation Noah** has published a new report entitled *Church Investment in Climate Solutions: Financing a Liveable Future*. It outlines how churches and faith institutions can take action on the climate crisis by increasing investment in climate solutions, such as renewable energy, and points out that 'some of the most effective climate solutions are also those that offer the greatest opportunities for investment'. [Read more...](#)



Faith call to action: new book

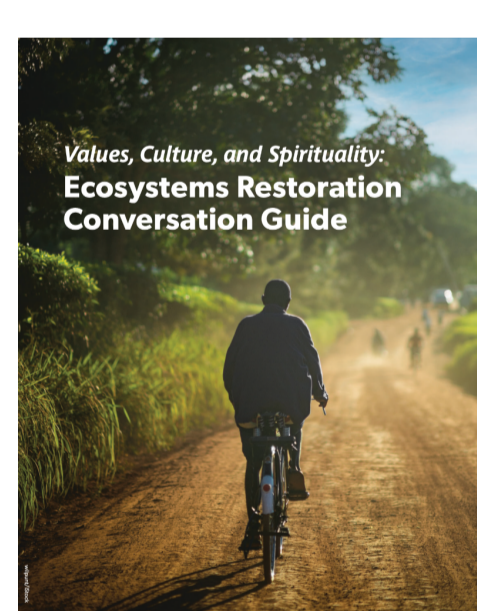
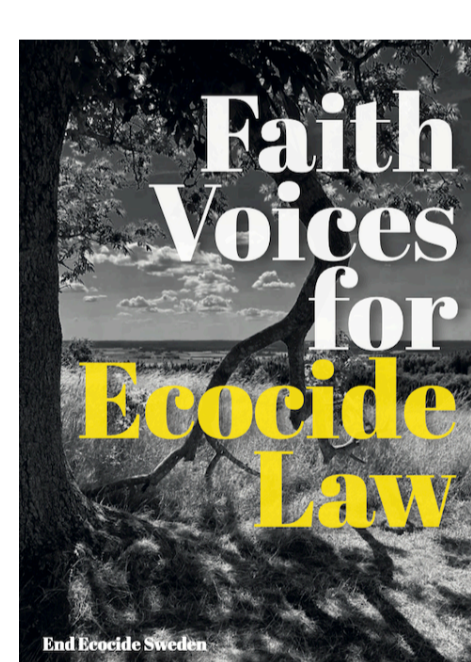
The UN Environment Programme and the Parliament of the World's Religions have released a new book, *Faith for Earth – A Call for Action*, which provides a comprehensive overview of the faith traditions and scientific findings that underpin the perspectives of world religions concerning environmental sustainability.

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Faith voices call for ecocide law

Another wonderful and inspiring book has been published, this time by Faith Plans partner Stop Ecocide, with End Ecocide Sweden. It includes contributions from many of our friends, including GreenFaith, Interfaith Centre for Sustainable Development, Parliament of World's Religions, Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology and more.

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Ecosystems restoration guide

Finishing off our collection of new resources is this beautiful and useful publication, packed with case studies. The Ecosystems Restoration Conversation Guide was created by the United Religions Initiative and the Center for Earth Ethics (CEE) to help faith communities around the world restore their communities and ecosystems. It arose from the Values, Culture and Spirituality consultations organised by CEE to support the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. [Read more...](#)

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.

Upload your Faith Plan

Stay in touch on social media

We love to hear about your activities for people and planet, and were delighted to see Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative in action at the UN's COP15 biodiversity conference earlier this month.

Do [follow us on Twitter](#) for the latest updates, and share your own news with the #FaithPlans hashtag.

Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative @EcoBrahmaKumaris · 21h
If we all were following teachings of our faith, we would not be in the situation that we are in right now. Human beings have caused 81% of the biodiversity loss.

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, the CBD's Executive Secretary at the meeting with multifaith group #COP15

@UNBiodiversity



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.

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



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