

How to mobilise your assets for People and Planet

One of the questions we are asked most frequently is: 'What is faith-consistent investing?' And, secondly, 'Why is it so important?' Our February workshop answered these questions and more, providing practical advice, including how you assess what kind of assets you have, and how you develop faith-consistent investing policies with a view to mobilising your assets in line with your faith.

We also heard from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania about why it decided to set up its own bank and what difference that has made to its members. And James Buchanan of Operation Noah discussed how the divestment movement is prompting faith groups to re-evaluate how their assets are being used. If you missed it, you can still watch the recording and download the resources.

[Watch the webinar 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 two took place in January and February and you can book your place on the next one, below.



Online workshop

Faith Plans and Faith-Based Tree Planting

Wednesday March 30

05.00 New York | 10.00 London | 11.00 Paris | 12.00 Nairobi | 14.30 Delhi | 16.00 Hanoi

Join us for this third workshop in our Faith Plans series on how to develop tree planting as part of your environmental action plan. The Faith Plans programme's co-organiser, WWF's Beliefs & Values Programme, will lead this webinar to discuss trends in faith-based tree planting and the potential for tree planting to meet both religious and conservation goals. There will also be practical guidance on how to include tree planting/growing in your Faith Plan, with links to helpful resources and examples from the faith world.

Speakers include:

- **Chantal Elkin:** Head of WWF's Beliefs & Values Programme
- **Iyad Abumoghli:** Director, UNEP Faith For Earth Programme
- **Rev Rachel Mash:** Secretary, Anglican Communion Environmental Network, South Africa
- **Tom Barasa:** Leader of Kenya faith tree growing project
- **Laura D'Arcy:** Head of Trillion Trees Programme
- **Supreet Kaur:** EcoSikh, Faith Plans Partner

The event will include time for a Q&A.

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Faith Plans: Growing from its roots in 2009

Today's Faith Plans initiative builds on the success of the original Faith Commitments programme, which resulted in more than 60 plans that have profoundly shaped the faiths' response to the environment. For example, Faith Plans partner, GreenFaith, centred their Faith Plan on its mission, core values and long-range goals, with a specific focus on showing environmental leadership, including:

- **Creating membership and training programmes** on sustainable consumption;
- **Increasing its online presence** to actively promote faith-based environmental leadership;
- **Developing educational curricula** for a range of faiths on sustainable consumption;
- **Mobilising communities** to advocate for stronger environmental policies

You can see GreenFaith's Plan and other examples of the 2009 Plans on our website:

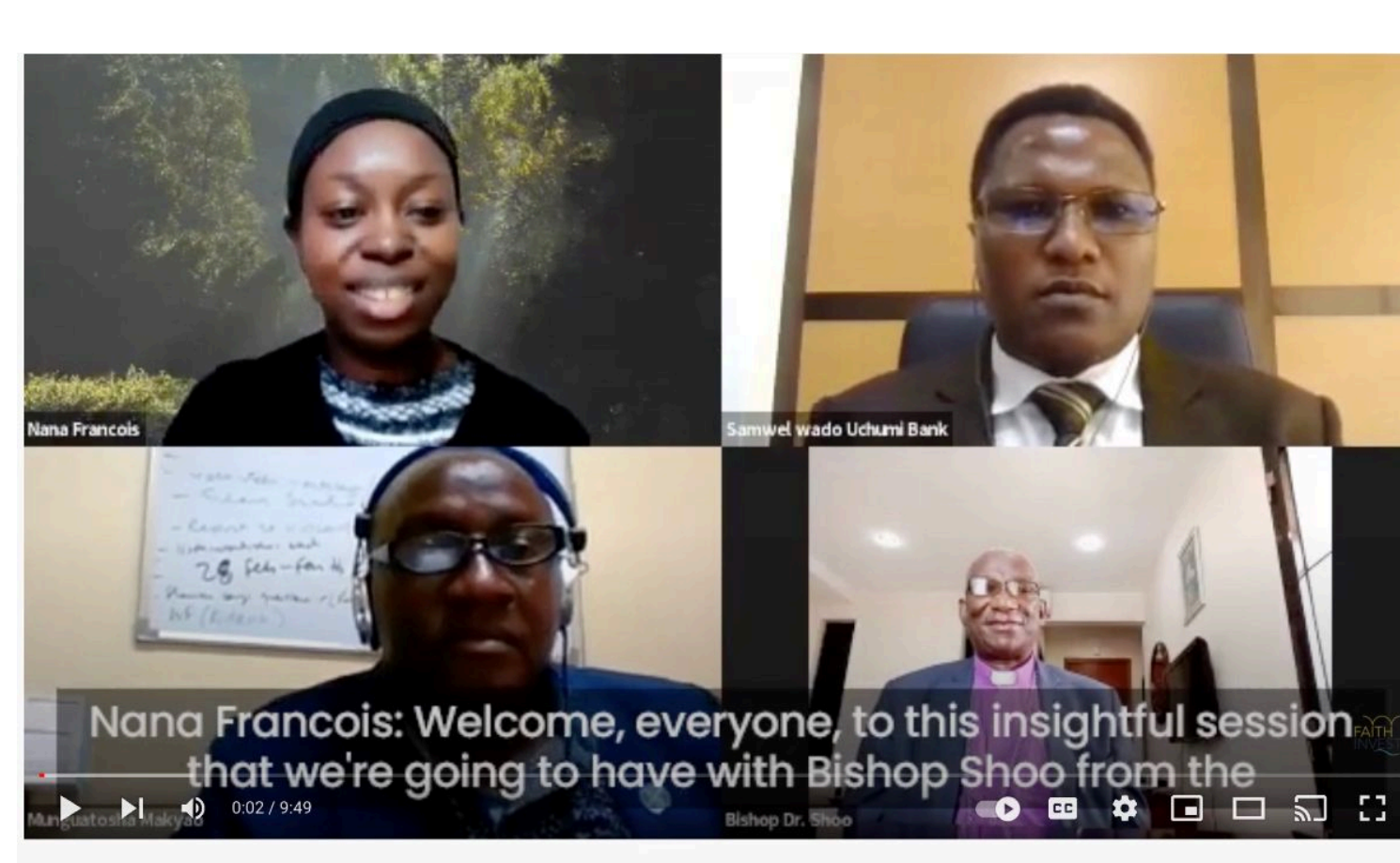
[Explore the 2009 Plans](#)

This month's inspiring quote

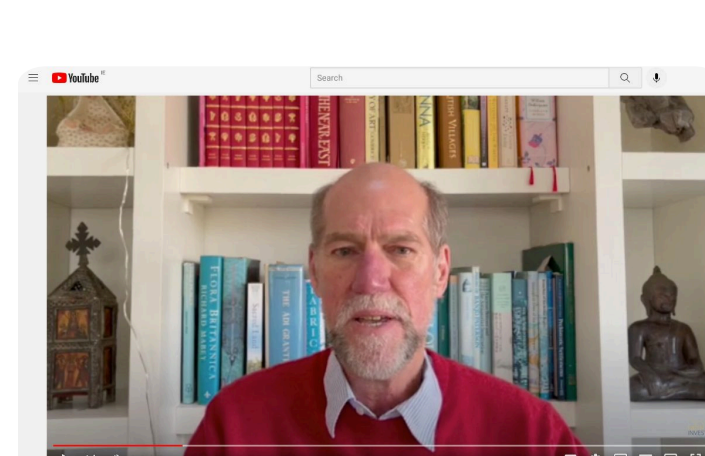
'I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet.'
~ Pope Francis, Laudato Si', #14

Bank set up by Tanzania's Evangelical Lutheran Church transforms the lives of the poor

Bishop Dr Fredrick Shoo of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania's Northern Diocese, explains why the Church set up a bank, **Uchumi Commercial Bank**, and how that has transformed the lives of his community, especially the poorest members. With his colleagues **Mr Samwel Wadu**, General Manager of Uchumi Commercial Bank, and **Mr Munguatocha Makayo**, Treasurer of the Northern Diocese. [Watch the video...](#)



Inspiring Stories



EcoSikh's Global Meet

Martin Palmer, CEO of FaithInvest, congratulated Faith Plans partner EcoSikh on its history, its work and incredible successes at EcoSikh's Global Meet on February 5. [Watch the video...](#)

Multi-faith climate finance campaign

A major multi-faith climate finance campaign launched this week – calling on banks and asset managers to stop financing the climate crisis. It is organised by several Faith Plans partners, including GreenFaith, World Council of Churches, Laudato Si' Movement and Operation Noah. [Read more...](#)



Get your copy of the new Faith Plans Guide

We launched a helpful, easy-to-read guide to developing your own Faith Plan, in January. [Download the guide...](#)

Faith Plans at UN Environment Assembly, UNEA 5.2

Dr Lorna Gold, Director of Movement Building with FaithInvest, outlined the importance of faith-based action at the UN Environment Assembly's Faith for Earth dialogue entitled 'Local Challenges, Local Solutions: Faith Groups for Climate Action' on March 1st.

She told the gathering, which was moderated by Faith Plans Programme Manager **Catherine Devitt**, that we frequently hear that 80% of the world's population adheres to a faith. 'That's six billion people – an incredible statistic but one that should trouble us, she said: 'Despite the work of the last few decades, there is still a profound disconnect.'

Find out more and [watch the recording](#).

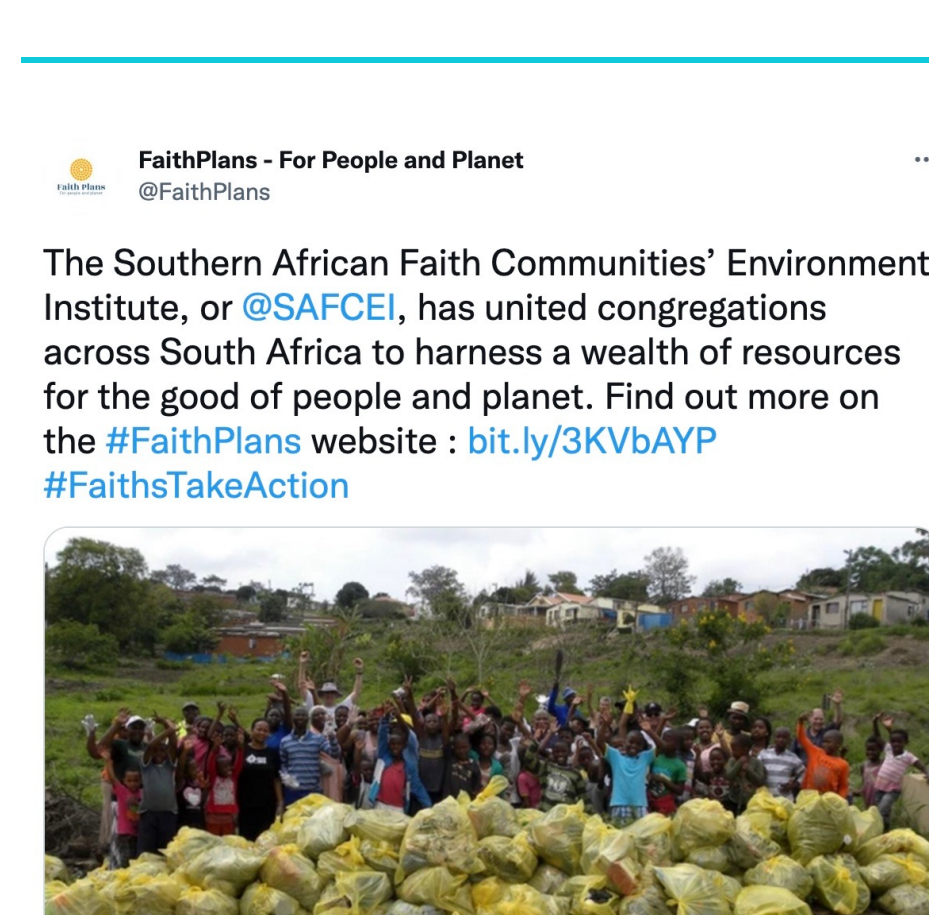
Hear from one of our Faith Plans partners

'The Interfaith Rainforest Initiative is proud to be working with Faith Plans. The protection and restoration of the planet's tropical forests is essential to address climate change, biodiversity loss and achieve sustainable development goals. Mobilising faith communities to take practical, urgent action to protect forests is a shared commitment and a moral concern of the highest order.'

~ Interfaith Rainforest Initiative

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 those developed by other faiths around the world, email us at info@faithplans.org.



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 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 on our website and 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



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