



Welcome to the September newsletter for Faith Plans

There are a lot of exciting new things to report on in this month's newsletter, including a new academic paper 'Activating Faith', co-authored by former FaithInvest staff member Matilda Palmer, proving that when people explore their values, they are more motivated to take action.

We outline a new initiative by the Mormon Church to help the planet through fasting to raise funds and the Brahma Kumaris in the United Kingdom explore what steps they can take to further their commitment to people and planet. We share information about the World Council of Churches' campaign for climate-responsible finance.

This is also the perfect time of year to consider taking a course, so why not join the leadership workshop on 'Livable Future Investing' or take one of the six new online courses from Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology? Or, if you are looking for a new challenge in your career, why not consider joining the Faith Plans team as a Programme Officer? All this and more in this month's newsletter.

If you would like to showcase your environmental initiatives in our next newsletter, just hit reply and let us know!

From the Faith Plans Team

Activating faith: research proves that action arises from faith



New research from the Department of Geography in Nottingham University, co-authored by former FaithInvest staff member Matilda Palmer, proves that activating a person's faith leads to measurable changes in action for the planet.

[Read more about the research here.](#)



EVENTS, WEBINARS
and WORKSHOPS

Learning, sharing, inspiring, collaborating

Faith Plans
2022

Online workshop
Livable Future Investing

October 2022

Join this leadership workshop for asset stewards facilitated by **Elizabeth Garlow, Felipe Witchger and Paul Mitchell.**

This workshop will introduce and apply frameworks rooted in Catholic Social Teaching (CST) to multiple asset classes – from public equities to alternatives. It also introduces some of the leading edges of CST-embodied investing – from non-extractive finance to cooperatives, catalytic capital to lasting ESG impact.

The goal is to create space for learning and embarking collaboratively on what many of us know is our most important work.

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An appetite for change: Mormons fasting for the planet

The Mormon Environmental Stewardship Alliance (MESA) has just approved an exciting new initiative called 'FastForward', a monthly 'fast for the planet' action on food and the environment. [Read more...](#)

World Council of Churches and the climate crisis

The World Council of Churches (WCC) has issued a call to action for members to ensure that their financial service providers are not using their funds to support the fossil fuel industry and instead to support the green economy. [Read more...](#)



Brahma Kumaris UK stewarding their resources

Brahma Kumaris in the UK held a custom Faith Plans workshop to identify all the existing environmental initiatives that take place in their centres. Participants outlined what they'd like to do in the coming years to align Brahma Kumari resources and wisdom with the protection of the planet. [Read more...](#)


Interfaith Compassion Challenge invitation

You are invited to join the **Global Interfaith Compassion Challenge** from Religions for Peace which runs from 11 September until 2 October 2022. Read more about this online challenge [here](#).



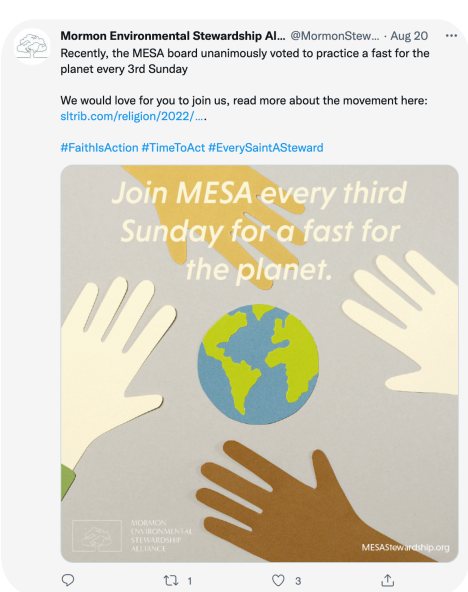
Join the Faith Plans team!

We are recruiting for a new Programme Officer for the Faith Plans programme. **If you are eligible to work in the UK**, and are interested in engaging with and supporting faith organisations to align their assets with their beliefs and values, then please visit the FaithInvest 'Work with us' page to [find out 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 Plan](#) on our website, alongside those developed by other faiths around the world, email us at info@faithplans.org.



Exciting news on Twitter

We are delighted to read on Twitter that the MESA board voted unanimously to adopt the FastForward initiative mentioned earlier in this newsletter. Congratulations to everyone involved for taking such strong action to protect the planet.

If you'd like us to retweet your story too, please let us know directly or tag us @faithplans

Get involved!

Explore exciting new online courses by the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology, including Introduction to Religions and Ecology and Indigenous Religions and Ecology.

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



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

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.

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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