

Faith Plans update: January 2022



Welcome to the first Faith Plans update of 2022

Last year ended on a sense of urgency, thanks to the COP26 climate conference, which saw faith communities represented as never before. So you won't be surprised to hear that, for us, 2022 will be all about action. And, in particular, the Faith Plans programme offers a timely opportunity for faith communities to say how they will tackle the ecological crisis within this decade – [join us!](#)

Urgency and action were a key feature of our Faiths Rising webinar on December 16, when people representing faith traditions from all around the world [gathered online](#) to hear how faiths are acting on climate change and environmental destruction.

Moderator **Gopal Patel of Bhumi Global** emphasised the role of faith as a motivating factor to drive action. Faiths of all traditions were now putting their values front and centre in leading on genuine and positive change for a safe and secure future, he said.

FaithInvest's Dr Lorna Gold cited recent evidence of worsening climate impacts to communicate the urgency for action. **Allen Ottaro of CYNESA** explained how it is crucial that their engagement with young people on environmental action addresses other social and economic problems, and **Rev Susan Hendershot of Interfaith Power and Light** echoed the consensus of the gathering – faiths are moved into action because of their beliefs and values. Finally, Lorna outlined the next steps for the Faith Plans programme.

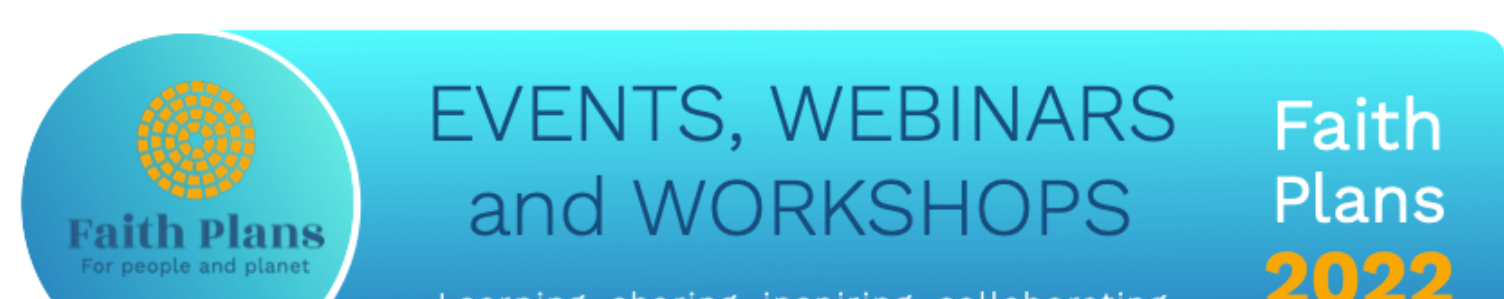
Watch the Faiths Rising video [here](#).

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 workshop [How to develop a Faith Plan: Early Lessons for Long-term Success](#) takes place on 20 January 2022 (see below).

For the full January update from the Faith Plans team, click on the link below.

[From the Faith Plans Team](#)

[Read the full January update here](#)



Online workshop

How to develop a Faith Plan: Early lessons for long-term success

Thursday January 20

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

Interested in developing a Faith Plan but not sure where to start? This practically oriented workshop will take you through the process, with early lessons for long-term success. As well as including tips from guest contributors who have already developed a Faith Plan or who are currently in the early stages of developing a Plan, we will also discuss how to overcome challenges and sustain momentum.

Breakout sessions will be facilitated by the Faith Plans team, **Catherine Devitt** and **Dr. Lorna Gold**, and **Sara Kaweesa of Arocha Uganda**. More guest contributors to be confirmed.

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This month's inspiring quote

'The forest is a peculiar organism of unlimited kindness. It affords protection to all beings, offering shade even to the axe-man who destroys it.' ~ Gautama Buddha

Big Bold Jewish Climate Fest 2022

Faith Plans will join partner Hazon during its 2022 [Big Bold Jewish Climate Fest](#), a free, mostly online, collaborative festival from 10-14 January 2022 to move the needle on climate change. Anchored in the holiday of Tu B'Shvat, the Fest combines theory, practice, and action to carry throughout the year. [Read more...](#)



Inspiring Stories

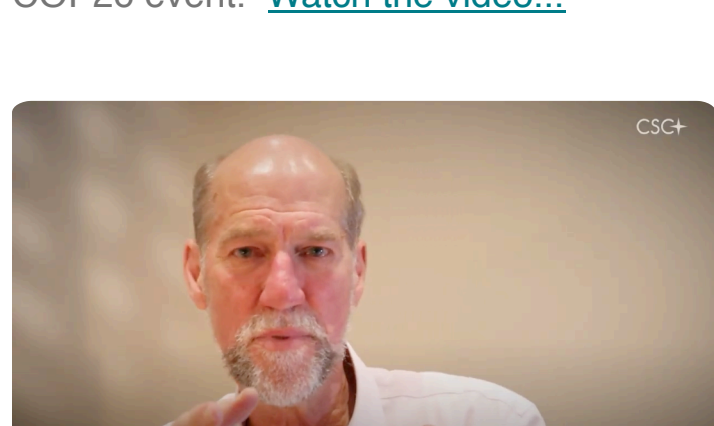
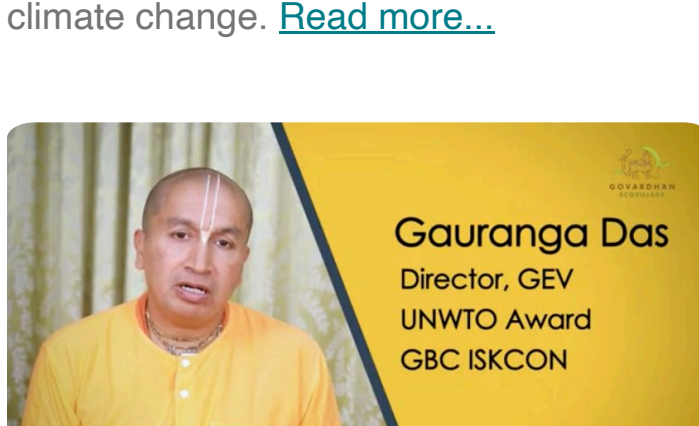


Great story on Faith Plans by National Catholic Reporter

Read how Faith Plans became 'an unprecedented coalition' of the global faith community responding to the challenge of climate change. [Read more...](#)

Govardhan Ecovillage project

Guaranga Das, director of ISKCON Govardhan Ecovillage (GEV), addresses the Faith Plans for People and Planet COP26 event. [Watch the video...](#)

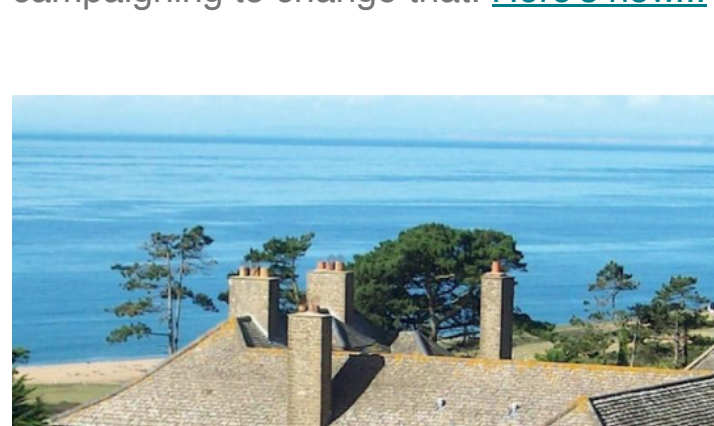
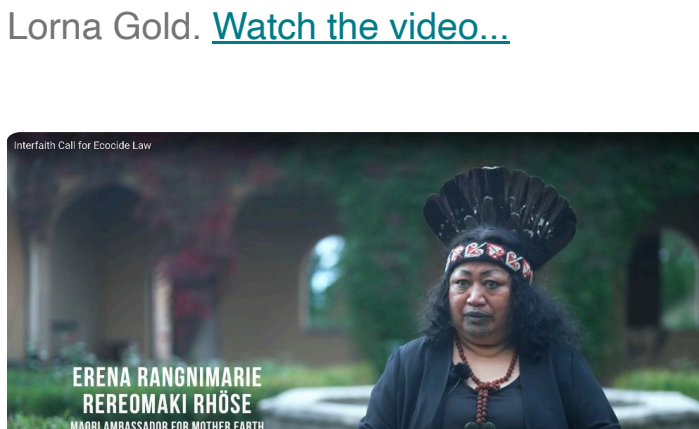


Focolare report on COP26

The Focolare Movement has produced a wonderful 4.5 minute video about the role of faiths at COP26, including interviews with FaithInvest's Martin Palmer and Lorna Gold. [Watch the video...](#)

Interfaith call for ecocide law

Perpetrators of ecocide cannot be prosecuted under international law. Faith Plans partner Stop Ecocide Foundation is campaigning to change that. [Here's how...](#)



Othona community Climate Crisis event

Faith Plans patron and FaithInvest CEO Martin Palmer takes part in Climate Crisis, a residential and online event held on January 14-16. [Find out more...](#)

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 Stop Ecocide Foundation says about why it's involved.

'Faith communities will be at the heart of the transformation of our relationship with the Earth from one of harm to one of harmony. Ecocide law is the powerful new ground rule essential to that transformation, creating a legal and moral parameter of safe operation for humanity and respect for our common planetary home. [Stop Ecocide Foundation](#) is thrilled to be honouring this complementarity as a resource partner for the Faith Plans initiative.'

– Stop Ecocide Foundation

Look out for more inspiring stories and short videos in the next newsletter, or [read our previous newsletters](#). We would love to feature YOUR story or one-minute video about why you're involved. Email them to [Susie Weldon](#) so that we can share your work on social media. For useful tips on making short videos, see this [guide](#).



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.

[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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