



One Planet Fund

Vision

Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home (LS) is an encyclical letter written by Pope Francis in 2015. While it is the most comprehensive Vatican document to date on environmentalism, ethics, and Christian faith, Pope Francis intended this writing for people of all faiths, not Catholics or Christians alone. In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis says, “I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation that includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.” The key idea behind the document is that of “integral ecology,” i.e., that people and planet are part of one family where the Earth is our common home. It invites people to protect God’s creation for future generations, to embrace a lifestyle change for their own good, and to take care of people who are poor and more vulnerable.

Pope Francis says, “. . . Saint Francis reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace. . . This sister now cries out to us.” (LS 1,2) In 2020 Pope Francis further stated in his Message for World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation: “. . . Climate Restoration is of utmost importance since we are in a climate emergency. We are running out of time, as our children and young people have reminded us. We need to do everything in our capacity to limit global average temperature rise to under the threshold of 1.5 Celsius as enshrined in the Paris climate agreement, for going beyond that will prove catastrophic, especially for poor communities around the world.”

Motivated by these challenging words, and our own desire to put into action the call to heal our planet, FSLF establishes this One Planet Fund. We desire to encourage and support climate emergency action projects in Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota (LCWR Region 11). All faith-based groups, especially youth groups, are encouraged to develop creative projects that will further climate change mitigation and sustainable living. Other service organizations and community groups may also apply.

Activities may include but are not limited to the following:

- Projects/programs that carry out the *Laudato Si* Action Platform: <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org>
- Carbon reduction activities (tree-plantings, pollinator gardens, LED lighting, cleanups, plant-based diet, reduction of plastics, recycling, composting, etc.).
- Events that educate or promote awareness, especially those that lead to action (educational events, rallies, fairs, festivals, prayer services, liturgies).
- Advocacy and dialogue with church and political leaders on the care for creation.
- Retreats, workshops, or forums to promote understanding, bridge-building, and healing related to care of creation.
- Art forms including music, visual arts, and film
- Classroom instruction/curriculum related to care of creation

In all of this we acknowledge that Creation also cares for and sustains us.

Grants will be dispersed three times annually. Applications due: November 1, February 1, July 1.

Maximum grant: \$1,500.

To Apply contact: Elizabeth Rydeen
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One Planet Fund Cover Sheet

Date of application:

Grant applicant organization:

Contact person:

Address:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Project Title/Purpose (2-3 sentences)

Amount Requested (limit \$1,500):

Indicate preference for payment options:

Payment (To whom or to what entity should the check be written?)

Address where the check should be sent:

If approved a final report including expenditures is required within one year. Photos, videos, etc. are appreciated.

APPLICATION

1. Proposed Project

- a. Briefly tell about you and/or your organization.
- b. Describe the project and how the money will be used.
- c. What are the goals of the project? What do you want to accomplish?
- d. How does this project benefit your local community?
- e. What is the timeline for achieving the goals?

2. Budget and Funding

a. Provide a detailed project budget below or by attachment.

b. Is there other funding for the project? Please list.

3. How does your project address the vision statement of the One Planet Fund or the *Laudato Si* Action Platform? <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

4. Final Report and Evaluation

If the request is granted, a final report is due within one year of the award. Photos, videos, etc. are appreciated. Who will be responsible for this report?