

ROOTED AND GROWING

20 Years of Faithful People Caring for the Earth



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ROOTED AND GROWING

In 1999, a group of faithful individuals began to form a vision of people of faith leading the environmental movement in Illinois.

Now, 20 years later in 2019, Faith in Place is celebrating those early visionaries. The accomplishments and impact that Faith in Place had last year, in 2018, is highlighted in this report. Each year as we grow as an organization we remember our roots – those early conversations and visionary planning.

We chose the phrase “Rooted and Growing” to commemorate this 20-year milestone. It beautifully describes both the growing processes in the natural world and also serves as a metaphor for our daily work to empower people of faith to care for the earth.

We are rooted in our values and faith traditions – which are as diverse as all of the plants in an ecosystem – and, like plants, we are all interconnected in our need for clean water, clean air, and healthy soil to grow and thrive.

Faith in Place strives to make connections between people of different faiths, recognizing that by forging partnerships, we support each other as we care for our common home. We highlighted just a few of these connections for you in this report to exemplify our broader impact.

Our work with you is rooted in community. If you look very closely at the tree trunk of our logo, you will realize that the image is made up of people to symbolize that partnership. We are all interconnected with the places we interact with every day and with each other. To move forward with hope in our most challenging environmental concerns, we must act together.

In these pages, you will find the results of that collective impact in 2018 through our programs and initiatives across the state. This is all made possible thanks to your generous support.

We are rooted in the history of the work that our organization has done with countless faith communities across the state, and together, we look forward to growing our impact further in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



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Faith in Place empowers Illinois people of all faiths to be leaders in caring for the Earth, providing resources to educate, connect, and advocate for healthier communities.

First Christian Church in Carbondale celebrated their solar panel dedication by handing out sunflowers, reminding us to look toward the light



ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE

People of faith are leading the way in clean energy in Southern Illinois.

Faith communities learned about the cost savings and environmental benefits of installing solar thanks to educational events and meetings with Faith in Place staff in Central and Southern Illinois.

Church of the Good Shepherd became the first church in Carbondale to install solar panels in February 2018 and panels went up at First Christian Church in Carbondale a few months later in June. First Christian Church hosts regular meetings of the Carbondale Community Solar Working Group, as they find ways to bring a Community Solar array to their community.

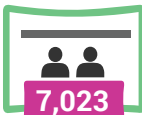
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We felt that as the first church in Carbondale, and the first church that we're aware of in southern Illinois to do this, that other churches will become interested in doing solar systems too.

- Dale Ritzel, member and Green Team leader at Church of the Good Shepherd

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2018 IMPACT



individuals
educated
about smart
energy



houses
of worship
have solar
panels

RESULTING IN:

\$32,597

saved in energy bills

273,631

kWh saved through
energy conservation
& renewable energy

12%

increase
in savings
from 2017



Rev. Karen Knodt and a Green Team member speak at the solar panel dedication at First Christian Church of Carbondale in April



SUSTAINABLE FOOD & LAND USE

People of diverse faiths are working together to grow vegetables and beautify an empty lot on Chicago's West Side.

Rooted in a strong social justice history and mission, Stone Temple Missionary Baptist Church dreamed of turning an empty lot they own into a thriving garden that would bring local produce to the community.

In 2018, Faith in Place connected Stone Temple Missionary Baptist Church with resources and support to bring this vision to fruition.

We also connected them with Chicago Sinai Congregation, a Jewish Synagogue on Chicago's North Side that was interested in assisting another faith community with a garden.

After working together to plant the seeds in spring 2019, the garden is growing and providing a peaceful gathering space in the neighborhood.

“ Since the inception of our partnership with Faith in Place in 2015, we have been inspired to do several amazing community projects. The Stone Temple Community Heritage Peace Garden is the latest project initiated by Faith in Place. “The Garden” is a place where Community, Culture, and Peace lovingly collide.

- Pastor Reshorna Fitzpatrick ”

Nikki Harvey from the Office of Congressman Danny Davis, MWRD Vice President Barbara McGowan, and Pastor Reshorna Fitzpatrick celebrate the groundbreaking of the garden at Stone Temple Missionary Baptist Church

2018 IMPACT

WINTER FARMERS MARKETS



17
markets

3,701
attendees

\$52,576
gross sales for

47
different vendors



\$1,560
Link Sales

\$795

Link Match utilized to increase
shoppers' access to fresh produce

MIGRATION & ME

988

people attended nature
outings, volunteering



3,824
hours to restore



42 acres of habitat

"CONGREGATION SUPPORTED" AGRICULTURE (CSA) FARMS



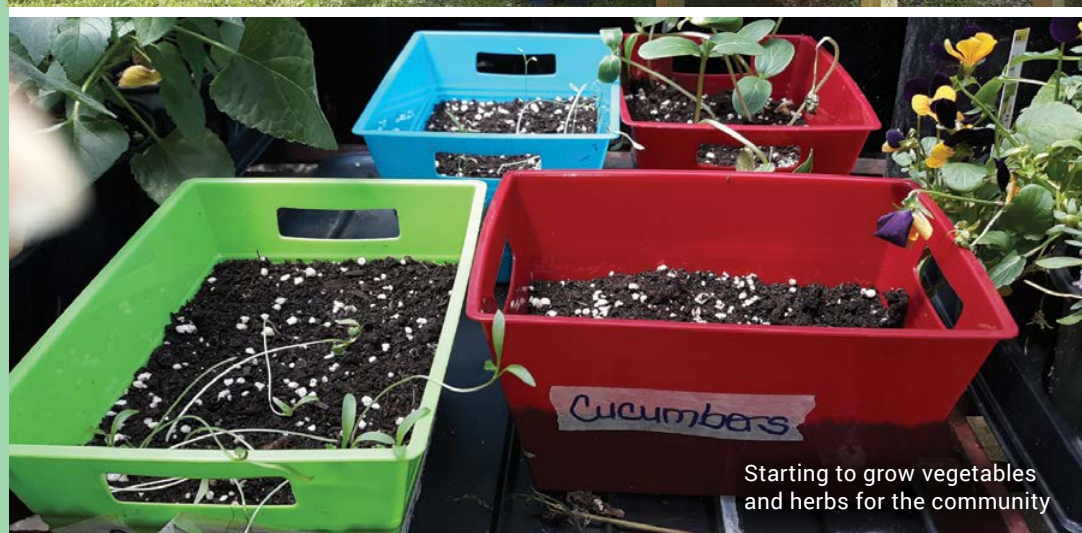
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farms

162,720
pounds of
food harvested

37,800
pounds donated back
to the community



Building raised beds for the garden at
Stone Temple Missionary Baptist Church



Starting to grow vegetables
and herbs for the community



Flowers ready to be
planted at the garden



Susan Stone (left) of Chicago Sinai Congregation
and Pastor Reshorna Fitzpatrick (right) of Stone
Temple Missionary Baptist Church

Outreach Coordinator Ramont Bell introduces the *Our Grandchildren's Water* curriculum in a Green Team Summit workshop



Students at Anshe Emet Synagogue painted two rain barrels that will collect rain water off their building

WATER PRESERVATION

In 2018 we made it easier for faith communities to learn about water justice by updating and revising our interfaith water curriculum, *Our Grandchildren's Water*, and presenting different versions for one, four, or seven sessions.

Religious education students at Anshe Emet Synagogue participated in one of our water education events and heard from Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Commissioner Josina Morita, who presented practical tips for conserving water and preventing flooding.

2018 IMPACT

“It’s important for people of faith to study water issues because water is vital for life on this planet. We can look to both science and faith for insights into caring for water.

- Dr. Ashlynn Stilwell, Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Faith in Place Board member

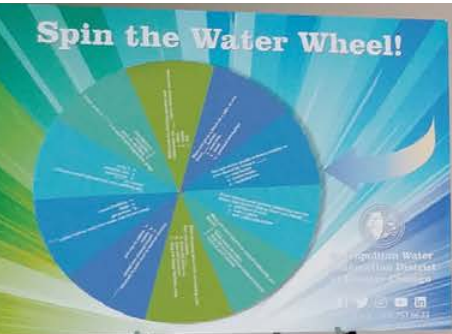
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Water program events educated faith communities

DIVERTED
1,029,978
GALLONS

of rainwater from combined sewer systems in 2018 through rain barrels and rain gardens installed in 2016



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Commissioner Kari K. Steele met with youth in our summer Eco-Ambassadors program to answer questions about water conservation, green infrastructure, and having a career as an environmentalist



Participants at a Listen. Lead. Share. event discuss their vision for an equitable clean energy future



Veronica Kyle, Chicago Outreach Director, moderates a Listen. Lead. Share. group discussion



Members of Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist at a Listen. Lead. Share. event with North & West Suburbs Outreach Director, Dan Huntsha

ADVOCACY

With the importance of local activism on environmental issues more important than ever, Faith in Place empowered people of faith to make their voices heard and bring justice and equity to the conversation.

Outreach staff across the state hosted 13 Listen. Lead. Share. events in partnership with the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition to seek community feedback on 4 policy pillars:

1. Clean energy jobs across Illinois
2. 100% renewable energy by 2050
3. Decarbonizing the electric sector
4. Increasing electric vehicles

“

I enjoyed sharing our congregation's solar installation process and hearing what others are doing. I also felt encouraged by discussion of efforts to mitigate the economic results of the dying coal industry. I'm always impressed with the coordination Faith in Place does with the Illinois Environmental Council for Advocacy Day.

- **Judy Ball**, member of the Green Team at Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist in Palatine and Listen. Lead. Share. participant

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2018 IMPACT

10

people of faith offered testimonies in opposition to repealing the Clean Power Plan at the only EPA hearing in the country, which was held in Chicago



Held **13** Faithful Citizen Workshops statewide to educate people about environmental advocacy



2,100

petitions delivered to state and federal elected officials



Lake County Eco-Ambassadors Miah and Lupe and Lake County Outreach Director, Celeste Flores, canoe on the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River, Illinois' only National Scenic River, to view the impact of coal ash pollution along the banks

2018 IMPACT

32

youth participants
from Lake County,
Markham, Chicago,
and the North
& West Suburbs

30

field trips across Illinois
to learn about
environmental issues

YOUTH

Our Eco-Ambassadors summer experiential learning program provides youth with the opportunity to engage in environmental education through field trips and learn about environmental careers.

After learning about the work being done in their community to achieve a just transition for the coal-fired plant in Waukegan, the Lake County Eco-Ambassadors had the opportunity to visit another community in Illinois that was also advocating to clean up a site contaminated by coal ash.

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It was great to meet a fellow environmentalist that is working directly to bring awareness and hold companies and our government accountable for the toxins created by a coal-fired plant. It reminded me of the importance of advocating for a just transition plan to be set in place before a coal-fired plant is retired.

- **Guadalupe Bueno**, 2018 Eco-Ambassador, environmental studies student at Coe College, and volunteer with Clean Power Lake County

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GREEN TEAMS

Green Teams are dedicated groups of people who meet regularly to plan and implement sustainability initiatives at their houses of worship. These 127 Green Teams are the key to growing healthier communities across the state.

Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Springfield
 Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chicago
 Ascension Catholic Church, Oak Park
 Baha'i Center of Champaign-Urbana
 Beit Yichud, Chicago
 Bethany Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake
 Bethel Lutheran Church, Chicago
 Beverly Unitarian Church, Chicago
 Broadway Presbyterian Church, Rock Island
 Calvary Episcopal Church, Lombard
 Calvin Christian Reformed Church, Oak Lawn
 Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship
 Carrier Mills First United Methodist Church
 Charleston Wesley United Methodist Church
 Chicago Community Mennonite Church
 Chicago Muslims Green Team at Downtown Islamic Center
 Chicago Sinai Congregation
 Chicago Theological Seminary
 Christ Episcopal Church, Waukegan
 Church of Our Savior Episcopal, Chicago
 Church of the Good Shepherd, Carbondale
 Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist, Palatine
 Covenant United Church of Christ, South Holland
 Dayspring Native American United Methodist Church, East Peoria
 Destiny Church, Hoffman Estates
 Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, Springfield
 Edwards Congregational United Church of Christ, Davenport
 Effingham Centenary United Methodist Church
 Ellis Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago
 Euclid Avenue United Methodist Church, Oak Park
 Fiedler Northwestern University Hillel, Evanston
 First Baptist Church of Waukegan
 First Christian Church, Carbondale
 First Congregational Church of Western Springs
 First Mennonite Church of Urbana-Champaign
 First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights
 First Presbyterian Church of La Grange
 First Presbyterian Church of Urbana
 First Presbyterian Church, Champaign



McKinley Presbyterian Church and Foundation in Champaign won an award at the 2018 Green Team Summit

First Presbyterian Church, Charleston
 First Presbyterian Church, Danville
 First Presbyterian Church, Monticello
 First Presbyterian Church, Normal
 First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville
 First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights
 First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge
 First United Methodist Church, Carbondale
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Oak Park
 Grace Lutheran Church, Champaign
 Grace Lutheran Church, Evanston
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 Greater St. Paul AME Church, Chicago
 Iglesia Nuestra Señora De Guadalupe, Waukegan
 Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph Parish, Chicago
 Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, Evanston
 Kam Isaiah Israel, Chicago
 Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, Chicago
 Loop Church Chicago
 Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
 McKinley Presbyterian Church, Champaign
 Metropolitan Apostolic Community Church, Chicago

GET INVOLVED

- Initiate or join a Green Team at your faith community
- Volunteer your time with Faith in Place at one of our offices or events
- Join our leadership and inspire others to support Faith in Place as part of our Founders or Fellowship Circles, as an Event Chair, or as a Committee Member
- Become a Faithful Advocate and engage in our advocacy efforts

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GREEN TEAMS (Cont'd)



The Green Team at First United Methodist Church of Normal won an award at the Green Team Summit for their energy efficiency efforts

Neoga Grace United Methodist Church
 New Covenant Fellowship, Champaign
 New Deliverance Presbyterian Church, Chicago
 Normal First United Methodist Church
 North Shore Unitarian Church, Deerfield
 Old St. Patrick's Church, Chicago
 Old State Road Christian Church, Charleston
 Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Chicago
 Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights
 Parroquia Luterana Sagrado Corazón, Waukegan
 Plainfield United Methodist Church
 Power Circle Congregation, Chicago
 Prairie Avenue Christian Church, Decatur
 Prairie Circle Unitarian Universalist Church, Grayslake
 Prince of Peace United Methodist Church, Elk Grove Village
 Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church
 Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Glenview
 Salem Baptist Church, Champaign
 Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago
 Shambhala Meditation Center of Chicago
 Sinai Temple of Champaign
 Sisters of St. Benedict at St. Mary Monastery, Rock Island
 Sixth-Grace Presbyterian Church, Chicago
 Sketchpad, Chicago
 Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue & Kol Sasson Congregation
 Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership, Chicago
 St. Benedict the African Catholic Church, Chicago
 St. Chrysostom Episcopal Church, Chicago
 St. Clare Friary, Chicago
 St. Clare of Montefalco Parish, Chicago
 St. James Parish, Arlington Heights

St. John Lutheran Church, Rock Island
 St. John United Church of Christ, Freeport
 St. John's Episcopal Church, Chicago
 St. Joseph Catholic Church, Libertyville
 St. Luke Union Church, Bloomington
 St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn
 St. Mary Of The Annunciation Catholic Parish, Mundelein
 St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Urbana
 St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church, Evanston
 St. Patrick's Church, Urbana
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 Vernon Park Church of God, Lynwood
 Waukegan Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist Church
 Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ, Chicago
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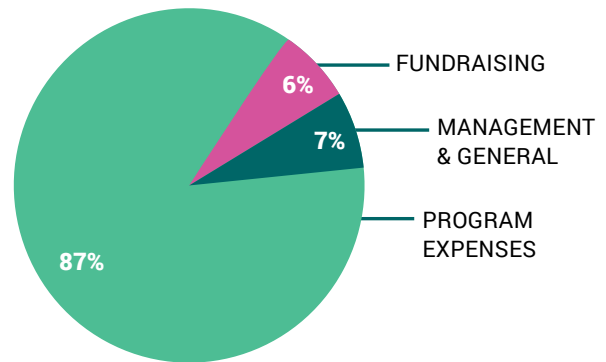
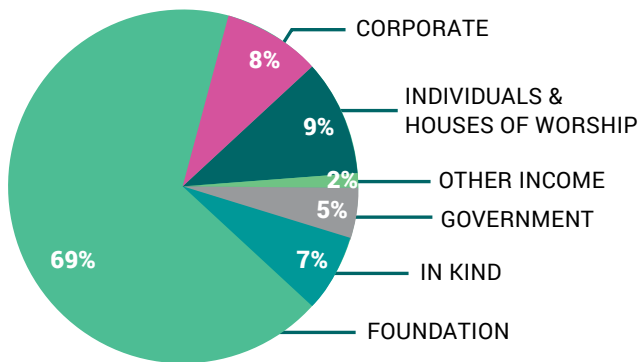


Chosen Tabernacle Ministries in Chicago won an honorable mention at the Green Team Summit

2018 AUDITED FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2018 REVENUE: \$1,740,881

2018 FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES: \$1,416,825



Members from St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Chicago learned how trees are rooted and growing in their neighborhood on a tree walk with Openlands, the U.S. Forest Service, and Faith in Place

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Several faith communities planted trees in the form of a Council Circle at Bowen Park in Waukegan to honor Native American traditions of the area.

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Eco-Ambassadors from Chicago, Markham, and North & West Suburbs gathered together for a camping excursion to Camp Sullivan in the Forest Preserves of Cook County

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Saturday, September 14, 2019 | The Field Museum, Chicago, IL

Whether your house of worship is just starting to think about sustainability or has a long history of going green, you are invited to join us for this event that will give you the tools, resources, and inspiration needed to spark meaningful change in your community.

Join us for a special celebration of 20 YEARS OF FAITH IN PLACE at this event!

www.faithinplace.org/get-involved/green-team-summit

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