Looking Back on September

On September 14th, we celebrated Faith in Place’s 20th anniversary at our 4th annual Green Team Summit. We welcomed 600 people at the Field Museum for a day of education, connection, and advocacy. Attendees enjoyed workshops on topics ranging from Environmental Racism, Climate Change and Migration, Green Teams, Waste, Youth, and more. You can see all the workshop PowerPoints in our most recent blog post. We are also celebrating all our exhibitors who joined and shared ways attendees could further engage in Earth care with their communities.

During the day, we were honored to have a few amazing guests join us. They shared how much the work of Faith in Place means to them – U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, and the
CEO of the Field Museum, Richard Lariviere, were among those faithful visitors.

To honor the land and elders past and present, we opened our afternoon Plenary Session with dances from the Xochitl-Quetzal Danza Azteca Dancers. Their ancestral dancing was followed by a keynote speech from our founding Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Clare Butterfield. We then celebrated the work of our 129 Green Teams from across the state and gave Green Team Awards to five Houses of Worship from Carbondale, Libertyville, Chicago, Arlington Heights, and Urbana. The day closed with a giveaway of fabulous prizes from our generous sponsors.

Growing in October

Extra, Extra!! Illinois has an opportunity to lead for climate action, and we need your help to make it a reality. As a result, Faith in Place and our partners are organizing an extra climate change Advocacy Day this October 29th at the Statehouse in Springfield, IL. Find a bus near you to join us in demanding action now for clean energy jobs and environmental justice.

Registration is available on our website. Sign up now to save your seat on the bus!
Loyola Religion and Nature Series

Curious about the intersection between ecology and different religions? Join Loyola for their "Religion and Nature" Series. It is a collaboration between Loyola University’s Department of Theology and the Institute of Environmental Sustainability aimed at encouraging an integral understanding of the natural world from the perspectives of both science and religion.

Learn More

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Across our country and the world, Hispanic/ Latinx environmentalists bravely and persistently protect the Earth and work to address climate change. We are grateful for their inspirational leadership in our own work. To read about a few Latinx environmentalist leaders' work, check out the article below.

Learn More

Youth! Apply for Lux Summer Theological Institute for Youth at Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL

In September, millions of youth and their supporters around the world participated in the climate strike movement. Now Monmouth College invites high school youth to apply for the 2020 Lux Institute for Youth. During June 14-28, 2020, theologically curious high school students from around the country will focus on environmental justice, diving deep into the world of theological and biblical studies, intentional community, vocational discernment, and worship.

Apply Now
Other News

**Smart Energy Grant Opportunity**

Your house of worship could be eligible for a grant of $1,000 to $2,500 to educate faith community members about energy conservation and smart energy!

**Incubator Kitchens**

Has your faith community ever considered allowing local residents to use the kitchen to run small-scale food businesses (such as baking and catering)?

**Eco-Tip of the Month**

Support local farmers and sustainable agriculture by purchasing produce at local farmers markets. We will be hosting indoor Winters Farmers Markets throughout the winter months where you can find local and delicious goodies! Get market schedule below.

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