



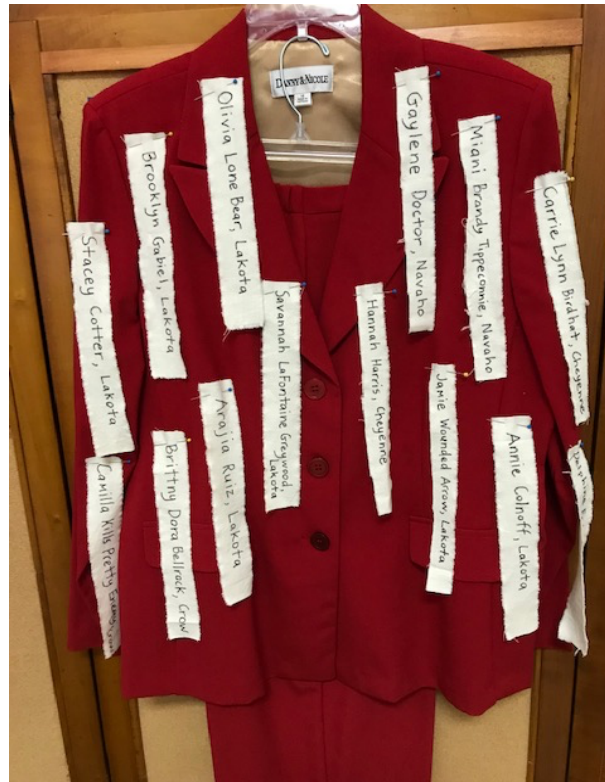
SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS, OLDENBURG, INDIANA LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM REPORT 2022

We have several Corporate Stances (official public document) on Care of Creation, Racism, the Death Penalty, Statement of Nonviolence and ways of resolving conflict which relate to the Sustainability development goals and LCWR statement on the Intersection of Racism, Forced Migration & Climate crisis and Laudato Si Action Platform. Many of our prayers focused on these issues and advocacy via signing petitions to President Biden or Congress. Weekly we have prayer and action opportunities via email on these issues for education and a call to action. We have posted on our web page a copy of LSAP goals and our corporate stances.

Sisters and Associates were invited to renew their Laudato Si' Pledges in fall of 2021 and each year following. Twice during the year we invite membership to review their pledges. In the pledge we included:

Answering Pope Francis' urgent call in Laudato Si', I pledge to: (In blue is our more recent actions of **2022** related to our LSAP pledge)

1) Pray and reflect on the duty to care for God's creation and protect the poor and vulnerable impacted by our climate crisis, especially indigenous and people of color advocating for environmental and economic justice and restoration. Special focus was on indigenous peoples most affected by climate crisis and institutional violence. A group was formed and they provided monthly education, prayer services, and advocacy via petitions or letters to Congress. We wear red on the 12th of each month to honor the missing or murdered indigenous women and asking forgiveness of mistreatment in forced schools system. In addition we contact Congress concerning the taking of land and drilling for fossil fuels on Native Lands. We have a Native American Land Acknowledgment (2022). On the red suit are names of missing or murdered native women in the U.S. Refer to picture on the next page.



Issues of immigration and racism continue to be a focus for prayer and action.

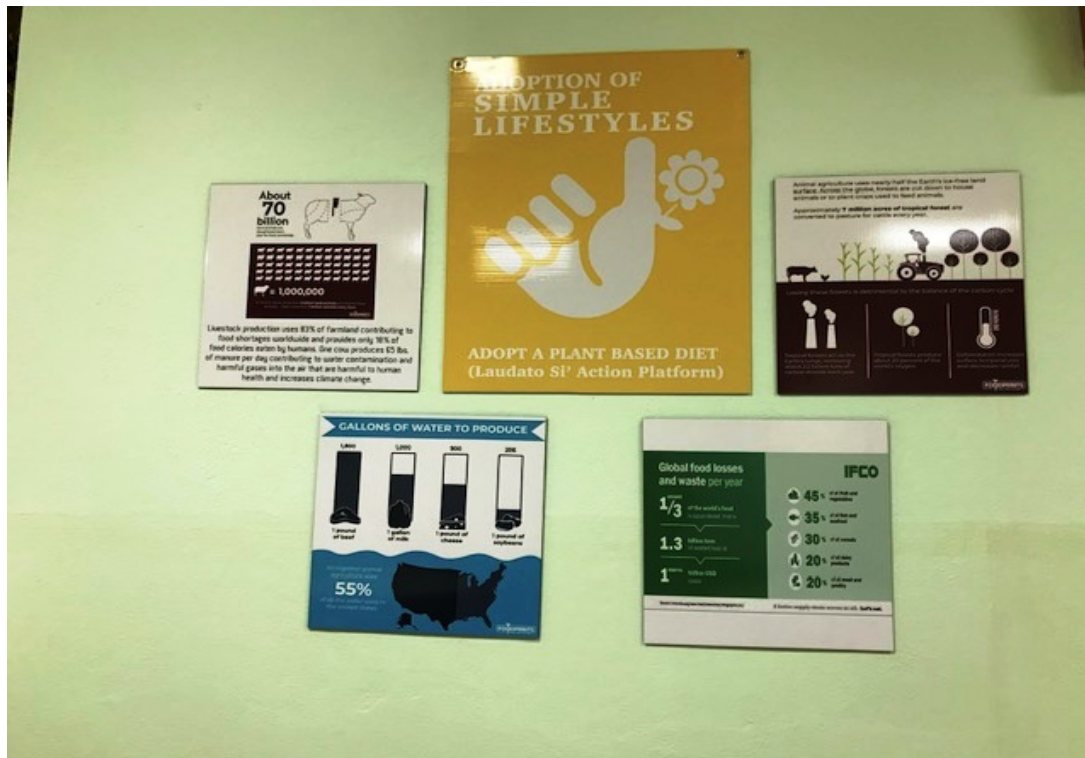
Sisters volunteered to fast from our main noon meal and donated the money to Oxfam International as to be mindful of the poor who suffer hunger.

2) Learn about and educate others on the causes and moral dimensions of climate emergency. Part of our government structure we have forums groups consisting of Sisters and Associates. Sisters and Associates read two articles on Racism and the Environment followed with education and films with discussion on these topics. Education provided via our monthly community news, slide show on TV screens at various stations at the Motherhouse (available to co-workers) and prayer services and action suggestions.

3) Assess how we and others contribute to climate crisis by our energy use and consumption. Conducted an energy audit to educate and identify where we need to reduce our energy. In 2019 we had replaced our lighting system with LED, except for chapel. Due to being a financial underfunded community we will need grants to address our 2022 audit recommendations.

4) Act to change our choices and behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to climate crisis. For the majority of 2022 we focused on education on food consumption and how we can participate in lowering our carbon footprint as Sisters and Associates of St. Francis, Oldenburg. It was challenging and took months of education and experimentation of menus. After couple of months, we are now in the flow of one meal a week that is plant

based/vegetation. Periodically we update with how much CO2 we have personally reduced if one participated. Fifty- two weeks will **reduce 3,809.52 lbs. per person**. Posters are hung in the dining room on Goal 4 of LSAP and in the three multipurpose rooms of our health care center. Packets of smaller version were sent to Sisters on mission and Associates for their local homes. These information posters serve as reminding us of our collective action. The Care of Creation Task Force provided a fun evening of a “vegie chili cook off” meal with all plant based foods. We voted with chips for the best chili. Table prizes were given for the winning table with the highest score on the quiz, testing our learnings on eating lower on the food chain.



5) Advocate for moral principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions. Sent postcards to advocate to vote with climate and Creation in mind and communicating our values of caring for God’s creation and for future generations. Council signed “Bill of Rights” representing the community.

In addition we have added to our list of companies in which we do not want to have stock holdings based on our Corporate Stances, LSAP and LCWR and sustainability goals. Actions of these companies contribute to climate change, loss of food production and human rights abuse.

Inform community of COP meetings and request prayers. Viewed videos, especially “The Letter” and participate in Interfaith Power and Light annual education and action programs including viewing a film, discussion and political action.

As in previous years, the Care of Creation Task Force provided education and prayers for: Season of Creation: weekly prayer sheets and liturgy petitions, prayers and table center pieces with the theme. Celebrate Laudato Si week with quotes and prayers. Earth Day each year we plant a tree with a prayer service and blessings. We have folders with diagrams to identify trees on our main campus divided into sections of campus for a prayer walk. Trees and deforestation and effects on indigenous people are a central focus for us in our prayers/actions and other topics addressed by LSAP, LCWR and sustainability goals.

More education and follow up will occur with speakers at our Oldenburg Franciscan Center in May 2023 by Carolyn Cromer and another visit from John Mundell or filming crew. He is the speaker scheduled in the fall on Oct.7, 2023 at the Oldenburg Franciscan Center and via zoom. Open to the public.

Take the St. Clare Pledge: Aug. 2022

I will be courageously peaceful, speaking up in solidarity with those at risk even when it is uncomfortable to do so. I will bring the light of Christ and a Franciscan spirit of gentle nonviolence into difficult situations in my family, community, nation, and world.

I will be persistent, refusing to give up or become discouraged when my advocacy for justice, peace, creation, and human dignity does not bring quick results.

I will be egalitarian, placing myself on an equal footing with all people and refusing to treat one person with more consideration than another based on social status, wealth, political affiliation, race, ethnicity, sex, or other characteristics.