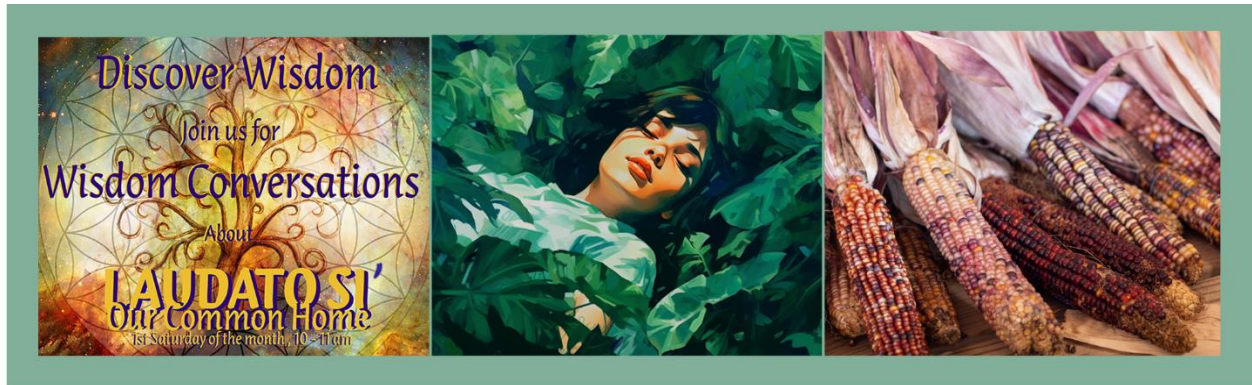


LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM



PLAN FOR YEAR TWO

July 13, 2023- July 13, 2024

As we continue to engage in a reflective process for Year Two of our enrollment in the Laudato Si Action Platform, we take as our goal a deeper understanding of what Ecological Spirituality means: the interconnectedness of all creation at the intersection of human exploitation and mistreatment of the earth.

Actions to achieve this goal:

In collaboration with Wisdom House, our Retreat and Conference Center, we continue to offer programs related to Eco-Spirituality

- **Discover Wisdom**: Wisdom conversations on Laudato Si: Our Common Home – a Zoom call hosted by Wisdom House on the first Saturday of every month includes a Wisdom in Creation Scripture.
- **Celtic Spirituality** teaches reverence for nature, equality of all, and the immanence of God. The session includes poetry, music/song to savor the treasures of “the ancient” as a gift to us.
- **A Day of Prayer with the Three Amigos** in which participants speak about the perspectives of their unique faith traditions:

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. It offers another experience of Eco-Spirituality inclusive of collaborators from other traditions.

- **Forest Bathing** or Shinrin Yoku, is well integrated into Japanese healthcare to improve one's well-being. The program will introduce a series of nature connections and mindfulness exercises while spending time in nature. This program focuses on nature awareness and connection to the earth and breath work.
- **Food Sovereignty in Native America** with Rachel Sayet
Rachel is a Mohegan tribal member from Uncasville, Connecticut. She demonstrates how the history of traditional New England cuisine is rooted in Indigenous ways of knowing and tradition-keeping. This program connects us to a practice we began in Year One of acknowledging local tribal homelands as we celebrate their connection to the land on which we live, work, learn, and collaborate.
- **By Water, Air and Fire: Artists Explore Environmental Issues**
Our Marie Louise Trichet Gallery offers showings by various Artists who interpret the beauty of and threats to our natural world and society through their richly enlightening artwork.

Year Two calls us to a deeper understanding of how everything is connected between human dignity, climate, and lifestyle and to address violations of human dignity in meaningful ways:

Thinking Green at Wisdom House



Responsible Food Delivery

- Packaging is recyclable and/or compostable.
- Utensils are made of cornstarch.
- Sealed containers provide sanitary food transporting and serving.

Conservation Efforts

- Sealed meals reduce food waste and water consumption.

Comparing sealed meals to a food buffet:

A buffet often yields substantial food waste and requires much more water and utilities.

- The buffet requires larger food orders and twice the staff.

Recycling

- Due to bears, other wildlife, and Dept. of Health regulations, we cannot compost food scraps on the property.

(A large commercial facility is not able to recycle in the ways individuals can, but Wisdom House does everything possible to recycle with its refuse removal company.)

In Year Two, we continue to address the violations that lessen human dignity:

- Volunteering at an Immigration clinic to assist asylum seekers in filling out the proper applications and preparing for their court appearance.
- Engaging with NETWORK Social Justice Lobby to write letters to our Senators and Representatives to restore an asylum system and increase funds to ensure that the Shelter and Services Program is fully funded in FY 24.
- Networking with the NYS Justice Promotors to ensure that State legislators are aware of our range of priorities, from climate change to the needs of Immigrants.
- Awarding Wisdom Mission Grants to food pantries and a variety of Parish outreaches to help alleviate growing food insecurity for struggling families—one of the grants assisted in supplying meds for the uninsured.
- Investing with Trillium Asset Management has pursued a wide-ranging advocacy strategy around climate for decades, including engaging with financial institutions around ending fossil-fuel financing.