

FAITHINVEST EVENTS 2023

07 December 2023 Online 10:00 ET | 15:00 BST

FaithInvest FCI Interest Group Quarterly Forum

The Faith-Consistent Investing (FCI) Interest Group meets online every quarter to discuss issues facing faith-based asset owners. These fast-paced (45 minute), focused and solutions-oriented meetings are open to subscribers to our Network. At this Forum we focused on Governance for faith-based investors, with guest speaker Rev Dr Andrew Harper, Chief Responsibility Officer at Christian ethics-based investment manager Epworth Investment Management.

05 December 2023, live

COP28: Climate & Systems Change: Toward positive tipping points

In her role as Board Chair of the Laudato Si' Movement, FaithInvest CEO Dr Lorna Gold is a speaker at this Side Event, which is part of a series of Catholic advocacy actions on governments calling for bold decisions about climate change to accelerate a just transition. It will be livestreamed and recorded on YouTube. See this [document](#) for the speakers.

05 December 2023, live

COP28: Climate & Systems Change: Toward positive tipping points

Dr Lorna Gold spoke in this panel discussion, organised by Kite Insights, will explore the small changes with the potential to drive the acceleration of the green transformation.

- Moderator: **Kirsten Dunlop**, Chief Executive Officer, Climate-KIC
- **Joshua Amponsem**, Co-Director, Youth Climate Justice Fund & Founder, Green Africa Youth Organization
- **Tim Brown**, Chair, IDEO & Vice Chair, Kyu Collective
- **Lorna Gold**, CEO, FaithInvest

05 December 2023, live and online

COP28: Ethics at the Heart of the Energy Transition

Dr Lorna Gold spoke in this fascinating panel discussion organised by the Brahma Kumaris. Other speakers include **Sister Jayanti Addl**, Admin Head of Brahma Kumaris and **Golo Pilz**, Energy Adviser Brahma Kumaris. Live and streamed.

[WATCH](#)

04 December 2023, live and online

[COP28: Faith Pavilion: Opening Address on faith-based investing](#)

FaithInvest CEO Dr Lorna Gold gave the opening remarks at the Faith Pavilion at COP28 on December 4, which is the dedicated day for discussing Finance and Trade, Gender, Equality and Accountability across the whole COP. Live-streamed and recorded.

[WATCH ON YOUTUBE](#)

28 November 2023 Online

[Roundtable: Faith, Science and Philanthropy Uniting for Climate Action ahead of COP28](#)

FaithInvest and the Laudato Si' Movement are holding a unique, high-level event bringing together leaders in the areas of science, faith and philanthropy to discuss how to scale up urgent action on the climate crisis.

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23 November 2023 Online

[COP 28 Roundtable Discussion with Wellbeing Economy Alliance](#)

Given climate inaction and how the climate crisis is unfolding, it is important to keep an eye on what is happening and continue to push for a narrative shift and for greater convergence of movements around economic systems change. All are welcome to join together with members and allies who will be attending COP to discuss the perspectives around COP28 and explore how we might continue to converge around the need for economic systems change to address climate justice. FaithInvest CEO Lorna Gold will be speaking at this event.

07 November 2023 In-person, London, UK

[Church Investment in Climate Solutions: Financing a Liveable Future](#)

Operation Noah and FaithInvest are co-hosting a conference in London for church investors looking at why climate solutions are needed and how to invest in them.

06 November 2023

[Roundtable: Anchoring Faith-Consistent Investing in the Experience of Frontline Communities](#)

FaithInvest convened a roundtable meeting of faith-based investors in Rome to discuss how faith-consistent investing can bring positive benefits to the world's poorest communities. In partnership with the International Union of Superiors General and the Catholic Impact Investing Collaborative.

[WATCH on YouTube](#)

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28 October 2023, Rotselaar, Belgium

[Caring for the Planet as our Home](#)

FaithInvest CEO Dr Lorna Gold spoke at the Green Care Streaming conference, held in person and also live-streamed globally, on the impact that Pope Francis's 2015 publication, *Laudato Si'*, had on her, and on how faith communities can use their investments to respond to the climate crisis.

18 October 2023, New York City

[Phenix Capital Group Impact Summit America](#)

Impact Summit America is a highly curated institutional investor conference that annually brings together thought leaders and practitioners in the impact investing space. The conference aims to catalyse institutional capital to support the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, promoting sustainable investing that goes hand-in-hand with market-competitive financial returns.

24-25 September 2023

[5th International Taoism Forum, Maoshan, China](#)

This Forum brings together leaders of Daoism to engage in dialogue under the theme, 'Revering the Dao and Upholding Virtue, Moving Forward with the World'. It will also announce the decision to launch a Daoist Investor Hub to provide guidance for Daoist followers on how to invest according to Daoist values. FaithInvest's Founding President Martin Palmer is a guest of honour and speaker at the Forum.

20 September 2023

[Embracing the heart of Laudato Si'](#)

Organised by the Dominican Sisters and facilitated by FaithInvest, this webinar, held across two sessions (morning and afternoon) will discuss how *Laudato Si'* offers the wisdom to respond to the ecological crisis, including how finances and investments can be used as a force for good. Tickets cost US\$20 for the morning session only or US\$35 for the morning and afternoon session.

20 September 2023

Global Faith-Based Investors and the Climate Crisis

Climate change is in the news every day, from rising sea levels to wildfires. Amidst this backdrop, and the United Nations Climate Week, the Church Pension Group invites you to join us for our next Insights & Ideas where global industry leaders will discuss their strategies around faith-based investing to help counter climate change. FaithInvest's Mathew Jensen is speaking at this event.

6-8 September 2023, Wilton Park, UK

Women, Religion and Climate Change: Working together to move faster on climate change

Women are leading climate action at national and local levels and in both faith and secular contexts. Women's influence is key to going further, faster on climate action, according to a report by the secretariat UNFCCC. In one of her first events as FaithInvest CEO, Dr Lorna Gold will speak at this Wilton Park Dialogue.

7 September 2023, FaithInvest Quarterly Forum

Faith-consistent Investing Interest Group

We will be unveiling research from our latest study on grant investment alternatives for faiths. This research looks at the use of non-aid financial instruments, sometimes called 'grant alternatives' as methods of investing in traditionally grant-funded activities and programmes. We'll also hear about a Development Impact Bond being developed to support education in Kenya.

25-27 July 2023, St. Louis

AIM Impact Investment Forum and Annual Investor Conference

[Ascension Impact Management](#) hosted this dual event providing commentary on impact investment, recent market events, trends, forward-looking views, and opportunities.

12-13 July 2023, New Haven, CT USA

Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors' 6th Annual Catholic Investor Symposium

FaithInvest Director of Investment Solutions Mathew Jensen participated on a panel, in this two-day event addressing a range of investment issues faced by Catholic Investors.

26-27 June 2023, Geneva

Round table: Leveraging blended finance

The [Lutheran World Federation](#) and its partner [KOIS](#) are holding this round table to discuss how to attract more finance into Kenya's education sector, and to introduce the LWF's new Faith-Sensitive Development Impact Bond. Invitation only.

22 June 2023, hybrid forum

9.00 EST, 14.00 BST, 15.00 CET

The Radical Old Idea: Faith perspectives in finance and beyond

The Radical Old Idea is a platform that seeks to inform a new and better financial paradigm. This event, organised by the Global Ethical Finance Initiative, featured speakers including Professor Atul Shah of City University, Martin Palmer of FaithInvest and Professor M. Iqbal Asaria, Visiting Professor at the London Institute of Banking & Finance.

22 June 2023, in person, Amsterdam

Sustainable Stewardship Summit

Organised by [Anthos Fund & Asset Management](#), this event will share insights on how to become good stewards of sustainable capital – from building all-weather portfolios and strategic impact investing, to integrating human rights principles into investments.

1 June 2023, FaithInvest quarterly online forum

Faith-consistent Investing Interest Group: Quarterly Forum

At this quarter's forum we'll hear from the Chair of the English Sangha Trust who will speak about their faith-consistent investment programme and recent enhancements pursued with input and guidance from FaithInvest. We'll also share updated findings from our study *Good Intentions: what faiths say about how they invest, and how they can do more*.

25 May 2023, online webinar

Align your finances with your faith values

FaithInvest and the Laudato Si' Movement have produced some new resources to help dioceses, universities, schools, and religious congregations align their financial activities with their faith values. [The new resources cover sustainable investment, divestment, sustainable banking and sustainable insurance.](#)

25 May 2023, online webinar

TBLI Talk: How to mobilise the faith investment community

Martin Palmer will discuss how religions became strong defenders of the environment, from the World Wildlife Fund's early interest, through the Alliance of Religions and Conservation organisation, to the 'ZUG Guidelines', FaithInvest, and beyond.

21-23 May 2023, Jakarta, Indonesia

Religion, Peace and Civilisation

FaithInvest CEO Martin Palmer will speak (online) at this conference organised by Majelis Ulama Indonesia (Indonesia's top Islamic scholars body) and attended by Islamic and non-Islamic religious leaders, examining transformative religious models with the aim of proposing strategies for realising world peace based on religious values.

15 May 2023, London

Investing in a Liveable Future: Investment, Faith and Development

FaithInvest and Christian Aid co-hosted this conference exploring the opportunities for business, investment and faith-inspired development agencies to explore alternative forms of income. It discussed moving on from a 100% grant-based model, economic empowerment and inclusion, and what forms of investment can work, among other topics.

11-12 May 2023, London

Extinction or Regeneration: Transforming food systems for human, animal and planetary health

Susie Weldon, Head of Communications, FaithInvest, moderate a panel at this major event focusing on the global food system, organised by Compassion in World Farming. The session focused on the role of business and investments in the sustainable food system of the future. Industrial agriculture could not exist without significant funding and subsidies. How do we shift finance towards a system that is better for human, animal and planetary health, and away from environmental and social harm?

25 April, 2023, Maynooth, Ireland

Investing in Climate Justice

FaithInvest's Director of Movement Building, Dr. Lorna Gold, led a session at the meeting hosted by the Irish Bishop's Conference for Diocesan Financial Advisors, exploring ways in which different dioceses can invest positively for climate justice. This is an invitation-only event co-organised with Trocaire.

22 April, 2023, hybrid conference, Scotland

Tackling the Climate, Cost of Living and Energy Crises

FaithInvest's Director of Movement Building, Dr. Lorna Gold, was a keynote speaker at this hybrid conference, organised by Eco-Congregation Scotland which supports around 650 Scottish churches working to care for creation. The conference focuses on tackling the crises we face this year: climate emergency, cost of living and energy.

21-27 March 2023, Hong Kong

FaithInvest meetings with Daoist faith partners and philanthropists

FaithInvest CEO Martin Palmer was in Hong Kong for a range of meetings including:

- Wed 22: Public lecture on faiths, environment and faith-consistent investing, Hong Kong University, for an audience of 500 people including faith leaders, environmental organisations and students
- Thurs 23 & Fri 24: Meetings with Daoist representatives and discussions about holding a conference on *Al Mizan*, an Islamic perspective on the environment and call for action, due to be published in coming months
- Mon 27: JP Morgan's Asia Philanthropy Forum. Martin chaired a panel on day one of the two-day event (invitation only)

27-29 March 2023, Northern Ireland

Association for Religious Bursars Ireland Conference

FaithInvest CEO Martin Palmer gave the keynote address to this conference for members of religious communities who are involved in making decisions about investment planning, governance etc.

9 March 2023, online

FaithInvest's quarterly FCI Interest Group meeting

Our quarterly 45-minute FCI Interest Group meeting which explored performance and risk implications of using faith-aligned negative screens with Rashed Khan, Director of Portfolio Risk and Analytics at Wespath, the author of [recent research](#) on this topic. Plus our soon-to-be released whitepaper *Faith-consistent Investing and Smaller Organisations*.