



## May 2022 newsletter

We're fully focused on faith-consistent investing this month – both examining the extent to which faiths are aligning their investments and faith values, and engaging in practical discussions on how to do more through our Global Investment Forum events, which kick off next week. And we're very excited about our new Laudato Si' Investor Hub, of which see more below.

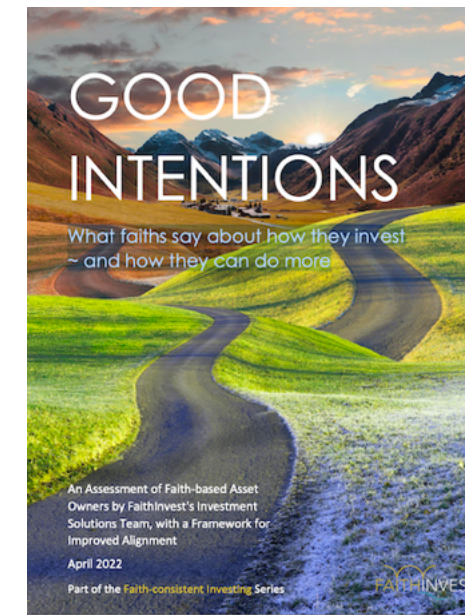
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- **Good Intentions:** FaithInvest's new study of faiths and their investing policies
- **Global Investment Forum events**, including:
  - The launch of the new **Laudato Si' Investor Hub**

## Practicing what they preach? When it comes to their investments, our new analysis finds many faith groups have room for improvement

We are delighted to share our new report, ['Good Intentions: What faiths say about how they invest – and how they can do more'](#), which is the first major in-depth, multi-faith analysis of faiths' publicly available statements about their investment policies.

It found that while many faith groups profess a faith component in their investments, this practice is by no means universal, and of those that do, the extent of the alignment varies widely. For example, the study found:



- Of **164 publicly available statements** considered, only **42** contained sufficient detail for an assessment to be undertaken.
- Of these: **69%** indicated that faith values have a clearly stated role in the principles and guidelines that govern their financial assets (the Yes Group), while **31%** made no mention of their faith (the No Group).
- Of the Yes group: **Only two organisations** had clearly documented that they had extensively integrated faith values throughout the entirety of their investments.
- On average this group's score was just **5.4 on our 10-point scale**, indicating that better alignment is achievable for many.



**Mathew Jensen**, author of the study and a member of FaithInvest's Investment Solutions team (left), says: "Investment policy and guidelines (IPG) statements are the essential guiding principles and prescriptions for how faith-based investment portfolios are managed. Turns out, faith-aligned IPG statements are more a rarity among faith-based asset owners than one might expect."

While many of the faith organisations we studied in depth mention pursuing faith consistency, and some have done much to move toward full alignment, many others have a long way to go, he adds.

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## An analytical tool that can be applied to any faith-based asset owner

In order to conduct the study, FaithInvest developed an analytical framework to assess the extent to which faiths are integrating values into their investments. The methodology used can be applied to any faith organisation's investment policy and guidelines statement to help them assess their own progress against their intentions.

FaithInvest's Investment Solutions team is available to assist any faith-based asset owner with an examination of its IPG statement in pursuit of more fully faith-aligned investments. Do [get in touch](#) if you would like more information about this.

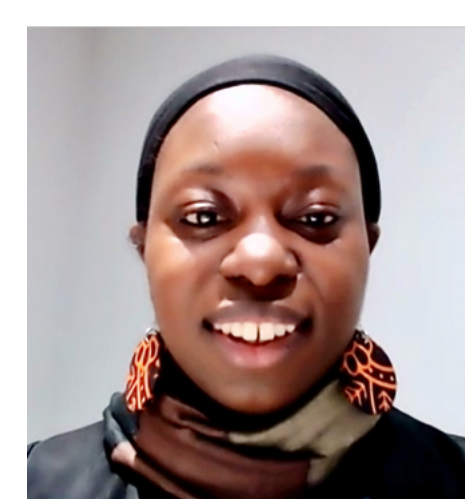
## FaithInvest Global Investment Forum: May 2022

We are very much looking forward to meeting many of you at our Global Investment Forum events, *writes Director of Investment Solutions **Nana Francois***.

The Forum is our annual Member gathering of **faith-based asset owners** – and this year will be the first time we've been able to meet in person.

In fact, we're so pleased to be able to do so that we've organised not one but *four* events in different cities globally (see below for details, dates) but each one will be discussing practical solutions for advancing faith-consistent investing.

And the Dublin event has a special addition: the launch of the Laudato Si' Investor Hub, of which more below.



**Central London: 12th May**  
St. Ethelburga's Centre  
78 Bisopsgate  
London EC2N 4AG  
9.00 - 13.00 BST



**New York City: 17th May**  
Interchurch Centre Building  
475 Riverside Drive  
8.30 - 12.30 ET



**Chicagoland: 19th May**  
Wespath  
1901 Chestnut Ave  
Glenview  
10.30 - 14.30 CT



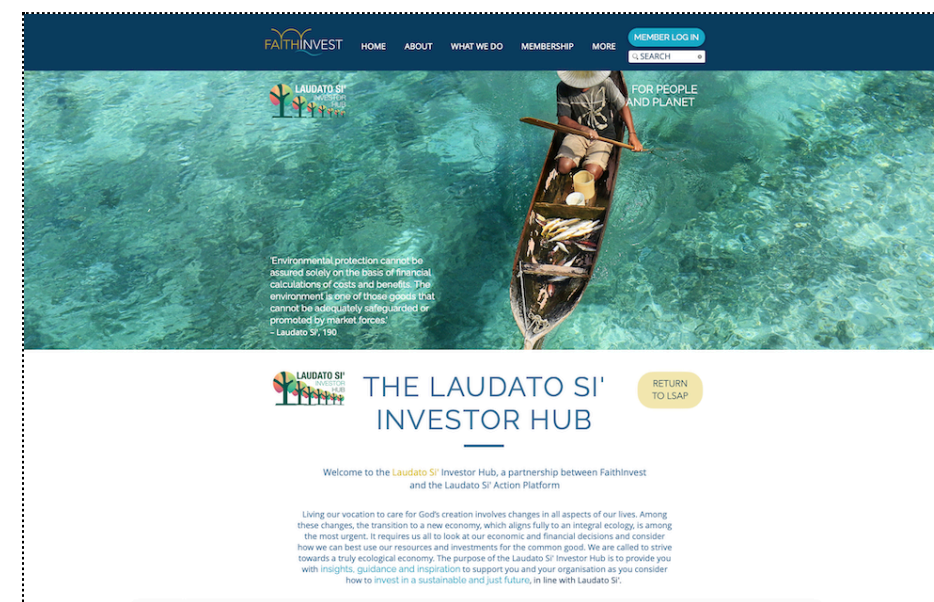
**Dublin Area: 26th May**  
An Tairseach  
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow  
10.30 - 17.00 BST  
(includes launch of the Laudato Si' Investor Hub)

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## Launch of the Laudato Si' Investor Hub

We are very proud to be launching the Laudato Si' Investor Hub during our May 26 Global Investment Forum event in Ireland. The Hub is a partnership between FaithInvest and the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#), which is a collaboration between the Vatican, Catholic organisations and all 'men and women of goodwill'.



The Action Platform is inspired by Pope Francis' ground-breaking 2015 encyclical [Laudato Si'](#) (subtitled on Care for Our Common Home), which called upon all of us to 'hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'. The Platform aims to empower individuals and organisations to take 'decisive action, here and now' for a better future.

One of the seven Laudato Si' goals is 'ecological economics'. This goal calls on Catholic institutions to divest assets from ecological injustice and make positive impact investments towards a sustainable future.

FaithInvest has been asked to house the Laudato Si' Investor Hub (sneak preview shown above), providing resources and inspiring case studies. We anticipate that these resources will be of interest to all faiths as they seek to align their values and investments.

The Hub's official launch takes place during the afternoon of our Global Investment Forum event on May 26. It is co-hosted by FaithInvest with AMRI, An Tairseach Organic Farm and Ecology Centre, the Laudato Si' Movement, Laudato Si' Action Platform and USIG JPIC Commission, and will be broadcast on Zoom. Sign up below if you'd like to be part of it.

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