



June 2022 Newsletter

After conducting our Global Investment Forum meetings in three cities across three countries in May – London, New York City, and Wicklow in the Dublin Area – we're reflecting on the wonderful in-person conversations that made the year's Forum special and looking forward to continuing the work of promoting and scaling up faith-aligned investing.

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- **Faith-consistent Investing - Living Laudato Si'** – the focus of our recent Dublin-area Forum
- **Good Intentions** – our latest white paper is attracting media attention
- **Global Investment Forum** – taking the next steps
- **The Livable Future** – an upcoming workshop for asset stewards

Living Laudato Si'

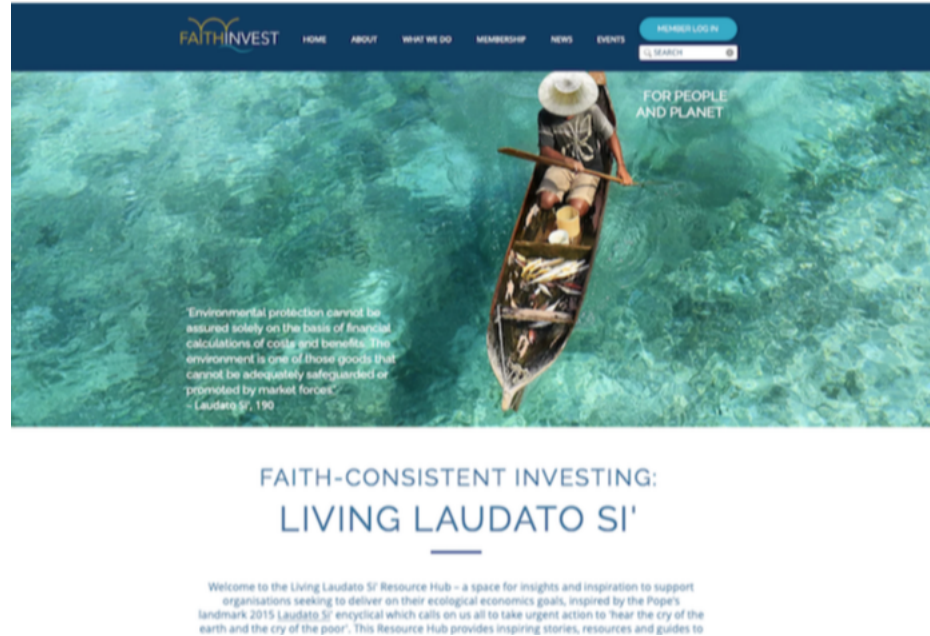
At the An Tairseach Organic Farm and Ecology Center in Wicklow, Ireland, a remarkable gathering of Catholic religious brothers and sisters, priests, and lay people met recently to engage in meaningful, action-oriented dialogue about faith-based investing and transitioning assets in line with Laudato Si', the landmark 2015 encyclical from Pope Francis which called on us all to 'hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'.



The event, entitled *Faith-consistent Investing – Living Laudato Si'*, was co-hosted by FaithInvest in collaboration with AMRI, An Tairseach, the Laudato Si' Movement, Laudato Si' Action Platform and the USIG JPIC Commission. Its purpose was to advance the efforts of Catholic organisations and others wishing to put Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' into action. One of the seven key Laudato Si' goals is 'ecological economics', which calls on Catholic institutions to divest assets from ecological injustice while making positive impact investments, and shifting towards sustainable banking, among other financial practices that will contribute to a sustainable future.



We were proud to have previewed our new online resource hub, Faith-Consistent Investing: Living Laudato Si', during this event, which was live-streamed to 4,300 people around the world!



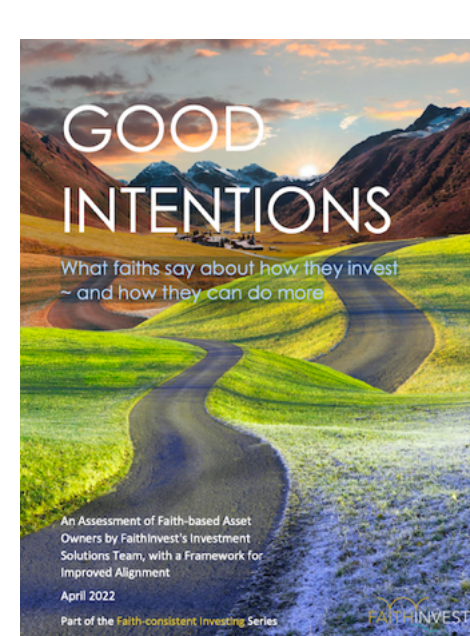
The Hub is a space for insights and inspiration to support organisations seeking to deliver on their ecological economics goals.

Ecological economics is one of the seven goals of the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#), which is a collaboration between the Vatican, Catholic organisations and all 'men and women of goodwill'. FaithInvest has been asked to house the Living Laudato Si' online hub 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.

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)

Interest in Good Intentions

Our recent white paper, *Good Intentions: What Faiths Say About How They Invest And How They Can Do More*, was featured by the media outlet Devex, in a story by Rebecca Root: [What faith groups' move toward value-based investing means for NGOs](#).



We're delighted to see this story attracting attention, as it points to the need for faith groups to apply more faith-consistency in their investment portfolios, and provides an analytical tool for doing so.

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

In order to conduct the *Good Intentions* 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 intention."

– Mathew Jensen, FaithInvest Investment Solutions Officer and the report's lead author.

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.

[DOWNLOAD GOOD INTENTIONS REPORT](#)

FaithInvest Global Investment Forum: Next Steps!

In May, FaithInvest conducted our annual Global Investment Forum in person and in multiple locations. Our focus was on developing and implementing solutions for faith-consistent investing and impact investing programmes.



Faith-based asset owners who attended the event and others who are ready to take the next step can keep the momentum going by participating in our upcoming working groups, registration links below.

[FaithInvest FCI Working Group – June 30](#)

[FaithInvest Impact Investing Working Group – July 14](#)

FaithInvest Working Groups are Member events, if you are interested becoming a member please contact us at membership@faithinvest.com.

The Livable Future Investing Workshop A leadership workshop for asset stewards, October 2022

Looking ahead, this workshop – run by the Francisco Collaborative – will introduce and apply frameworks rooted in Catholic Social Teaching (CST) to multiple asset classes, from public equities to alternatives.

They say: 'We also introduce some of the leading edges of CST-embodied investing – from non-extractive finance to cooperatives, catalytic capital to lasting ESG impact. Our goal is to create space for learning and embarking collaboratively on what many of us know is our most important work.

'This initiative is not a Catholic-only effort nor is it denominational. We believe the principles of Catholic Social Teaching offer a universal framework to help guide our efforts to build the solidarity economy, and ultimately a livable future for people and planet.'

Informational sessions about the workshop are currently being offered, including on June 23 and June 29, click below for details.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

FaithInvest supports faith-based asset owners to align their investments to their faith values. We support the rapidly growing movement of faiths actively using their investments and other assets to create a better world – for the benefit of people and planet. Visit www.faiithinvest.org for more information.



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