

FaithInvest Events in 2021

16 December 2021, 19:00 London

Faiths Rising: Climate action beyond COP25

FaithInvest's Faith Plans team and guests reflect on what next for climate action post-COP26. We hear how the faiths are major stakeholders in the planet, and how faiths around the world are creating Faith Plans designed to realign their assets – investments, land, building, educational and medical institutes and their lifestyles – as part of our [Faith Plans](#) programme. Speakers include:

- Dr Lorna Gold – Director of Movement Building with FaithInvest
- Rev Susan Hendershot – President of Interfaith Power and Light
- Allen Ottaro – Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa
- Gopal Patel – Bhumi Global

Wednesday December 1, 09.00 New York

The Investment Implications of Combining Faith-Values with ESG Screening: Learnings from Islamic Investing

The modern environmental, social and governance (ESG) investing movement developed out of socially-responsible investing strategies with their origins in aligning investment with faith principles. However, can today's systematic ESG be combined with faith-based screening in effective yet faith-consistent portfolios? In this webinar, FaithInvest co-partners with the Responsible Finance & Investment (RFI) Foundation, who will present findings from a detailed empirical analysis of Islamic investing and ESG.

Monday November 22, 13.00 GMT

Oxford Faith-Aligned Impact Finance Project Global Convening

FaithInvest's Martin Palmer spoke at this event for OxFAIF, a project of Oxford University's Said Business School that aims to raise the level of impact investing from faith-aligned funds across the world. OxFAIF has begun the work of mapping faith-aligned funds around the world, and showcased its initial findings, case studies on innovative work already being undertaken, as well as how the field could be helped by further research, executive education and convenings.

Tuesday November 9, 19.30-22.30 GMT (London)

'Laudato Si' – Faithful Action, New York Times Climate Hub

How are religious leaders mobilising people of faith and their networks to care and act on behalf of the planet, and what more can be done? FaithInvest's Martin Palmer and Lorna Gold take part in this New York Times debate. It includes a green carpet premiere of excerpts from the highly anticipated Laudato Si documentary (which features both Martin and Lorna), due to be released in early 2022.

Tuesday 9 November, 14:00 EST (New York) / 19:00 (London)

FaithInvest/CREAS webinar on faith-consistent investing

Mathew Jensen of FaithInvest presents the journey of values-based and faith-consistent investing to the CREAS network in Latin America, exploring the motivations in the use of capital for social, economic, and environmental, but also anthropological, cultural and sustainability purposes. This is an invitation-only webinar.

Tuesday 9 November, 10:00-11.30 GMT (London)

Faith in the SDGs Summit

FaithInvest's Lorna Gold and Martin Palmer took part in this mini summit, which asked how faiths could use their financial and other assets (buildings, land, purchasing power, influence) to advance a transition to Net Zero. Organised in partnership with [Global Ethical Finance Initiative \(GEFI\)](#), [Islamic Finance Council UK \(UKIFC\)](#), [Wahed](#) and [Church of Scotland](#).

Sunday 7 November, 18:30-20.30 GMT (London)

COP26: Faith Plans for People and Planet

This panel discussion looked at how faith groups can use their assets, investments and influence to drive practical action on the environment, and featured FaithInvest's Lorna Gold as well as Faith Plans partners Olav Kjørven of EAT, Dr Rajwant Singh of EcoSikh and Nigel Savage of Hazon. It was organised in partnership with Focolare and the Ahl Al Bait Society Scotland.

Wednesday 3 November, 10.00-12.30 GMT (London)

Just Transition Round Table

Invitation-only event looking at strategies and innovations for mobilising faith-based institutional capital for the Just Transition. It's organised in partnership with the World Bank's [Climate Investment Funds](#) and [Global Ethical Finance Initiative \(GEFI\)](#).

Saturday October 30, 14:30 BST (London)

COP26: Insights and Commitment

FaithInvest's Lorna Gold (speaking with her Chair of Laudato Si' Movement hat on) and Tillie Palmer, Faith Plans programme officer, discuss how faith communities are responding to the climate crisis, ahead of COP26. Organised by Focolare Movement, United World Project, Dare to Care, Y4UW International, FaithInvest and the Laudato Si' Movement.

[***Watch the webinar on YouTube***](#)

Wednesday November 3, 09:30-11:00 GMT (London)

Ross Priory, Loch Lomond

Just Transition Fund Round Table

How can we mobilise private sector capital at scale for the Just Transition, starting with the faiths as one of the largest parts of civil society? This invitation-only round table has been organised by FaithInvest and GEFI and the World Bank's Climate Investment Funds

Tuesday June 8-Wednesday June 9, 2021

FaithInvest's Inaugural Member Conference: Pragmatic Faith-Consistent Investing:

A working conference for faith-based asset owners

FaithInvest's Inaugural Members' Conference was an action-oriented, information-rich online event set over two half-days on Tuesday June 8 (12.30–17.00 BST) and Wednesday 9 (14.00-19.00 BST). It was aimed at FaithInvest members.

Tuesday, 18 May 2021, 12pm BST

Developing your Faith Long-term Plan: Media & Outreach

Good communication is vital to the success of virtually all endeavours. Sharing your knowledge, experience and stories – through newspapers, radio, TV, websites and social media – helps people understand what you are doing and why. This webinar, part of the [Faith Long-term Plans](#) series, features successful case studies of media and outreach.

Speakers include:

- Moderator: **Susie Weldon**, FaithInvest Director of Communications
- **Martin Palmer**, FaithInvest CEO
- **Daniel Perell**, Representative to the UN, Baha'i International Community
- **Dr Fachruddin Majeri Mangunjaya**, Chair, Centre for Islamic Studies, Universitas Nasional, Indonesia
- **Reba Elliott**, Director of Special Projects, Global Catholic Climate Movement

[***Watch the video here***](#)

Tuesday, 27 April 2021, 2pm BST

Developing your Faith Long-term Plan: Advocacy

If you've ever tried to promote an issue you care about, you've engaged in advocacy. Advocacy is about influencing attitudes, opinions and actions to bring about change – whether internally within your own faith group or externally in the wider community. What are the most effective ways of doing this? Originally this

webinar was going to include Media but because there is so much to say about each topic, we have split it into two. The Media & Communications webinar is on May 18 – see below. This is part of the [Faith Long-term Plans](#) series of webinars.

Speakers include:

- Moderator: **Lorna Gold**, FaithInvest Director of Movement Building
- **Martin Palmer**, FaithInvest CEO
- **Charles McNeill**, Director of the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative
- **Gopal Patel**, Director of Bhumi Global and vice chair of the UN's Multifaith Advisory Council
- One more speaker to be confirmed

[***Watch the video here***](#)

Thursday, 15 April 2021, 2pm BST

[Developing your Faith Long-term Plan: Wisdom](#)

Both faiths and many secular organisations recognise that the environmental crisis is a spiritual issue. How, through mindfulness, compassion and care, rooted in centuries of experience, can faiths address this spiritual issue? We will explore training, crisis and adaptation, practices of prayer and use of liturgies as well as the theology of nature from different faith perspectives. This is part of the [Faith Long-term Plans](#) series of webinars. Speakers include:

- **Darin Lamar Jones**, Center for Earth Ethics, US
- **Dekila Chungyalpa**, Director, Loka Initiative, University of Wisconsin-Madison, US
- **Rev Dr Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam**, Coordinator of Ecology and Creation, the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Italy
- **Linda Wong**, China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation, China

[***Watch the video here***](#)

23 March 2021, 2.30pm GMT

[Rooting your Investment Guidelines in faith principles](#)

What are the practical steps and considerations involved in creating investment guidelines that align with your faith values and beliefs? This webinar is led by the FaithInvest team, with Dave Zellner, CIO of Wespeth, and provides in depth training on aligning investment guidelines with faith values, with opportunities for Q&A and discussion.

[***Watch the video here***](#)

9 March 2021, 2pm GMT

[Developing your Faith Long-term Plan: Financial Assets and Investments](#)

Together faith groups comprise a significant investment bloc on the global stock markets. How do they manage their financial assets and investments in line with their values? This is part of our [Faith Long-term Plans](#) series of webinars.

[***Watch the video here***](#)

5 March 2021, all day India time

[Faith-Driven Investing: Walk the Talk - Asia focus.](#)

This was the second online event in this year's 4th international Faith-based Investment Conference (after the Africa focused event on January 15) and was praised by participants for the quality of its content.

[***See the agenda and watch the videos here***](#)

3 March 2021, 7pm GMT

[Scottish Churches' webinar: COP26, Divestment & Investment in a Just and Green Recovery](#)

FaithInvest's Lorna Gold is the keynote speaker at this Scottish Churches' webinar which considers how churches in Scotland can support a just and green recovery. Both the Church of Scotland and Scottish Episcopal Church will be discussing fossil fuel divestment this year and the webinar will launch the Scottish Churches' COP26 Pledge.

23 February 2021, 2pm GMT

Developing your Faith Long-term Plan: Celebration

The world, despite all its problems, is still a beautiful place. How can faith groups celebrate this, either through existing festivals or new platforms. There will also be an opportunity to hear about the next steps in the Faith Long-term Plan process. This is part of the Faith Long-term Plans series of webinars. Speakers include:

- **Spirydoula Fotinis**, Coordinator of Programs, Inter-Orthodox Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
- **Hajjat Sebyala Aphwa**, Director, Energising Solutions and initiator of Greening Fridays, Uganda

Watch the video [here](#)

04 February 2021, 12noon GMT

Developing your Faith Long-term Plan: Partnerships, Eco-twinning and environmental departments

We already know that taking action in partnership with others greatly improves your chance of achieving a positive result. How can faith groups increase their impact on the environment by developing partnerships and sharing experience and expertise with other groups across social, economic, cultural and geographical settings? We bring together experts to present case studies and discuss the effectiveness of creating dedicated environmental departments. This is part of the Faith Long-term Plans series of webinars.

Watch the video [here](#)

19 January 2021, 2pm GMT

Developing your Faith Long-term Plan: Lifestyles

We all have a choice, both as individuals and as communities, to live a simple life that is beneficial to both humans and the planet. Within many faith teachings and traditions lies the encouragement to live a life in harmony with the environment. This webinar engages key thinkers in a conversation on self-assessment, pilgrimage, tourism, family life, purchasing power, and the art of simple living. This is part of the Faith Long-term Plans series of webinars.

Speakers include:

- **Husna Ahmad**, CEO Global One
- **Ruth Valerio**, Tearfund
- **Stanley Baya, A Rocha**

Moderator: **Alison Prout**, CEO, INCR

Watch the video [here](#)

15 January 2021, all day

4th international Faith-based Investment Conference – Faith-Driven Investing: Walk the Talk

More than 150 people attended the 4th International Faith-based Investment Conference, which was held online for the first time. Organised by Geneva Agape Foundation and co-hosted by the World Council of Churches (WCC), FaithInvest, and the World Evangelical Alliance's Business Coalition, this meeting focused on Europe and Africa; a second regional conference focusing on Asia will be held on March 5.

See the agenda and watch the videos [here](#)

13 January 2021, 12noon GMT

Developing your Faith Long-term Plan: Assets – Land & Forests; Water; Wildlife & Habitats

Globally, faiths own around 8% of all habitable land on earth, and more than 5% of commercial forests. How can faith groups manage their land sustainably, focusing biodiversity. Speakers included:

- **Ani Tsering Youden**
- **Martin Palmer**, CEO, FaithInvest
- **Ravneet Singh**, EcoSikh

Moderator: Chantal Elkin, WWF's Beliefs and Values Programme

***Watch the video [here](#)**