

2021



Planting at Shri Ram Dham Hindu Mandir. 2021
Photo credit: Vijay Solanki

Faith & the Common Good

ANNUAL REPORT

Hope-inspired Climate Action

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"Hope is not optimism. Hope is a discipline... we have to practice it every single day."
— Mariame Kaba

Hope propels us to act for the climate. For all of life. Hope is what gives us courage and mobilizes us, imbuing us with a spirit of optimism.

Having hope is made easier when we are inspired by vision. In order for us to centre hope in this challenging work of renewing the sacred balance of our planet, we need support, motivation and ways to collaborate. We need tools and access to resources to create change.

In 2021, even as the pandemic endured and with the many hardships it brought, our network was still keenly committed to doing our part to mitigate the climate crisis. Indeed, the lessons that the pandemic continues to teach us is that it is all the more urgent to build better, healthier communities to withstand crises of all kinds.

Last year, in keeping with our strategic goals of building capacity via diversity, harnessing sustainability, and strengthening communities, we facilitated hope-inspired action and opportunities to work together. We laid the groundwork for innovative approaches to climate solutions.

We expanded our reach, enhanced our programs with new resources such as our video webinars, offered more occasions for networking and connecting via roundtables, inspired via stories, and nurtured communities by planting gardens and food forests.

Thank you for being part of the journey with our network. You — along with our staff, volunteers, Board, funders, partners — you all give me hope. I invite you to read on and learn more about what we accomplished in 2021. Let us continue to nurture and build climate hope together.



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Michelle Singh

STRATEGIC GOALS

VISION

Working together for the common good to build a more resilient and sustainable Canada.

MISSION

Harness the power of diverse faith and spiritual groups through education, capacity building and collective action to build more resilient and sustainable communities.

STRATEGIC GOALS: 2019-2023

BUILD

Capacity
via Diversity

HARNESS

Sustainability

STRENGTHEN

Communities



Interfaith Partners for Sustainable Communities

IMPACTS

With 800 Active Faith Communities, 20 Faith Traditions represented in our network, 4453 Interfaith connections in our database and 90 Partner Institutions, we accomplished the following:

Celebrating the Fall Equinox



a spiritual journey led by Tracey Whiteye
5-6:30 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021

beginning and ending at the Bandshell,
Victoria Park, London, Ontario



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Greening Sacred Spaces (London),
a www.ClimateActionLondon.ca initiative
Scan QR code on left for [Free Eventbrite Registration](#)
ALL COVID PROTOCOLS WILL BE OBSERVED
Bring umbrellas in case of rain!

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New Chapter Launch

London, ON, chapter, is further expanding our reach, diversity and our capacity.

1

New Extreme Weather Resilience Hub Established

Partners, OakvilleReady added a new extreme weather resilience hub to the 7 already established faith-based neighbourhood havens.

12

New Community Gardens

Gardens help to increase local biodiversity and food security.

IMPACTS

60
Events held
across Canada

Our webinars and presentations raised awareness about eco-investment, energy conservation, Indigenous allyship and more.

76
Blogs &
Newsletters

We shared success stories and inspiration for climate action via our blog and our newsletters.

35
Articles in
podcast, print
& web format

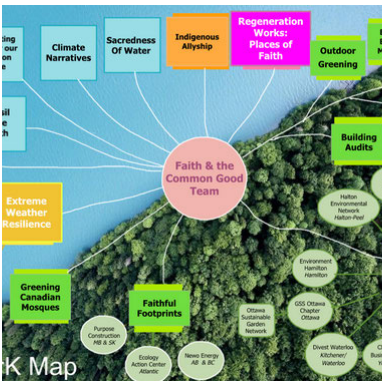
Up from 23 in 2020, expanding our visibility as leaders in the sector.

25
YouTube
uploads

With 2265 views sharing stories.

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Tapestry

Why Canada's 27,000 faith buildings are crucial for communities



CBC Radio - Posted: Dec 10, 2021 4:04 PM ET | Last Updated: December 10, 2021



Trinity St. Paul's Centre for Faith, Justice and the Arts is a repurposed church in downtown Toronto. (Submitted by Kendra Fry)

Search

In 2006, Mark Sevestre became one of three founding members of the National Aboriginal Trust Officers Association. Serving in several roles, including Board Member, Committee Chairman and President, Mark is currently serving as Founder and Senior Advisor to NATOA. Mark is leading the Reconciliation and Responsible Investment Initiative (RRI) in partnership with SHARE Canada which is linking Indigenous Values to Indigenous Investing as well as helping Non-Indigenous Investors utilize their portfolios to achieve the goals of Reconciliation in Canada.

Mark also currently serves as the General Manager of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Community Trust since 1999. Mark has served as a Branch/Financial Services Manager with the Bank of Montreal opening a branch within the Onyota'oka (Oneida) First Nation near London, Ontario. Mark is a graduate of Mount Allison University (1991) and began his working career within the Federal Government.

Mark is Mohawk and resides in the Six Nations of the Grand River.

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Impact Investing/ Investissement autochtone et d'impact
Faithful Eco-Investment Accelerator Virtual Forum:
vesting/ Investissement autochtone et d'impact...more

IMPACTS

53,889
Website
page views

Our tools, resources, programs and blogs, provide pathways to climate action.

60%
increase in
our Facebook
page reach

Increased engagement, with 20,224 views and an increase of 43% in page visits.

15
Energy
Conservation
Projects

Helped congregations live their climate commitments, reducing carbon emissions and improving energy efficiency

60
United
Churches
joined FF

With a goal of engaging 500 congregations by the end of the 2023, these United Churches joined the Faithful Footprints Program, bringing the total to 272.



CHAPTER LAUNCH

Greening Sacred Spaces (GSS) London

In the fall of 2021, we launched [Greening Sacred Spaces London](#), a new chapter. M. Tracey Whiteye, member of the Lunaapeew First Nation, led a spiritual walk within Victoria Park in downtown London to connect us all and future generations to the land that belongs to the Creator. It was also an opportunity to advance the City of London's Climate Emergency Action Plan. The event took place on the Fall Equinox. Whiteye explained that "from the Indigenous ways of seeing, feeling, knowing and doing, this event represents gathering together to honour our original ancestors: the trees, the plants, the water, our mother earth, the air that we breathe, the winged-ones, the four-legged, and the smallest creepy crawlers. To read more about the launch and learn about other GSS London initiatives, please click on this [link](#).



M.Tracey Whiteye (left).
Photo credits: Matt Martin



SELECT PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Greening Canadian Mosques

The Greening Canadian Mosques program is a call to action for Muslim community leaders to embed policies and practices within their mosques centering around the protection of the natural environment, and to encourage their Muslim congregations and community members to uphold their roles as stewards of the environment – protecting it from harm and leaving it in a state better than how we found it, for our future generations.

— Saba Khan, Project Coordinator.



In 2021, our Greening Canadian Mosques (GCM) program in partnership with EnviroMuslims received new funding from Olive Tree Foundation. With the funding, we continued working to deliver a toolkit of resources, case studies and action plans to help Canadian mosques take climate action.

Climate Conversations is phase 3 of the GCM program, a segment of the program designed to give Imams an opportunity to participate in peer-to-peer learning sessions and trainings, as well as serve as a platform to a generation of diverse Muslim youth to share their concerns and their solutions to challenges their local mosques face in implementing sustainability programs.

Ten GCM Community Ambassadors (Muslim Canadians) from across the country were trained to recruit mosques in their provinces to sign up for the program and help with participant engagement with the content of the toolkit. Our teams also hosted an Advisory Roundtable event with Imams from local mosques and sustainability champions from the Muslim community. Read more about the Greening Canadian Mosques program [here](#).

SELECT PROGRAMS

Energy Benchmarking Program (GSS Ottawa)

You can't change what you don't measure. Understanding your energy use is the first step in reducing it.

Launched in February, by December 2021, 50 diverse faith communities registered to participate in the Ottawa Faith Building Energy Benchmarking Program (EBP). Despite the numerous challenges related to COVID-19 restrictions, GSS Ottawa was able to host six different events throughout the year. Each event helped raise awareness of our Energy Benchmarking Program, the available resources, highlighted case studies and the overall importance of this program for faith communities.

In October, GSS Ottawa held their very first HYBRID "Green Gathering" networking event since the pandemic, at Rideau Park United Church. GSS Ottawa was also approved for \$90K through ZEVIP to help install up to 18 EV chargers at 12 different locations across Ottawa. Many of the interested faith communities were current participants of the EBP.

2019-2022

OTTAWA FAITH-BUILDING ENERGY BENCHMARKING PROGRAM

CASE STUDIES



Greening Sacred Spaces
OTTAWA CHAPTER

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Foundation
Fondation
Trillium
de l'Ontario



Photo credits: GSS Ottawa

SELECT PROGRAMS

Faithful Footprints continues to inspire change

Despite the pandemic slowing most building and energy efficiency projects down, we still saw activity and work being carried out by those who could get into their buildings and were able to have contractors enter the building safely. In some cases, churches were the only work some contractors were doing as the building was empty and safe for them to work within. To this end, the pandemic year saw more than expected activity across the country.

— Stephen Collette, FCG Building Manager and Energy Expert.

As the delivery partner for the United Church of Canada's [Faithful Footprints](#) program, FCG continued to increase the one-of-a-kind program that offers grants and support for churches and church properties to measure their energy use and reduce their climate pollution in ways that save money and strengthen congregational renewal (UCCan has invested \$3 million to reduce GHG 80% by 2050). With a goal of engaging 500 congregations by 2023, 60 new faith groups joined in 2021, bringing the total to 272. See the Faithful Footprints website for more. Please read the Faithful Footprints Sustainability Report to learn more.



Ralph Connor Memorial United Church, Canmore, Alberta.
Photo credits: Faithful Footprints



SELECT PROGRAMS

Mouvement Laudato Si' Movement Canada

Fossil fuel divestment is a powerful act of faith that hundreds of religious institutions around the world have taken to respond to the climate emergency. It increases pressure on governments and financial institutions to end financing for the fossil fuel industry. Furthermore, an increasing number of faith investors are investing in solutions to the climate crisis, and providing access to clean, affordable energy, including zero-carbon energy solutions for people without access to electricity.

With funding from the Catherine Donnelly Foundation (CDF), the Movement Laudato Si' Mouvement (MLSM) Canada program (formally Global Catholic Climate Movement Canada) offered a series of four (4) webinars on divesting from fossil fuels and eco-investing. Featuring a powerful and impactful speaker line-up of Canadian and international voices, webinar topics ranged from shareholder engagement to Indigenous and impact investing.

The latter half of the year was focused on writing the [Catholic Eco-Investment Accelerator Toolkit](#) to encourage the shift of investments away from fossil fuel companies towards sustainable energy, environmentally responsible business practices, alternative community-based investment projects and partnership building with Indigenous entrepreneurs.

For webinars click [here](#).

In the process of working on this project several exciting connections were made. MLSM Canada gained recognition as a key Canadian partner in impact investment collaboration building with Catholic Impact Investment Collaborative.

Coordinator, Agnes Richard facilitated an introduction of CEOs from Viridis Terra Inc. (Quebec) and FaithInvest UK, who began a relationship for ecosystem restoration of degraded lands owned by vulnerable communities in Latin America.

By the time the Toolkit was completed in December, the Laudato Si' Movement agreed to promote it to international audiences.



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CATHOLIQUE**
Le pouvoir financier des catholiques et la mise
en pratique des enseignements de l'Église



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MLSM REGIONAL ROUNDTABLES

In 2021, MLSM Canada launched Regional Roundtables in B.C., the Prairies and the Atlantic in response to its member survey revealing a desire for more direct engagement among movement members. These online facilitated Roundtables provided MLSM Canada members with a space for community building, ecological spirituality as well as sharing of resources, challenges and strategies.

OakvilleReady

OakvilleReady is a partnership between FCG, Town of Oakville, Halton Environmental Network, and local faith communities. It is a resiliency network that engages diverse community stakeholders to increase their understanding around how residents can work together to support one another during extreme weather events. Resilience 'hubs' are located in participating faith-based organizations, which act as engagement and care anchors. OakvilleReady hubs include Church of the Incarnation, Shaarei-Beth El, Maple Grove United, Kerr St., Mission, Knox Oakville, St. Cuthbert's and St. Paul's United. The team members conduct vulnerability community checks and offer emergency preparedness workshops and educational sessions on a wide range of topics from cooking on a budget to learning about the town's climate adaptation report and mitigated risk of flooding and high wind impacts. OakvilleReady hubs are becoming emergency evacuation sites for select daycares within Oakville. The team runs regular food drives, installs and maintains fruit, vegetable and pollinator-friendly gardens, and offers opportunities for youth to engage. In 2021, Forestview Church without Walls joined the seven established sites.



Volunteers at St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Oakville
Photo credits: OakvilleReady

SELECT PROJECTS



Faith Food Forests

With a generous grant from the Region of Waterloo, the GSS Chapter, [Divest Waterloo](#), launched a Faith Food Forest (FFF) project in partnership with [Grand River Food Forestry](#) in the Waterloo region that supported the creation of eight food forests in partnership with 5 local faith communities.

Community of Christ Church, Temple Shalom, Westminster United, Shri Ram Dham Hindu Temple and Eby Street Mennonite Church created food forests on their own properties and in the fall of 2021, they joined with [Crow Shield Lodge](#), a healing sweat lodge outside of town, for the largest fedge (food hedge) planting of all, at the edge of the adjoining forest. The FFF project wrapped up in November 2021 but the participants have pledged to continue working together and stewarding their land with the common vision of food security and land conservation. Read on [here](#).

Going forward, we hope to expand the planting area, gradually replacing the lawn with a combination of food plants, pollinator plants, and other native species that are easy-care.

—Joan Thompson, Community of Christ Church.

Settler culture is about extraction. So much of this work has to do with people changing HOW they see land.

Everything is about relationships.

— Laura Hamilton, Project Facilitator.

Volunteers from:

Top: Community of Christ

Middle: Temple Shalom &
Westminster United

Bottom: Crow Shield Lodge

Photo credits: Faith Food Forest participants

SELECT PROJECTS

Maamawi Revisited

The concert was an opportunity to bring everyone together in a space that was brave to share their journeys musically sonically and from the heart to make connections across differences holistically in our local community.

And of course to celebrate the creative process as a generative location for intercultural dialogue and understanding while showcasing local Indigenous voices.

— Heather Majaury, Artistic Associate MT Space.



This project was undertaken by our GSS Chapter, Divest Waterloo, in partnership with Pins and Needles Fabric Company, an “Intersectional Inter-Arts Collective” and Crow Shield Lodge.

The project involved land based workshops (funded by the Community Foundation) that were held in the woods at Crow Shield Lodge Indigenous Healing Centre to connect the artists with each other, their mentors, elders and knowledge keepers. Crow Shield Lodge is a particularly cultivated space for Indigenous teachings and connections visioned and realized by the urban Indigenous community in Block two of the Haldimand tract where there are facilities that encourage traditional culturally-based relationship building, to foster cooperation and collaboration and creating support.



Participants spent time in the woods together and alone, listening and learning. They were also supported to develop their songs during one of these workshops by accomplished Indigenous studio musicians. Numerous online coaching sessions followed in advance of the final performance. These focused on preparing the emerging artists to perform and to share their stories. The final performance was funded by the City of Kitchener and held indoors at the City’s Victoria Park Pavilion in December 2021.

Performers

Photo credits: Heather Majaury

SELECT PROJECTS



Congregation Darchei Noam



Metropolitan United Garden

Photo credits: Dorcas Beaton

TD FEF Toronto Garden Program

In 2021, Project manager, Donna Lang, helped 5 Toronto-based faith communities plant gardens on their property. Metropolitan United Church, Darchei Noam, Islamic Foundation of Toronto (IFT), and St. Cuthbert's Anglican all created pollinator gardens. Wellspring Worship Centre planted a vegetable garden.



Growing Gardens at Wellspring Worship Centre

Photo credit: Sarah Murley

Our volunteer gardener has great knowledge about native plants....he promised to do a workshop on native plants, so our seniors can decorate their own gardens with these plants to attract bugs, bees and nature into their lives.

— Sajeda Khan, Social Services Coordinator, IFT.

ADVOCACY

RAISE YOUR FAITHFUL VOICES FOR CLIMATE

Faith & the Common Good (FCG) supports our network in working collectively to raise awareness and encourage action to ensure that all living beings, including future generations, have access to clean air and water, toxic-free living environments, and a life-supporting climate.

We cannot remain silent nor isolated when the web of life which sustains us is declining as never before in human history. More than ever, we have a responsibility to help create a national path forward by collectively challenging the destruction that we are complicit in as well as creating and supporting positive, local actions taken by diverse communities across Canada to walk more gently on the planet.

Sacred People, Sacred Earth

On March 11, FCG took part in the biggest-ever grassroots, global, multi-faith, COVID-friendly day of climate action. Sacred People, Sacred Earth mobilized 420 actions in 49 countries, with support from over 250 religious leaders and 125 co-sponsoring organizations representing more than 100 million people! Following the day of action, the GreenFaith International Network created a collection of stories about grassroots actions around the world focused on the 10 Demands. You can download the GreenFaith International multi-faith resource The Time to Act is Now.

A poster for 'Faithful Energy Global Multi-Religious Climate Action Days'. The background features a silhouette of a power transmission tower against a sunset sky. The text on the poster includes: 'Faithful Energy Global Multi-Religious Climate Action Days', 'You are invited to take part in an online event to mark the second global multi-religious climate action days in advance of COP26. The event is focused on energy and how people of faith can positively influence SaskPower's policies. Guest speakers include Peter Prebble and Rev. Karen Fraser Gitlitz.', 'Monday, Oct. 18, 2021:', 'Noon-1 pm (Sask./Alta. time)', '1-2 pm (Manitoba)', '2-3 pm (Eastern)', '11 am-Noon (B.C.)', and 'To register visit: bit.ly/FaithEnergy'.

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for Environmental Action*



Photo credit: Vancouver GreenFaith

ADVOCACY

Parliament of the World's Religions

FCG was back at the Parliament of the World's Religion (POWR)! Our former ED, Lucy Cummings, was honoured to moderate two learning conversations at POWR's virtual event that featured 500 learning sessions over October 16-18th.

Decolonizing Eco-Investing was a special "repeat performance" of the Mouvement Laudato Si' Movement Canada's Catholic Eco-Investment Accelerator presentation. Stephen Nairne of Raven Indigenous Capital Partners and Mark Sevestre of the National Aboriginal Trust Officers Association guided POWR attendees in a discussion of how faith-based investors, utilizing the principles of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, can ensure that their investments are contributing to vibrant Indigenous economies.

International Climate Justice Collaboration was the second conversation. A Vancouver based oil company, ReconAfrica, has started exploratory drilling in the Okavango Region of Namibia, a World Heritage site and home of the San Indigenous people. Green Anglican's Rev. Dr. Rachel Mash, KAIROS' Beth Lorimer, and Grandmothers Advocacy Network's Diane Scarletta, led us through an inspiring journey around the role of the faith communities in mobilizing public support, both in Canada and Southern Africa, to oppose this deeply flawed venture.



For the Love of Creation

For the Love of Creation's faith-in-action campaign mobilizes people across Canada to reduce their household greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and demonstrate support for increased federal climate action by writing letters to key federal Cabinet Ministers on a range of climate justice issues: climate ambition, a just transition, Indigenous rights, and support for the Global South. The campaign ran from September 1 to October 4, 2021.



**FOR THE LOVE
OF CREATION**

Advocacy Campaigns

Here are some of the campaigns FCG supported in 2021. We invite you to follow the links to learn more and perhaps join us.

- Nature Canada's [Call for action to deliver on election promises to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030](#)
- CAN-Rac's [TO THE NEW CABINET: SEIZE THIS MOMENT FOR PEOPLE, PLANET, AND JUSTICE](#)
- Fossil Fuel Treaty [Interfaith Letter](#)
- One Earth One Voice initiative [Demand Statement](#)
- The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty
- Nobel Laureates' Statement to Climate Summit World Leaders: [Keep Fossil Fuels in the Ground](#)
- A National Strategy to Redress Environmental Racism [\(Bill C-230\)](#)

NEW REPORT

Gardens built by love: Faith-based Community Gardens

Karla Winham with Tompkins Institute, Cape Breton University, conducted a study of 10 faith communities that created gardens at their places of worship and the benefits such gardens entail.

Her report, [Gardens Built by Love: Faith-Based Community Gardens](#) examines the enabling conditions and reported impacts of community gardens hosted by faith communities. Community gardens are one way for faith communities to demonstrate good stewardship of their land and contribute to local food security. In the context of declining membership and financial hardship, faith communities might be concerned about their capacity to take on such a project. [Read more.](#)



Planting a garden

Photo credit: Karla Winham

Karla's work is also a motivator for faith communities: Shake off your weariness. Start small and look for a few partners. Your faith's values include feeding the hungry, bringing together the generations, caring for creation and accompanying people, not just your members. Community gardens are about growth in many forms. They are a form of development and a form of ministry. They can bring bounty and blessings.

*—Tom Urbaniak, Ph.D. Director, Tompkins Institute – Cape Breton University
2021 Chair of the Board, Faith & the Common Good.*

FCG IN THE NEWS

January

- [Rabbi shares recipe for repairing the world.](#) National Observer

February

- [Friendship United receives UCC grant for reducing carbon footprint.](#) The Picton Gazette
- [Laudato Si' + 5](#) YouTube, Kevin Moynihan
- [Good News in the Glebe \(E-Newsletter\)](#) Karen Walker/Margaret Torrence, Glebe-St. James United Church

March

- [Muslims urged to embrace environmental side of Islam.](#) Broadview Magazine

April

- [Matching Catholic values with investments.](#) Catholic Register
- [Faith-based Climate Action ... Catholic Eco-Investment Accelerator:](#) Leede Jones Gable website
- [Catholic Eco-Investment Accelerator](#) Anglican Diocese of NS & PEI Diocesan Environmental Newsletter
- [Four Meetings to Speed Up Catholic Eco-Investment.](#) GCCM website
- [Eco-Investment Toolkit.](#) Franciscan Voice Canada newsletter
- [Official Newsletter of GSS Ottawa and its Energy Benchmarking Program - Special Issue \(Insert\)](#) The PEN newspaper. April/May/June Edition

May

- [Put your money where your faith is](#) National Observer
- [Churches serve communities. Now community hubs are saving churches.](#) Broadview Magazine
- [CIIC at the 2021 Catholic Eco-Investment Accelerator Forum](#) Catholic Impact Investment Collaborative website
- [High River United Church Looks Skyward For Energy](#) Highline River Online

June

- [Tracking energy use in church buildings](#) CrossTalk

FCG IN THE NEWS

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August

- [Greening Sacred Spaces - program looks at faith communities' energy usage](#) CBC Radio Listen
- [Environmental Revolutionary: John Dorner has quietly lit path for care of creation](#). Church Catholic Register digital edition p4
- [Movement goes forward under Laudato Si' banner](#). Catholic Register digital edition p3
- [Friendshipchurch.ca/faithful-footprints-videos](#) Friendshipchurch.ca
- [Stpaulsriverview.org/uncategorized/worship-for-august-15-2021/](#) Stpaulsriverview.org

September

- [Editorial: Sign up for planet](#). Catholic Register
- [EnviroMuslims Presentation: GNN's 1st Annual Member Celebration](#). Youtube

October

- [Greening Canadian Mosques](#). Muslim Network TV

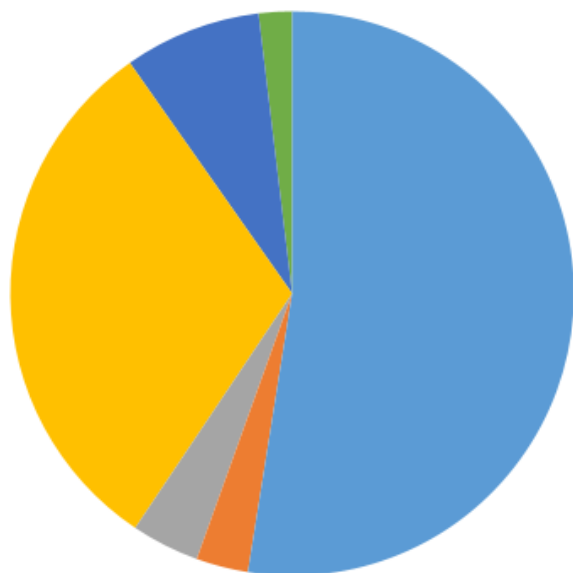
November

- [Catholic teachers pushing for faster fossil fuel divestment](#). Catholic Register digital edition p4
- [COP26 Failures no obstacle to real climate action: Still hope for a better, cleaner, safer world advocates say](#). Catholic Register digital edition p3

December

- [Why Canada's 27,000 faith buildings are crucial for communities](#). CBC Tapestry
- [Faith-based groups answered the call when tragedy struck](#). National Observer
- [It takes a community to weather a storm](#). National Observer
- [COP26 failures no obstacle to real climate action](#). Franciscan Voice Blog

FINANCES IN 2021



- Foundations & Government Grants
- NGOs & Partnerships
- Donations
- Green Audits & Publications
- Other Income
- COVID-19 Subsidies

REVENUE

Foundations & Government Grants	\$	275,031
NGOs & Partnerships	\$	15,632
Donations	\$	20,426
Green Audits & Publications	\$	161,472
Other Income	\$	41,167
COVID-19 Subsidies	\$	10,000
Total	\$	523,728

PROGRAMS

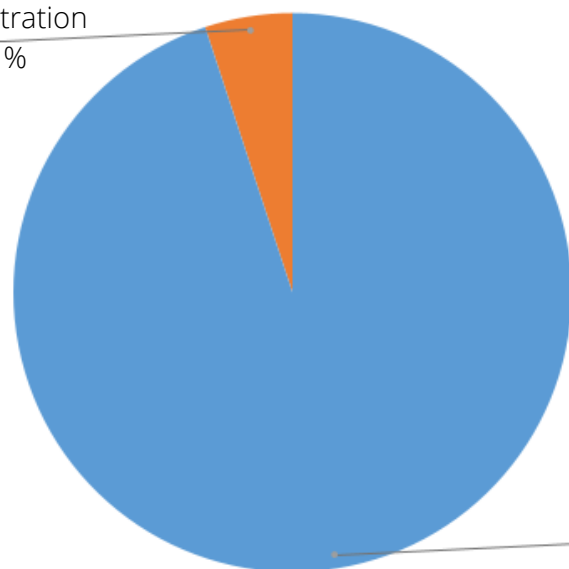
Program Salaries	\$	219,001
Program Costs	\$	285,139
Green Audits	\$	234
Travel	\$	100
Communications	\$	6,314
Total Program Costs	\$	510,788

ADMINISTRATION

Admin Salaries	\$	12,255
Rent and Insurance	\$	8,422
Telecommunications	\$	167
Professional Fees	\$	6,444
Total Admin Costs	\$	27,288

EXPENSES

Administration
5.1%



Programs 94.9%

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 538,076

NET UNRESTRICTED ASSETS

\$ 75,273



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