



TOOLBOX

**FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS AND INDIVIDUALS AS WE EMBARK ON OUR
LSAP JOURNEY**

“If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously.” (§11).

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Action Platform

Level	Ecological Education and Spirituality	Sustainable Buildings	Community Building	Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles	Listen to the Cry of the Poor
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Start a Book club -The story of Stuff -How to get rid of plastic - Goodbye Things - Stuffication - Where the water goes - The Overstory -Silent Spring Start a Movie Club -The Letter -David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet (2020) -RiverBlue (2017) -Artifishal -Cowspiracy: The sustainability Secret (2014) -Erin Brockovich (2000) - Virunga (2014) -Food Inc (2008) -Catching the Sun (2015) -Build a Green Library with environmentally focused books and movies. -Host Monthly screenings of movies/documentaries (community building) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Connect to key -and free- resources and expertise. (Sign up as Energy Star Partner Duke?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Plan concurrent recycling HUB visits. Schedule a group to carpool & tour the facility. Volunteer at the Hub. -Visit https://journeyto2030.org/parish/ for a guide on getting your community involved in caring for creation, split across several themes. -Take the mini course Greening Your Church: 10 proven steps to move your community towards sustainability. -Encourage sharing and healthier travel in and around your parish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Encourage individuals to measure their own carbon and water footprint. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Read and discuss the Laudato Si Portion on Integral Ecology (Chapter 4). -Join environmental organizations fighting to bring environmental justice.

2	<p>-Hold urban gardening workshops.</p> <p>-Start school and church gardens. Provide guidelines for shopping goods.</p> <p>-Support focus on REDUCE and REPAIR instead of RECYCLE.</p> <p>-Learn together about ethical consumption, programmed obsolescence, the throwaway culture, wildlife gardening, sustainable travel, sustainable fashion, etc.</p>	<p>-Build energy/water/waste baselines on the road to benchmarking and strategic planning.</p>	<p>-Start a community garden</p> <p>-Start a community compost</p> <p>-Plan Trips to the Botanic Garden, the Observatory, the Museum of Natural Science, etc, as opportunities to appreciate nature, understand its fragility and connect with others.</p> <p>-Share stories of community members making changes towards a more sustainable lifestyle.</p>	<p>-Build a booklet for individuals with specific actions at their home and work settings, to reduce their individual/household impact: from energy saving ideas to recycling and life hacks, including the equivalent impact.</p>	<p>-Support international organizations fighting to protect the Amazon and its indigenous communities, to revive local habitats that give jobs and prevent climate related migrations.</p> <p>-Support humanitarian and international drives to bring food, shelter, medicine, access to water and electricity, to undeserved communities around the world.</p>
3	<p>-Engage immigrants from developing countries, Environmental Science students, professors, writers, in engaging community talks that awaken consciousness.</p>	<p>-Implement a comprehensive recycling and waste reduction Program inside facilities.</p>	<p>-Create a system to exchange goods in your community (mine is yours or clothing/toy swaps) by age groups or interests. Hold them regularly.</p>	<p>- Support Local Farmers Markets, local business owners, and create and publicize a directory for people to invest in these businesses.</p>	<p>-Bring community leaders together to address specific actions being taken to embrace the call to Hear the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.</p> <p>-Develop a conversation around honoring indigenous peoples and restoration policies.</p>

4	-Hold Ecological Prayer Service	-Build EV Charging Stations Integrate solar panels	-Rethink school/church lunches: ingredients/origins and dinnerware	-Host workshops for individuals to learn to grow their own urban garden (link to TED talk) -Host workshops for individuals to learn how to Compost at home	-Provide grants for communities/individuals fighting to address environmental justice .
5	-Eliminate single use plastic from community events.	-Sustainable infrastructure + practices: Reduce turf grass plant pollinators natural pesticides -Develop an Environmental Management Strategy for your building -Build green	-Measure your community's carbon footprint, involve everyone and get the conversation started on a plan to reduce it.	-Become a Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, Watershed Steward, or citizen scientist through various local Programs local universities.	-Support/ Develop community action for affordable and sustainable housing - Active support of national and local environmental policy