

Neumann University
Aston, PA, USA
Laudato Si' Action Platform Year 3 Goals (AY 2024-2025)
August 2024

Sustainable Lifestyles

- **Continue increasing** recycling.
- **Continue decreasing** food waste (utilize the food tracker).
- **Continue decreasing** consumption of meat (Less Meat Mondays).
- **Reduce** greenhouse gas emissions due to student driving on campus.

Community Collaboration

- **Continue collaborating** with the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities to promote *Laudato Si* and sustainability efforts across campuses.
- **Continue collaborating** with Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia's efforts to Care for Creation.
- **Continue collaborating** with the Regional Zero Waste Campus Collaborative (RZWCC) led by Swarthmore College.
- **Continue efforts to establish a partnership** with Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living (CRCQL).
- **Apply** for a grant (up to \$500) from the Delaware Conservation District.
- **Engage** the NU community to beautify the campus and the surrounding local community.
- **Explore a partnership** with Delaware County Sustainability Office and Solid Waste Authority.

Ecological Economics

- **Educate** the NU community about corporate social responsibility for sustainability.
- **Promote** ethical consumerism.

Ecological Education

- **Continue collaborating** with the NU Library to host an annual book study on *All We Can Save: Truth, Study, and Solutions for the Climate Crises*.
- **Revise** the rubric on environmental awareness and stewardship for the Core outcome assessment.
- **Promote** sustainability-related careers to students in collaboration with the Center for Career and Professional Development.
- **Organize** field trips to explore the local ecosystem.
- **Explore** strategies to increase student engagement in all sustainability efforts (e.g., NU radio shows, short videos, NeuPress articles, on-campus competitions, etc.).
- **Promote engagement in the Season of Creation (September 1 to October 4) events sponsored by the NIFS**
 - Speaker from Mascaro on Thursday, September 19
 - Speaker from Chemours on Thursday, September 26
 - Dr. Karen Wientjes on healthcare and healing traditions of Amazonia on Thursday, October 3

- **Increase participation in the Worldwide Teach-In for Climate and Justice** - continue incorporating sustainability/climate change/environmental issues into courses.

Ecological Spirituality

- **Continue promoting** opportunities for mindfulness experiences.
- **Promote attendance at Earth Month Event sponsored by NIFS in collaboration with Franciscan Spiritual Center**
 - April 2, 2025: Br. Mickey McGrath on Three Female Saints (Brigid of Ireland, Hildegard of Bingen, and Kateri Tekakwitha) that teach Earth is Our Common Home.

Cry of the Earth

- **Continue promoting** responsible use of all properties and renovation of campus facilities.
- **Explore** environmentally friendly landscaping and fertilization methods on campus.
- **Collaborate** with Red Hill Farm to provide education about sustainable agriculture.
- **Encourage engagement in Lenten Soup & Sharing events sponsored by NIFS:**
 - Presentation on ethical consumerism including environmental impacts of the garment industry.
 - Presentation on ethical care of the grounds of OLA and NU, including issues about pesticides and other chemicals.

Cry of the Poor

- **Raise** awareness of environmental impacts on socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.