

Neumann University
Aston, PA USA
Laudato Si Action Plan Year 2
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Sustainable Lifestyles

- **Increase** recycling
- **Decrease** food waste
- **Decrease** consumption of meat
- **Reduce single use plastics** such as cups and utensils on campus.
- **Reduce** greenhouse gas emissions.

Community Resilience and Empowerment

- **Explore partnerships** with Delaware County Sustainability Office and Solid Waste Authority.
- **Establish partnerships** with Delaware County Conservation District.
- **Establish a partnership** with Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living (CRCQL).
- **Engage** as a member of the Regional Zero Waste Campus Collaborative (RZWCC) towards zero waste across campuses of local universities.
- **Collaborate** with Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia's efforts to Care for Creation.
- **Collaborate** with Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities to promote *Laudato Si* and sustainability efforts across campuses.

Ecological Economics

- **Educate** Neumann University community about corporate social responsibility.
- **Promote** ethical consumerism.

Ecological Education

- **Revise** the rubric of environmental awareness and stewardship for the Core outcome assessment.
- **Support** the establishment of the Ecosystem Health Minor.
- **Promote** sustainability-related careers.
- **Organize** field trips to explore the local ecosystem.
- **Collaborate** with the Neumann University Library to host an annual book study related to environmental issues.
- **Offer** a film series on environmental concerns.
- **Explore** strategies to increase student engagement in all sustainability efforts.
- **Educate** students about Neumann's sustainability efforts and the advantages of their participation and support of these efforts.
- **Promote** participation of faculty members in professional development related to sustainability.
- **Collaborate** with Bard College to support the World-Wide Teach-In on climate justice.

Ecological Spirituality

- **Continue** Season of Creation and Lenten Soup and Sharing activities.
- **Support and promote** opportunities for **Mindfulness** experiences.
- **Support and promote** Mindfulness retreats and additional experiences that develop ecological spirituality.

Cry of the Earth

- **Investigate** the use of environmentally friendly landscaping and fertilization methods on campus.
- **Host** collaborative events with Red Hill Farm to provide education about sustainable agriculture.
- **Promote** responsible use of all properties and renovation of campus facilities.

Cry of the Poor

- **Collaborate** with efforts to maintain the Knights' Pantry.
- **Strengthen** the food alert program.
- **Continue** food rescue efforts.
- **Raise** awareness of environmental impacts of the garment industry.