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EARTH STEWARDSHIP



Bi Annual Report  
2020 - 2022

# Mission

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We honor the Creator by living and testifying of gospel principles of earth stewardship.







# Purpose

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LDS Earth Stewardship is a nonprofit organization united by the belief that earth stewardship is a gospel principle, and gathered for the purpose of exploring and promoting that principle.

# Goals

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-  Increase public awareness and understanding of principles of earth stewardship based on the doctrines, publications, teachings, and history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
-  Develop and disseminate educational materials and information for a Latter-day Saint audience and for the general public.
-  Sponsor activities, service projects, workshops, conferences, contests, research and programs that promote understanding and practice of earth stewardship.
-  Engage stakeholders from diverse geographic, cultural, and political backgrounds to address resource and environmental challenges using shared principles of stewardship to identify and implement consensus solutions.
-  Provide supportive community, social and fellowship opportunities.
-  Publicize, celebrate, and promote the exemplary earth stewardship initiatives of the Church and its individual members in energy efficiency, water conservation, pollution reduction, public health, biological diversity, sustainability, and land use.

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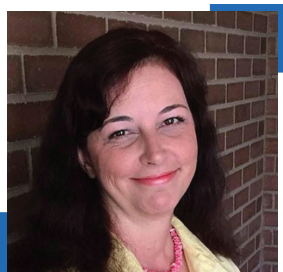


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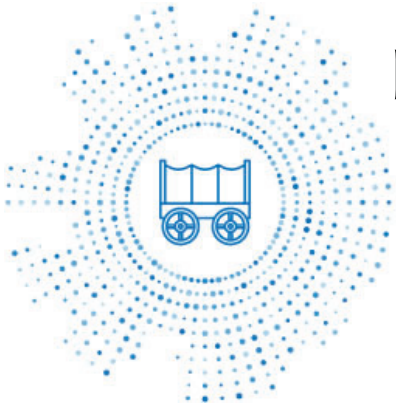


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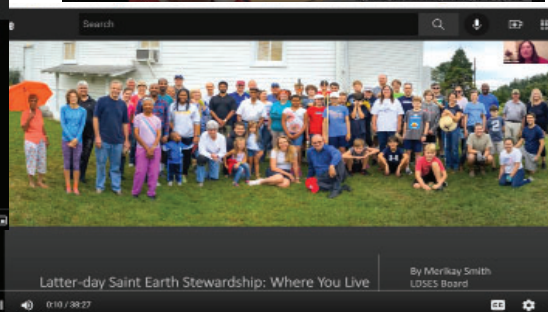
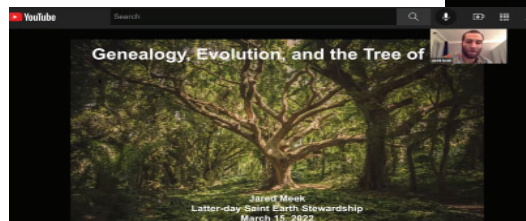
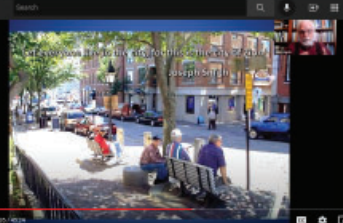
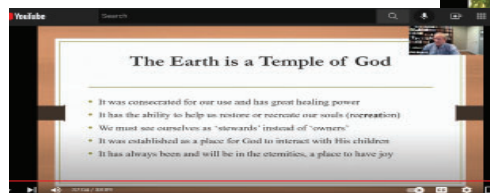
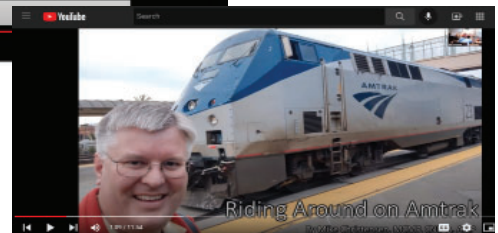
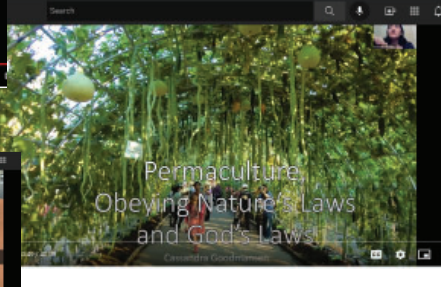
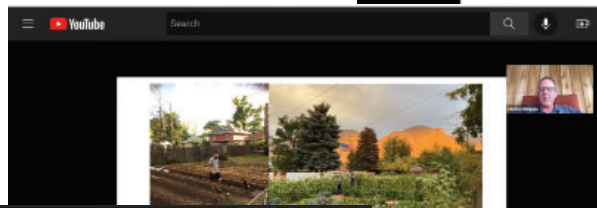
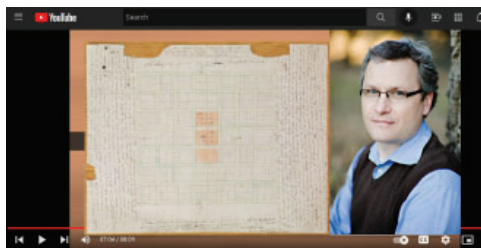
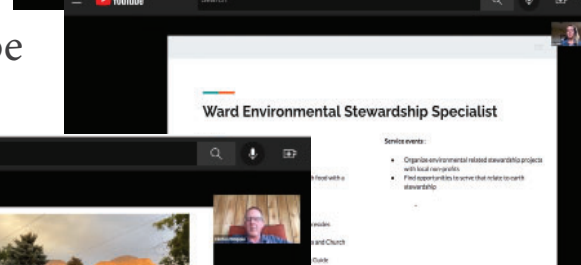
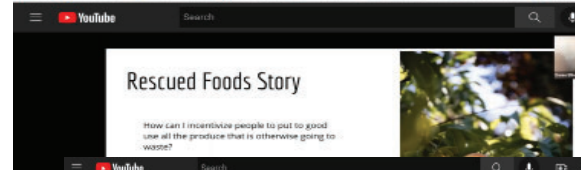
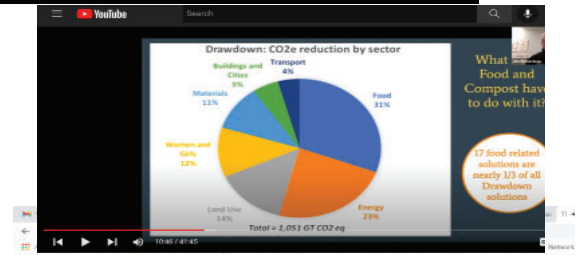
**CHLOE MILLS**  
Outreach Coordinator

# Online Presentations



## In the Company of Stewards


In the Company of Stewards meetings hearken back to how a company of pioneers would circle their wagons for the night and gather together for uplifting and constructive conversation. These monthly virtual meetings began in 2020 and provide Latter-day Saint earth stewards across the world with community, knowledge, and inspiration to support them on their journey of caring for Creation. Each presentation can be found on our YouTube channel.



# Educational Resources



## Earth Stewardship Lessons for Families



### What Is Stewardship?

Hymn [We Give Thee But Thine Own, Hymn 218](#)

D&C104:13-15 "For it is expedient that I, the Lord, should make every man accountable, as a steward over earthly blessings, which I have made and prepared for my creatures. I, the Lord, stretched out the heavens, and built the earth, my very handiwork; and all things therein are mine. And it is my purpose to provide for my saints, for all things are mine."

Corinthians 4:2 "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

[Spencer W. Kimball](#) "We are stewards over our bodies, minds, families, and properties. ...A faithful steward is one who exercises righteous dominion, cares for his own, and looks to the poor and needy."

[Ezra Taft Benson](#) "Stewardship in the Church is a very important matter. The Lord has mentioned it in the revelations. (See D&C 59; 104.) We are stewards over these earthly blessings which the Lord has provided, those of us who have this soil and this water. We have no moral latitude, it seems to me. In fact, we are morally

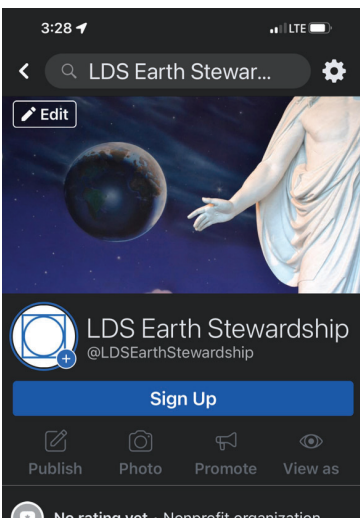
## Resource Library

Comprehensive online library with scripture references, Latter-day Saint authored publications, articles and talks regarding earth stewardship.

## Family Home Evening

Lessons prepared to support remote learning experiences about earth stewardship principles.

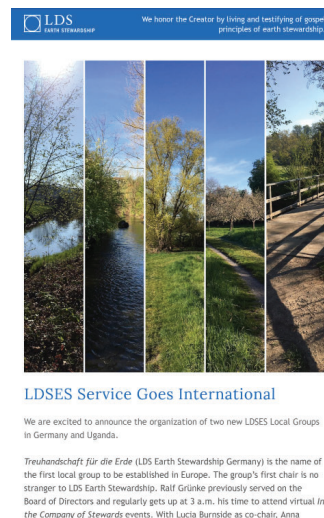
# Outreach



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Instagram  
+626% from 2020



Newsletter  
+74% from 2020



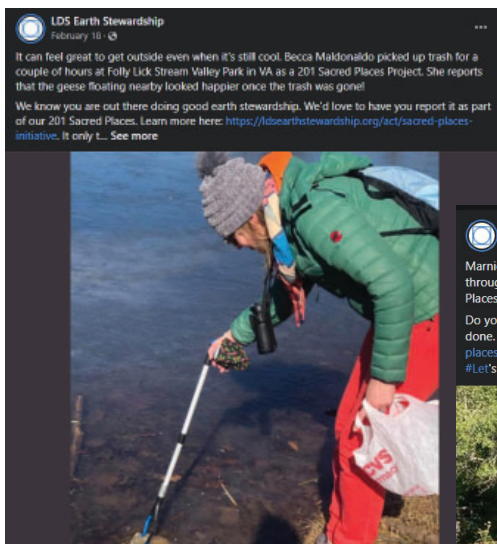
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# Stewardship

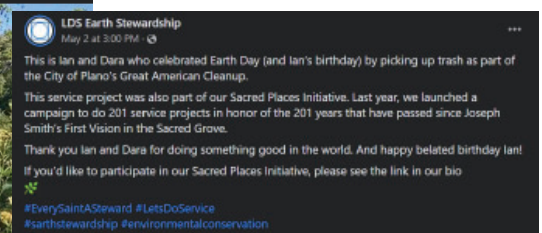
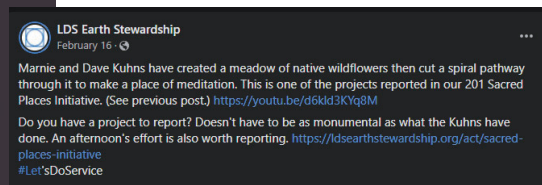
## Local and International Chapters

We believe that inspiring people to make a difference in their own community is one of the best ways we can increase efforts and make lasting change.

In 2021, we launched a new program to support and sponsor community-based stewardship projects through local chapters. We have formed six groups in the United States and two international groups. We have granted over \$2,000 for projects and are offering \$3,000 in 2022. Our goal is to add four additional chapters in 2022.



## Sacred Places Initiative



More than two hundred years ago, Joseph Smith made his way into a forest near his home to seek clarity and had a vision that was the basis for the later founding of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Particularly through the pandemic, many of us have found our own sacred places near our homes that have given us peace, clarity, gratitude, and rejuvenation.

Over the past two years, many of us have learned to navigate the pandemic. In many places around the world, the vaccination has made it safer for people to gather. As we look forward, we have called on Latter-day Saints to join us and hold inspired service projects, focusing on sacred places near them.

# Events

## Fall Forums

Sister Sharon Eubank returned to speak with us in 2020. She offered unique perspectives on earth stewardship. Her role at LDS Charities takes her around the world where she sees the hurt caused by resource disparity.



*“It’s significant to me that the one of the names of Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, which means ‘God with us.’..So I really resonate to that idea that His DNA, His expressive essence, is in everything that He has created so that He is with us as we experience the world that He made for us.”*

Dr. Paul Alan Cox joined us in 2021 to present “Conservation and Reverence for the Earth”. Dr. Cox was awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize, sometimes known as the Nobel Prize of the Environment and his conservation foundation, Seacology, has set aside over 1.5 million acres of rainforest and coral reef in 60 countries around the world.



*“Reverence for the earth is taught both in scripture and in the temples. Care for the planet and compassion for the plants and animals we share it with can become an act of worship if we explicitly acknowledge the Creator and our contingency as stewards of His masterpiece. Modern revelation reaffirms our responsibilities to protect and care for the creation.”*

**Fall Forums are available on our YouTube Channel**

## Collaboration

In 2021 and 2022 we collaborated with Mormon Women for Ethical Government, Mormon Environmental Stewardship Alliance and Citizens Climate Lobby to amplify stewardship.

**Faith and Climate:**  
Exploring Climate Issues from an LDS Perspective

featuring  
**Jani Radebaugh & Kip Solomon**  
Planetary Geology      Geology & Geophysics  
Professor at BYU      Professor at the U. of Utah

**Thursday, October 7, 2021**  
7:00pm MT

321 Maeser Building, BYU Campus • Join In-Person or via Zoom

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**FAITH & HOPE AS THE CLIMATE CHANGES**

**April 16, 2022 at 7pm**  
Historic Latter-day Saint Dome Chapel  
739 E Ashton Ave, Salt Lake City

featuring  
**Katharine Hayhoe**  
Chief Scientist, The Nature Conservancy  
Professor & Chair, Texas Tech University

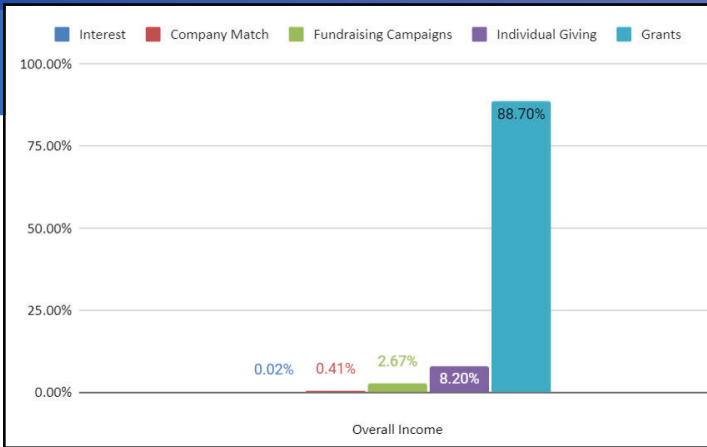
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# Sustainability



LDS Earth Stewardship operates an efficient budget, whereby most traditional expenses are avoided. Staff also operates from home, reducing carbon emissions.

At times over the past two years, LDS Earth Stewardship has been managed by one staff member. Currently, the organization employs three part-time staff members and has ten board members. We recruit interns for special projects and have created a volunteer program that can utilize over 150 volunteer roles.

We are grateful to our many individual donors and company match programs. Our most heartfelt gratitude goes to The Nature Conservancy, our largest source of sustainability. Without their support, much of the work in this report could not have been accomplished.

Overall Expenses	
Wages 79.5 %	Salaries / Taxes
Programs 12.63%	Professional Fees
	Events
	Interns
	Software
	Local Group Grants
Operations 6.83%	Sales Taxes
	Travel
	Dues / Memberships
	Office Space
	Computers / Software
	Misc
	Phone
	Insurance / Licensure
	Meetings
	Bank / Merchant Fees
	Office Supplies / Printing / Postage
Outreach 0.99%	Social Media / Newsletter
	Website
Fundraising .06%	Grant Seeking Site



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