

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee:
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As the United States prepares to leave the Paris climate-change accord, more governments and faith leaders are using *Laudato Si'* as a point of reference for positive action.

The King of Norway has called [a meeting of religious and indigenous leaders](#) to “tackle deforestation ... and its effect on climate change ... from an interfaith perspective.”

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Director of Yale University’s Forum on Religion and Ecology, said, “The fact that the UN and a major government are open to hosting this and synergizing science and religion, ecology and ethics makes it an exciting moment.”

Yale is a co-sponsor of the event.

Francis wrote in *Laudato Si* of the special bond between indigenous peoples and the land; “For them land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and their ancestors who rest there, a sacred space with which they need to interact if they are to maintain their identity and values.”

The Catholic Climate Global Movement has been working to gather signatures and commitments to the *Laudato Si* pledge. The pledge is a promise to live the encyclical by “praying with and for creation, living more simply, and advocating for our common home.”

In conjunction, Cardinal Luis Tagle, of Manila in the Philippines, has created a video focused on the pledge and the second anniversary of this encyclical. The video can be seen on [here](#).