

FRANCISCAN ACTION NETWORK

2022 Annual Report

What a dynamic year Franciscan Action Network had in 2022. Remembering our call to conversion and action, the staff worked tirelessly in the footsteps of Francis and Clare to bring a consistent Franciscan voice to a broad range of public policy issues. The work of promoting justice, peace, the dignity of every person, and the integrity of creation is never over and we look forward to a new year with renewed energy.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your continued partnership to bring Franciscan values into the public square. Together our network broadened and strengthened through the growth of our local grassroots Franciscan Justice Circles—more than 20 strong by the end of 2022. The staff worked hard to keep members of our network informed on many issues through briefings and advocacy campaigns as well as to bring Franciscan-hearted people together in like-minded groups within wider coalitions, allowing for greater reach of our work.

Thank you for supporting this work with your prayers, engagement, and resources. I ask for your continued support in 2023. Together we are reaching hearts and minds on this shared journey.

Message from Board President Br. Paul Crawford, OFM Cap, MSW

As we begin 2023, the Franciscan Action Network will build on our work in 2022 to engage, inform, and mobilize our network for action on justice, peace, creation, and human dignity. Here is a small sample of our 2022 activities:

- Organizing a four-part education and advocacy series, “Confronting Environmental Racism,” in partnership with the Franciscan Federation and the Order of Friars Minor-JPIC office
- Mobilizing more than 100 people for prayerful participation in the Poor People’s Campaign Moral March on Washington
- Participating in advocacy campaigns on migration/refugees including the “Heal Not Harm” call-in days for asylum, a Franciscan Border Pilgrimage to the U.S./Mexico border, and another trip to El Salvador and Honduras
- Conducting our first-ever national gathering of Franciscan Justice Circles in November
- Leading a series of peacebuilding activities attended by a total of more than 2000 people, including our interfaith prayer vigil “Healing the Wound” on the anniversary of January 6, “RE-humanize this Lent” process on de-humanizing speech and political violence, and “Election Eve Prayers for Guidance and Harmony” on the eve of November midterm elections.

In 2023, FAN will redouble efforts to serve our network with education, mobilization, and advocacy firmly rooted in Franciscan spirituality and values. We are excited to add several youth Franciscan Justice Circles in high schools and colleges to the 21 active adult circles, and are planning an intergenerational Justice Circle conference in the fall.

Our Franciscan hearts are needed now more than ever to work for just public policies and nonviolent resolution of differences in the United States. I thank you warmly for continuing to support FAN’s efforts to serve you in this capacity. Peace and all good.

Message from Executive Director Michele Dunne, OFS

Goals in 2022:

- Broaden and strengthen our network
- Reassert our Franciscan identity and charism
- Practice advocacy in our priority areas

Broaden and strengthen our network

In early 2022, FAN surveyed our Institutional Member partners to discover their priority issues for advocacy. We hosted issue briefings for our network by experts on many topics, worked with the Franciscan Federation to execute its resolution on environment racism and expanded our grassroots Franciscan Justice Circles (FJC). Our two Secular Franciscans on staff participated in the Order's August Quinquennial and gave a presentation about our FJCs.

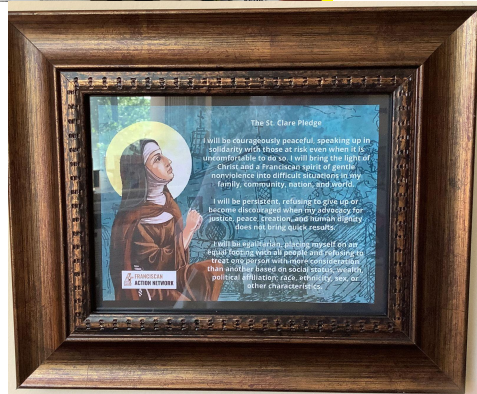


Reassert our Franciscan identity and charism

Mobilized 100 Catholics & hosted Prayer Service at Poor People's Campaign Moral March, June 2022



In 2022 FAN paid special attention to maintaining a Franciscan tone in public messaging. We celebrated St. Clare's feast by inviting members to pledge to follow her example by being courageously peaceful, persistent, and egalitarian (pictured, bottom, right).

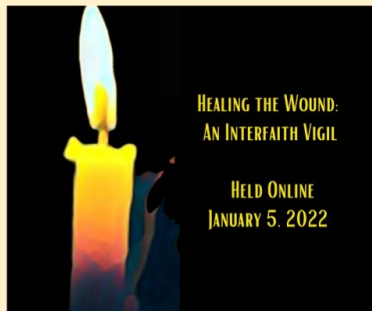


We lifted up a prophetic voice in many campaigns including the Encounter for our Common Home, the Poor People's Campaign (pictured, top), our 4-part Environmental Racism Series and a Border Mission taken by staff member Tobias Harkleroad (pictured, bottom, left).

Reassert our Franciscan identity and charism

Healing the Wound, Jan. 2022

On January 5, 2022, FAN hosted a prayer vigil for **1,250 people** to begin the process of healing the wounds created by the events of January 6, 2021.



FAN participated in Just Peace Delegation to Ukraine May 2022



In our efforts to serve as Franciscan peace builders, we hosted three well-attended online events: a “Healing the Wound” Interfaith Prayer Vigil on the eve of Jan 6 (*pictured, top*), “ReHumanize this Lent” process on political violence, and “Election Eve Prayers” in Nov. Exec Director Michele Dunne traveled to Ukraine on an Interfaith solidarity delegation (*pictured, bottom*) and contributed to a Jerusalem Policy Task Force.

Practice Advocacy



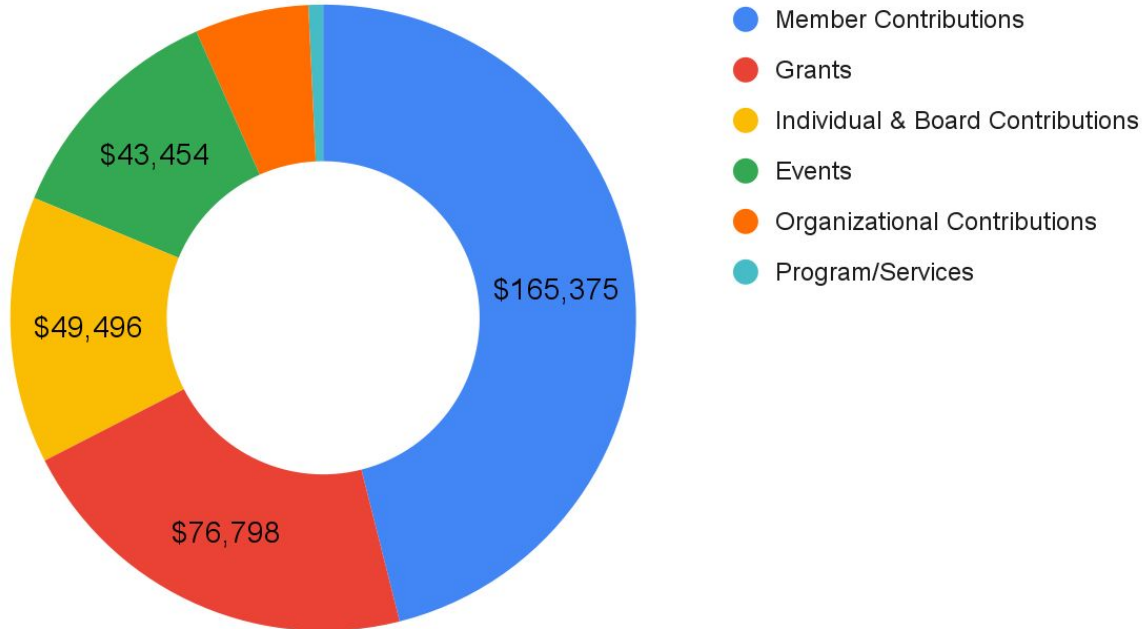
FAN staff participated in the 2022 March for Life in Washington, D.C. (*pictured, top left*) under a “consistent ethic of life” banner. In celebration of Earth Day, we hosted screenings of the film YOUTH v GOV. FAN also participated in many campaigns and actions with coalition partners, for example, advocating for an end to Title 42 and the restoration of just asylum processes, visiting senators as part of the “Encounter for our Common Home” campaign on the environment, and participating in actions against gun violence (*pictured, top right*).

FAN Financials

FAN's most important source of ongoing funding is from our institutional members, but we have also increased donations from foundations and lay individuals. Such support is essential as we continue to be your Franciscan voice in Washington, D.C. and beyond.

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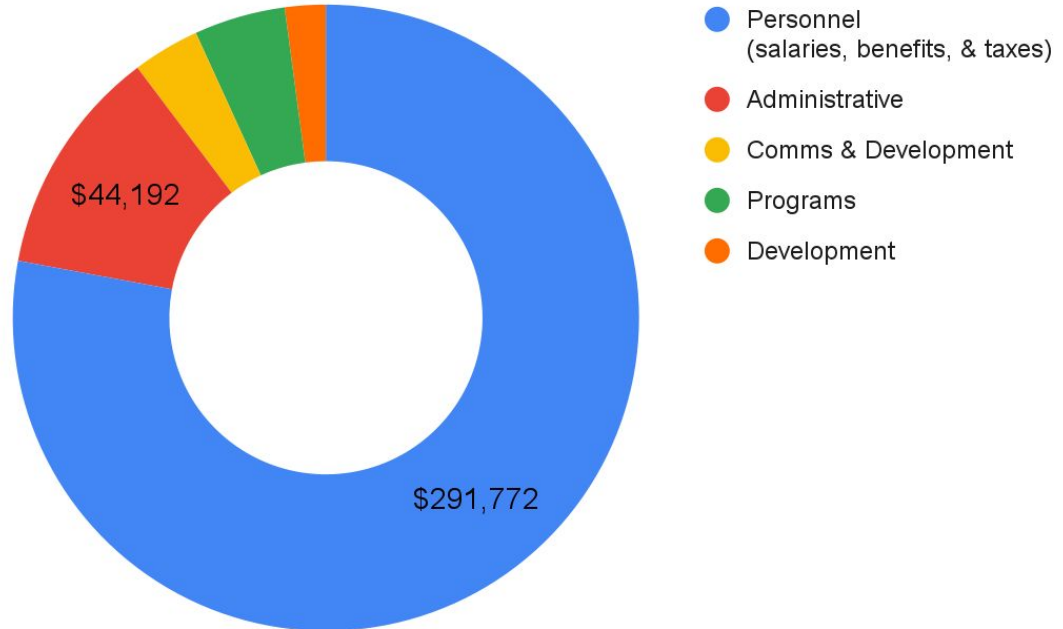


Stream	Amount
Member Contributions	\$165,375
Grants	\$76,798
Individual & Board Contributions	\$49,496
Events	\$43,454
Organizational Contributions	\$21,133
Program/Services	\$2,715
Total	\$358,971

2022 Expenses

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Expense	Amount
Personnel (salaries, benefits, & taxes)	\$291,772
Administrative	\$44,192
Programs	\$17,650
Comms & Development	\$12,963
Development	\$7,886
Totals	\$374,463



FAN Staff

(Left to right):

Merwyn DeMello, Nora Pfeiffer, Sr.
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