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Please forward this announcement to anyone who may be interested.

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Low-income communities and communities of color are disproportionately at risk from the impacts of climate change due to existing social, economic, and health inequities. The people doing the least damage are closest to the problem and solutions yet furthest from resources and power. This year, Allegany Franciscan Ministries is embarking on a new long-term strategic initiative to address the disproportionate impacts of climate change on communities of color and other marginalized communities.

Our long-term goal is that ***everyone in our communities will have the resources, support, and opportunities necessary to thrive in the face of multiple risks, uncertainty, and threats caused by climate change.***

We also recognize that we cannot “do it all”, and have identified initial, specific areas of focus. Our first open grant cycle, announced above, will start small, addressing education and awareness throughout the state specifically related to the impact of extreme heat on outdoor workers or are otherwise exposed to extreme heat, and housing gentrification. We are also interested in supporting the building of community voice – developing or strengthening coalitions of people who care about and will take direct action on these issues.

For more information about our 2024 Climate Justice & Care for Creation Investment Approaches, click [HERE](#).