

Loretto Heritage Center Archives and Museum

Finding Aid: Loretto Earth Network

LHC07.B.b

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Creator: Loretto Earth Network

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Creator of Material Biography: The seeds for the Loretto Earth Network were planted in the late 1980s, when several speakers at Loretto gatherings urged the community to deepen its awareness of the Earth. A small group within the community began meeting to educate themselves about ecological issues and became passionate about the topic. In 1991, a staff position was created to formally coordinate ecological work within the community, and the Loretto Earth Network was established later that year. The LEN, open to anyone in the Loretto Community, was founded with the vision of reestablishing right relationships between humans and the Earth by moving away from habits of submission and violence toward a peaceful harmony between the Earth and the Creator. Members are committed to reversing the destruction humans have wrought on the planet through ignorance, greed, and wastefulness. The ongoing activities of the LEN include planting trees, promoting earth-saving actions, offering workshops and retreats on ecological issues, and publishing a quarterly newsletter to keep members informed of environmental news.

Description: Materials from the Loretto Earth Network including meeting minutes, correspondence, workshop materials, environmental education resources, copies of the LEN publication *Earth Network News*, photographs and born-digital records.

Arrangement

Material was grouped into sub-categories and files by the archivist, Laurel Wilson. Additional processing of this collection performed by Katie Daugherty, 2022 summer intern, with the accession 2022.007. Items were rehoused during this processing in 2022, including dividing the already processed General Papers into separate boxes. General Papers arranged based on original order. Additional Media and Reference Resources grouped based on resource type and subject matter. Publications arranged by years.

Box 1: LHC07.B.b.01

General records from 1991-1999 documenting the Loretto Earth Network, including meeting minutes, correspondence, materials from workshops, and articles about environmental issues collected and distributed by the group. In order by year.

Folder 1: Pre-1991 and 1991, Shadowcliff

Papers regarding the Shadowcliff "Justice Peace and the Integrity of Creation" conference from which LEN was born

Folder 2: 1991

Folder 3: 1992

Folder 4: 1993-1994

Folder 5: 1995

Folder 6: 1996-1997

Folder 7: 1998

Folder 8: 1999

Box 2: LHC07.B.b.02

General records from 2000-2004 documenting the Loretto Earth Network, including meeting minutes, correspondence, materials from workshops, and articles about environmental issues collected and distributed by the group. In order by year.

Folder 1: 2000

Folder 2: 2001

Folder 3: Lenten Series and Evaluations, 2001

Folder 4: Retreat, Santa Cruz, CA, 2001

Folder 5: 2002

Folder 6: Additional Papers, proposals and correspondence, 1991-2002

Folder 7: 2003

Folder 8: 2004

Box 3: LHC07.B.b.03

General records from 2005-2012 documenting the Loretto Earth Network, including meeting minutes, correspondence, materials from workshops, and articles about environmental issues collected and distributed by the group. In order by year.

Folder 1: 2005

Folder 2: 2006

Folder 3: 2007

Folder 4: 2008

Folder 5: 2009

Folder 6: 2010

Folder 7: 2011

Folder 8: Santa Cruz Retreat, 2011

Folder 9: 2012

Box 4: LHC07.B.b.04

General records from 2013-2018 documenting the Loretto Earth Network, including meeting minutes, correspondence, materials from workshops, and articles about environmental issues collected and distributed by the group. In order by year.

Folder 1: 2013

Folder 2: 2014
Folder 3: LCWR Assembly Resolution, 2014
Folder 4: 2015
Folder 5: LEN Proposal Responses, 2015
Folder 6: Divestment Project, 2014/2015
Folder 7: Resources and Planning Notes, 2013-2015
Folder 8: 2016
Folder 9: 2017
Folder 10: 2018
Folder 11: Activity Reports and Member Lists

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Loretto Earth Network News, articles about the LEN in *Interchange* and *Loretto Magazine*, and copies of the booklet produced by the LEN in 2012 entitled "Earth Saints and Heroes."

Folder 1: Articles in *Loretto Magazine* and *Interchange*
Folder 2: "Earth Saints and Heroes," 2012
Folder 3: *Loretto Earth Network News* (LENN), 1993
Folder 4: *LENN*, 1994
Folder 5: *LENN*, 1995
Folder 6: *LENN*, 1996
Folder 7: *LENN*, 1997
Folder 8: *LENN*, 1998
Folder 9: *LENN*, 1999
Folder 10: *LENN*, 2000
Folder 11: *LENN*, 2001
Folder 12: *LENN*, 2002

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Folder 1: *LENN*, 2003
Folder 2: *LENN*, 2004
Folder 3: *LENN*, 2005
Folder 4: *LENN*, 2006
Folder 5: *LENN*, 2007
Folder 6: *LENN*, 2008
Folder 7: *LENN*, 2009
Folder 8: *LENN*, 2010
Folder 9: *LENN*, 2011
Folder 10: *LENN*, 2012
Folder 11: *LENN*, 2013
Folder 12: *LENN*, 2014
Folder 13: *LENN*, 2015
Folder 14: *LENN*, 2016

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Folder 1: *LENN*, 2017
Folder 2: *LENN*, 2018

Folder 3: *LENN*, 2019

Folder 4: Beth Blissman, CoL Dissertation

"Toward a Liberation Feminist Ecological Ethics: A Study of the Communal Ethos of the Loretto Earth Network"

Box 8: LHC07.B.b.08

Environmental resources published by outside sources, as well as media such as songs and meditations likely used by LEN.

Folder 1: Divestment Resources

Resources that focus on divesting from fossil fuels. Includes articles, printed slideshow presentations, commitment statements by other institutions.

Folder 2: Divestment Resources Continued

Resources focused on divesting from fossil fuels. Includes divestment resolutions, and articles centering on fossil-fuel-free religious institutions.

Folder 3: Reference Resources

Outside resources including articles, pamphlets, and recommendations for further reading that focus on environmental issues.

Folder 4: Spirituality-Centered Reference Resources

Folder 5: Meditations/Prayers

Folder 6: Songs/Poems

Folder 7: Graphics/Artwork

Folder 8: Films

Folder 9: Food Summit 2015

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Photographs from various LEN events and projects.

Folder 1: Genesis Farm, 1993

Includes photographs, a self-guided tour sheet, and a program pamphlet.

Folder 2: El Paso, 1994

Photos from 1994 El Paso meeting, along with a letter to Sister Virginia Ann inviting her to join LEN.

Folder 3: Santa Cruz, 1994

Folder 4: Santa Cruz, 1998

Folder 5: Joint Meeting, 1999

Folder 6: St Louis Assembly, 2002

Folder 7: Santa Cruz, 2003

Folder 8: Santa Cruz, 2005

Folder 9: Louisville Earth Conference: Rio to the Capitol

Folder 10: Elaine's Workshops, St Louis

Folder 11: Additional Photos

Includes photos from the 1991 Shadowcliff retreat, the 1992 trip to Rio, photos from and an invitation to the 'Oats, Peas, Beans & Barley' workshop, photos of the garden planting in Cedars of Peace along with an invitation to the ceremony, the 2001 memorial tree planting for Sisters Francis Louise, 2002 Sisters of the Earth conference photos, High Reach farm photos (undated), Photos from a straw bale project (undated), Children of Ghana photos (undated), Santa Cruz photos

(undated), El Paso nursing home photos (undated), along with additional undated miscellaneous photos.

Folder 12: Moments of Grace, 2011

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Digital Records of LEN.

Folder 1: Loretto Earth Network Digital Files, 1994-2009

Folder 2: Loretto Earth Network Digital Files, 2015-2017

Folder 3: Loretto Earth Network Photos and Media