

ALLEGANY FRANCISCAN MINISTRIES



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CLIMATE PARTNERS CONVENING 2026

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Allegany Franciscan Ministries launched the Connecting With Community for Our Common Home initiative in 2023 to address the effect of climate change on communities of color and other historically marginalized communities and to protect people and our common home.

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

FOCUS AREAS



**Extreme
Heat**



**Climate
Gentrification**



**Coalition
building /
Community
engagement**

OUR COMMITMENT IN ACTION



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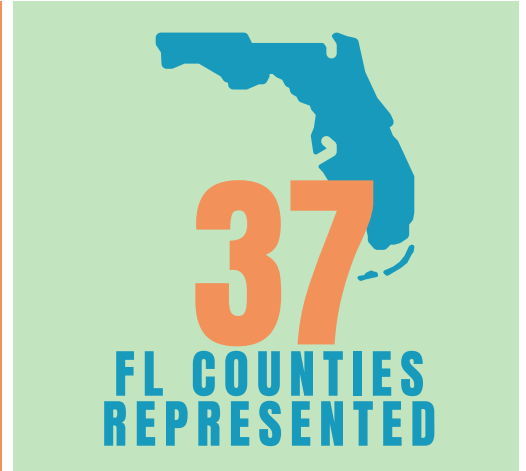
**GRANT
PARTNERS**

**GRANTS AWARDED
\$5,810,819**

CLIMATE PARTNERS CONVENING

Learning, Linking, and Leading for Climate Justice

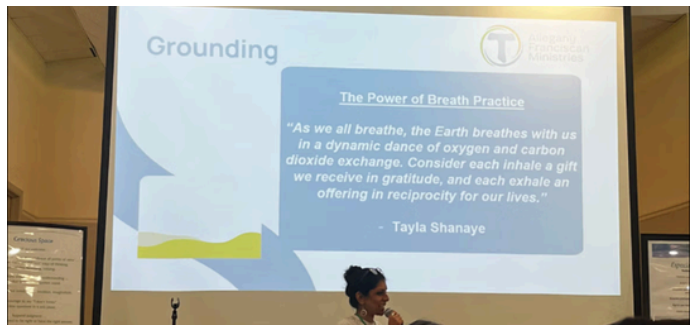
This convening was a direct response to feedback from grant partners, who expressed a desire for opportunities to connect and build relationships in person.



PARTICIPANTS

Allianza Center
Beth-El Farm Worker Ministry
Beyond the Bars
Catalyst Miami
Collaborators Consulting Group
Central Florida Jobs With Justice
ecoAmerica
El SOL Jupiter's Neighborhood Resource Center
Enterprising Tampa Bay
Environmental Grantmakers Association
Farmworker Association of Florida
Florida Clinicians for Climate Action
Florida Council of Churches
Florida For All
Florida Immigrant Coalition
Florida PIRG Students
Florida Public Health Association
Florida Rising
Florida Student Power Alliance
Healthy Little Havana

Inside Climate News
Interaction Institute for Social Change
Jacksonville Climate Coalition
Miami Interpreters Cooperative
Miami Workers Center
QLatinx
ReThink Energy Florida
RGS Partners Consulting
Rural Women's Health Project
Sachamama
Six Eye Films
SMASH
The Smile Trust
The Blk Collective
The CLEO Institute
The Guatemalan-Maya Center
The McKenzie Project, Inc
University of Miami
WeCount!



WHAT WE LEARNED

Grant partners shared a strong interest in moving from individual efforts toward greater coordination, connection, and collective impact.

While organizations are at different stages of advocacy and organizing, there was broad agreement that stronger infrastructure and collaboration can help advance shared goals.

PRIORITIES

WEAVING A STATEWIDE NETWORK

Building stronger relationships and alignment across organizations.

CREATING ONGOING CONNECTION POINTS

Establishing regular opportunities to share information, learn, and collaborate.

STRENGTHENING EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPACITY

Building stronger relationships and alignment across organizations.

ADVANCING PR AND STORYTELLING

Amplifying collective impact through shared narratives and communications strategies.



EVENT EVALUATION SURVEY

Thank you for your thoughtful participation in our survey. We value your feedback and are excited to put what we've learned into action.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS VALUED MOST

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

Connecting with peers and learning about each other's work.

SHARED LEARNING

Gaining new ideas, perspectives, and strategies.

NATURE & REFLECTION

Experiencing meaningful conversations in a restorative outdoor setting.



SMALL-GROUP DIALOGUE

Participating in table discussions, World Cafés, and guided conversations.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

Exploring opportunities to align efforts and advance shared goals.

77%

Said the convening helped build trust

68%

Made meaningful new connections

68%

left more motivated to stay engaged with the network

77%

Felt welcomed and cared for throughout the convening



OUR COMMITMENT

Based on what we heard from you—through conversations, the convening, and the post-event survey—we're excited to build on this momentum together throughout the rest of 2026. Here's what's ahead:

Relationship Building

Director, Jeanette Ruiz, will embark on a statewide listening tour, meeting with partners in communities across Florida to strengthen relationships, deepen conversations, and continue building on the ideas and connections that emerged during the convening.



Supporting Civic Engagement

Many of you shared the importance of strengthening civic participation and Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) efforts. In response, we're offering civic engagement grants up to \$5,000 to support current or former grant partners already engaged in this critical work, helping communities prepare for and respond to emerging opportunities.



Continuing Allegany's Investment

Our commitment to this work remains strong. Early next year, Allegany Franciscan Ministries will announce its FY27 grant opportunities (including funding priorities) and potential convenings. We look forward to continuing to invest in the leadership, partnerships, and community-driven solutions that are creating lasting change across Florida.



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