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related to the Center would be phenomenal in its own right.

I have already talked with people who would be interested in this project.

The purpose of this Task Force would be to develop materials to be used in outdoor settings. What I envision is:

- A group of people from various disciplines working on site specific and age specific materials.

- Developing materials that can be used at any outdoor setting, but primarily focusing on LOMC, the Nachusa Grasslands, the Green Wing Wetlands, a Roof Top Gardening Program in Chicago (if it continues), and a zoo.

My plan is to invite 15 to 20 people to a one day event this fall and find a speaker who can share what he/she would see as a viable model for this task force. I would obviously share my thoughts. The group members would do the same. We would need to prepare a mission statement and then go to work.

How would we finance this? I am hoping for volunteerism at most in the beginning. I would also like to investigate a grant from someone like Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance.

A name? If you have not figured it out yet I like to play with words. I am entertaining the word ~~Θ~~HKH (theke). A theka is a sack or sheath that holds something, like spores. The word also combines the "th" of theology and the "ec" of ecology and looks fancy in Greek.

I have a dream. I do not know how many share it with me. I think we have something going at LOMC that is bigger than retreats, summer camp, and outdoor education. We are attempting to take our mission statement seriously, connecting the Word of God with the World of God. We have the capacity to share that with the larger church. We could be a place for teaching a model, a method, and a paradigm (fancy word, huh?) and leading in the effort. We can train leaders throughout the country.

I see our theology and our ecology in one big sack (~~Θ~~HKH). It can be exploded to share the wealth with others, like a spore sack that opens up. What a metaphor!

AAL GRANT FOR PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

We are going to receive a grant from Aid Association for Lutheran for \$3,000.00 for development of our promotional program. Two items have been neglected in our efforts.

1. A video story of LOMC
2. A four color brochure that describes LOMC

Once the money is received we will begin the project.