**Our Leadership Team**

**Daniel Sheehan**  
President, Chief Counsel, and Co-Founder  
Daniel Sheehan is a Harvard College, Harvard Law School and Harvard Divinity School-trained constitutional litigation and appellate attorney who formed the Lakota People's Law Project in 2005. For a decade he was the attorney for the Jesuit Social Ministries Office of the National Jesuit Headquarters in Washington, D.C. For five decades, Danny’s work as a federal civil rights attorney, author, public speaker, and college and law school educator has exposed injustice in our country and around the world.

**Sara Nelson**  
Executive Director and Co-Founder  
Sara Nelson is the former national executive director and co-founder of the Christic Institute. A former TV reporter and news anchor, Sara was educated at Cornell University and U.C. Berkeley. She served as the National Labor Secretary for the National Organization for Women (NOW) in Washington D.C. in the mid to late 1970s. Responding to the concerns of NOW women, she became Director of the Karen Silkwood Fund and led the national campaign to discover Silkwood’s killer.

**Daniel Paul Nelson**  
Lakota People’s Law Project Director  
Before his direction of the Lakota People’s Law Project, Daniel helped key Greenpower’s successful grassroots campaign with the Catholic Diocese and Monterey Bay Community Power. He has more than 15 years of experience as a deputy director, organizer, researcher, and writer. He led a national traveling tour in support of presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich. He holds a BA with high honors in Political Theory from Harvard College and an MA in Social Science from the University of Chicago. In alliance with tribal leadership and activists, he’s leading the #GreenTheRez campaign at Standing Rock.

**Benjamin Eichert**  
Greenpower Project Director  
As Greenpower’s project lead, Benjamin implements local climate change solutions to help communities produce and utilize renewable power. Passionate about social justice, he organized and co-founded Big Noise Films, directing an award-winning documentary, Zapatista. He has worked as an organizer and contract negotiator with the Service Employees International Union and the New York State Nurses Association, and served as field director for US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse’s successful reelection campaign in 2012. He studied political science at Brown University.

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— Coretta Scott King

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Our Mission for Good

Named for the martyred, beatified Salvadoran priest, Archbishop Óscar Romero, the Romero Institute is an interfaith, nonprofit law and public policy center based in Santa Cruz, CA. Our strategic work exposes systemic injustice and implements lasting solutions. We defend indigenous rights and implement concrete solutions to climate change. We protect constitutional rights, treaty rights, human rights, and the environment through public education, grassroots organizing, leadership development, research, investigation, impact litigation, and forward-thinking public policy. We advocate for the people.

“The greatest injustice ever perpetrated on the human family is human caused climate change.” — Sara Nelson, Romero Institute Executive Director.

Lakota People’s Law Project

The Romero Institute founded the Lakota People’s Law Project in 2005 when a group of Lakota grandmothers asked us to investigate and help them prevent the removal of their grandchildren from their families. Our Lakota Child Rescue Project began assisting in the return of Lakota children to their families, tribes, and communities. In 2016, we began fighting the Dakota Access pipeline (DAPL), an imminent threat to Lakota sacred lands and water and to 17 million people downstream. Today we continue our mission to protect Lakota sovereignty by defending courageous water protectors in court after their peaceful and prayerful resistance to DAPL.

Greenpower

In 2016, inspired by Pope Francis’ call to “care for our common home,” and by the very real climate crisis facing our planet, the Romero Institute launched Greenpower. Greenpower is a movement to give communities local control over their energy production, leading the transition from fossil fuels to locally produced green energy from renewables like solar and wind. We help people live with energized action and compassionate respect for our common home. In partnership with the Catholic Diocese of Monterey and Monterey Bay Community Power, the work of Romero’s Greenpower project will reduce California’s carbon emissions by nearly 1 billion pounds per year.

Romero’s Work for Climate Justice

Right now, human-caused climate change is the single greatest threat to our human family. The Romero Institute won’t stop holding environmentally irresponsible actors accountable to make the world a better and safer place for future generations. The people who suffer the most are the poor and the marginalized. Our climate justice work includes legally and publicly confronting the fossil fuel industry, mobilizing people and institutions to divest funds from the industry and its banks, enacting solutions in power generation, and advocating for climate migrants—the millions who are and will be dislocated.

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” — POPE FRANCIS