Core Content Area 1: Experiences of life and living

TOPIC 1.3: A living spirituality

Extending Knowledge: Eco-spirituality

In this lesson students will explore eco-spirituality as human beings connected with God through the earth and the cosmos.

Teachers: Before You Start!

1. Familiarise yourself with the resources referred to in this lesson.

For students to explore eco-spirituality as human beings connected with God through the earth and the cosmos, select from the following activities:

1. Explore the concept of an eco-spirituality.
   a. Reflect on the following resources about eco-spirituality and complete the following activities:
      i. We are connected to the earth.
         "We are interconnected in a web of life, in symbiotic relationship in food chains, in local ecosystems, in a biological community of Earth, in a community that stretches beyond Earth to the solar system and beyond the solar system to the universe. In a theology of the Creator Spirit, we are ever more profoundly deeply inter-connected with all other creatures, because the one Spirit dwells in all of us. In the communion of the one Spirit we are in kinship with other creatures."
         Dennis Edwards – “The Covenant with all Living Things”– a meditation given @ C.E.A. Meeting Nov 2003.
      ii. View the PowerPoint The North Queensland Creation Story from the Townsville diocese website.
      iii. View the YouTube clip The Wounded Earth.
      iv. How might an eco-spirituality affect the way you pray, treat the earth and its creatures, vote and act generally?
      v. Choose one of the resources you have viewed in this lesson to make an artistic response about this land and your connection with it. You might like to use FlockDraw.

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