

The Department of Peace and Justice of the Diocese of Kentucky would like to invite you to join a weekly discussion of the book, *Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth* (Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee, ed., 2023). This book is a collection of essays that dwell at the intersection of spirituality and ecology. We feel these are critical conversations for our time.

When: Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m. beginning April 19th. We will host four sessions, with additional weeks possible, depending on the choices of the group.

Where: This is an online gathering, using Zoom. Login information will be provided to registrants.

Who: Everyone is invited to join the conversation. Members of the Peace and Justice Division and others from around the diocese will lead online conversations about selected chapters from the book.

How: If you are interested, please email the Rev. Jerry Cappel at jicappel@hotmail.com to indicate your interest. You will be provided a schedule and zoom login information.

Chapters will be selected and announced ahead of each meeting. Participants are encouraged to purchase the book and come ready to discuss the selection for the evening. Topics for discussion will include book chapters such as:

- Wendell Berry, *Contributions*. Wendell Berry is an environmental curmudgeon and long-time critic of our economy of industrial exploitation, agribusiness and consumerism. In this essay, Wendell offers “some further words” about language and how we name such things as the “environment” and “knowledge” and “property” He writes, “My purpose is language that can make us whole, though mortal, ignorant and small.”
- Joanna Macy, *The Greening of the Self*. In this essay Buddhist teacher and author Joanna Macy argues for the necessity of returning our notion of a self that is in deep kinship with all of life. Unless you do so, she says, facing the enormous challenges ahead becomes nearly impossible.
- Richard Rohr, *Creation as the Body of God*. Richard Rohr, Franciscan monk, draws from Christian teaching to remind us that the whole world is the incarnation of God and the primary revelation of the divine. This means that all creation is full of God and God loves all of it.
- And more.

Come join us for these challenging and critical conversations about faith, ecology and spirit.

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