



We declare our covenant with God to walk upon Earth for the greatest good of all creation.

Winter Prayer

How shall the mighty river
reach the tiny seed?
See it rise silently
to the sun's yearning,
sail from a winter's cloud
flake after silent flake
piling up layer upon layer
until the thaw of spring
to meet the seedling's need.

Make tender, Lord, my heart;
release through gentleness
Thine own tremendous Power
hid in the snowflake's art.

--Antoinette Adam

Connecting Earth Care and Social Action

Unity Earth Care Northwest is hosting conference calls on Spiritual Social Action and Earth Care this winter. If you would like to join the conversation, please contact Kathy O'Connor at unityearthcare@yahoo.com.

Fruits of the Work – “Awakening the Dreamer” in Beaverton, OR

On November 14, the Earth Care Team at Unity of Beaverton hosted “*Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream*” developed by the Pachamama Alliance. Fifty participants from around Oregon attended the four-hour symposium designed to explore the important questions of our time regarding the current state of the planet: “Where are we? How did we get here? What is possible for the future? Where do we go from here?”

Unity of Beaverton member Leigh Knox and Pachamama Alliance members facilitated the day's agenda. Video clips from some of the world's most respected thinkers—Archbishop Tutu, Brian Swimme, Julia Butterfly Hill, Van Jones, and many others—provided the framework for participants to explore together their hopes for the future of Life on the planet.

Leigh said, “It was an exhilarating experience of caring, involved people who want to make a difference. We would highly recommend that other churches host a Symposium. It can be given in a living room or a theater, and we would be glad to help make it happen in your community!” Go to www.awakeningthedreamer.org to learn more.

Unity of Beaverton's Earth Care Team began in 2007 and from its inception has sponsored numerous public events and classes. The team is leading the ministry's effort to become certified as an EarthCare Congregation (the first in the Northwest Region), which it anticipates completing in 2010.

--Pat Wolter

More Fruits – “Oneness of All Creation”

One of Unity Earth Care Northwest's early projects was to create an “earth-toned” version of our five basic principles. Our version of the first principle is:

There is One Source of Life, absolutely good, all powerful, all knowing, All Spirit. Everywhere always in all Creation.

“All is One” is the key message. We emphasize there is One source for all that is. There is nothing in existence that does not express God, the Source of all.

Because everything and everyone is from the same source, we are all related. Not only are we related, we are interrelated and interdependent.

To the extent that we, as human beings, see ourselves as special and separate from the rest of creation, we will not fully know ourselves or the source of our power. Our Christ self will be a fantasy, and we will be frightened and alone.

The focus of earth care is not the rest of creation apart from humanity. Rather our focus is to care for the whole of creation, which includes humanity, recognizing that what impacts any part of creation impacts all of us. Hence, “All is One.”

--Barbara Wilson

Throughout 2010 we will continue our look at applying Unity's five basic principles to earth care and spiritual social action.