

## The Program

The first presentation is entitled ***Earth, My Home***. Participants will explore our natural address, experience oneness with the web of life and feel our roots in local ecosystems. They will learn about bioregionalism and explore some of the functions of a bioregion. They will discover how living in a bioregionally way can restore the community of life.

The second presentation is ***Dreaming a New Way***. Participants will explore the New Story and its possibilities to bring a new vision and new energy to our journey with Earth. They will be introduced to the work of Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme. They will experience the universe and some of the powers throbbing through her. They will be challenged to reconnect with the universe as the primary referent. They will be invited to moments of transformation in their relationship with Earth.



The third presentation is ***Healing Earth***. In this workshop, participants will celebrate the diversity of life and also be invited to mourn the losses in the biota. They will be introduced to three basic dynamics of the universe: individuation, differentiation and communion. They will reflect on the paradox of Earth's beauty and human materialism. They will be challenged to turn to a new time of sustainability.

This program, ***Encountering Earth: Reclaiming the Human in the Web of Life***, features three workshop presentations which will help participants to become more mindful of Earth issues and how these issues can be addressed in this time of ecological crises. Each of the three workshops weaves the information together in a Powerpoint presentation with art, music, literature, personal and group reflection to create presentations that will help the participants create a deeper awareness of the Earth, her systems and creatures.

This triptych of Powerpoints features the artwork of Sister Marion Honors, CSJ. The workshops are flexible. Each one may be used individually as a two-hour presentation or as a full-day experience. The three workshops may also be presented as a week-long retreat. The presentations are organic since they can be changed and grow in new ways, using different art pieces, music, poetry and reflections.

## The Presenter

Sister Linda is the first Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet from the Albany Province to complete a master's degree in Earth Literacy from St. Mary-of-the-Wood College, IN. A native of Hammonton, NJ, Sister Linda received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from St. Elizabeth's College in Convent Station, NJ, and a master's degree in religious studies from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia. She is presently a teacher of theology at Catholic Central High School, Troy, NY.



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A series  
of workshops  
by Sister Linda Neil, CSJ



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To inform our heads  
To fire our passions  
for change and celebration  
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The goal of the program is to create awareness of Earth issues in a way that engages the heart, informs the head and fires passion for change and celebration in our relationship with Earth.

### EARTH, MY HOME: WORKSHOP I

#### Participants will:

- reflect on our sense of place in our solar system, bioregion and watershed
- understand some of the functions of a bioregion
- experience the meaning of living bioregionally
- deepen awareness of living sustainably
- realize our need for wilderness.



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### DREAMING A NEW WAY: WORKSHOP II

#### Participants will:

- grow in understanding the New Story and its implications for living in the community of life
- deepen their understanding of the evolutionary process
- realize that Earth's transformational moments invite us into transformation
- become aware of living in the Ecozoic Era as an invitation to live sustainably
- reflect on some of the powers of the universe and how we can live them out in our lives.



### HEALING EARTH: WORKSHOP III

#### Participants will:

- deepen their understanding of the incredible diversity of life
- experience the loss of some of this diversity
- reflect on the principles of individuation, diversity and communion realize ways of living out these principles.

