

TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST AND CREATION: A MINISTRY OF WHOLENESS



MAY 4-6, 2012

What is the meaning of the story of Jesus's transfiguration "on a high mountain"? Does it have any connection to our spiritual lives in the present day? Through this familiar biblical passage, participants will reflect on the concept that Christ's glorification is for the whole creation and, accordingly, that it has the its potential to re-energize environmental attitudes and policies. Through teaching, discussion, reflection, networking, resourcing, planning, and walking a "Canticle Trail" at the Organic Prayer Project (a program of the Center on Religion and Environment centered on a biodynamic farm at the Sisters of St. Mary Convent), this retreat is designed to provide theological insight, restful reflection and practical advice for those involved in environmental ministry in Christian churches and organizations. Come prepared to think, reflect, and engage with others.

DATES: 7 pm May 4 through lunch Sunday, May 6 (Please note with your registration if you would like dinner on Friday night.)

COST: \$325/person double occupancy; \$350/person single occupancy. Price includes meals beginning with dinner Friday through lunch on Sunday. Partial Scholarships available.

PRESENTER: DR. JOHN GATTA, Dean of the College at Sewanee, the University of the South Dean Gatta has published several books and articles related to religion and the environment, including: *Making Nature Sacred: Literature, Religion, and Environment in America from the Puritans to the Present* (Oxford University Press, 2004), "The Uses of Wilderness: A Christian Perspective" (in *Anglican Theological Review*, 1980), and, most recently, *The Transfiguration of Christ and Creation* (WIPF & Stock Publishers, 2011). Dean Gatta is also an experienced teacher of environmental literature both at Sewanee and the University of Connecticut.

RETREAT LEADERS:

THE REV. JERRY CAPPEL, Environmental Network Coordinator for Province IV of The Episcopal Church. Jerry's professional interests are in adult education, ecology and faith, and interfaith relations. Jerry also serves as President of Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light and the Kentuckiana Interfaith Community. Dr. Cappel is a graduate of Harding Graduate School of Religion (MDiv) in Memphis, TN, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY (PhD).

JOYCE WILDING, a Third Order Franciscan (TSSF), is an associate member Society of Ordained Scientists and environmental educator. She was the environmental ministry leader at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville from 1998-2008. Currently, she coordinates retreats for the Center for Religion and Environment.

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The Center for Religion and Environment

The Center of our ministry embraces the Episcopal House of Bishop's ideas that "if we cannot live in harmony with the earth, we will not live in harmony with one another" and that "ancient wisdom and spiritual disciplines from our faith offer deep resources to help address this environmental crisis." Accordingly, CRE provides hands-on opportunities for both spiritual formation and intellectual growth, drawing on monastic practices from our Christian heritage and on theological reflection. By doing so, CRE serves as a trellis for the University of the South College of Arts and Sciences, School of Theology, and All Saints' Chapel to help develop the mind, heart, and spirit. Beyond Sewanee's gates CRE serves as a resource helping faith communities grow spiritually and intellectually and form behaviors conducive to sustainable living.

Province IV Environmental Ministry

Province IV is the largest of the nine provinces of The Episcopal Church, incorporating 20 dioceses in the southeastern United States. Its Environmental Network works to encourage, develop, and support environmental ministry in the churches of the province through nurturing communication and providing resources. For more information, visit <http://www.kinshipearth.org/em4/SitePages/Home.aspx>.