

An Ecospirituality of the "Kindom" of God

Facilitated by **MARK HATHAWAY** • 23-26 JUNE 2011

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A Retreat Integrating Ecology, Justice, and Spirituality

OVERVIEW

We live in a time of deep crisis, a time when the complex web that sustains all life is increasingly under threat. Yet, this crisis is also an opportunity for awakening to a deeper spirituality that empowers us to act more fruitfully and joyfully for meaningful change.

Drawing on the teachings of Jesus – particularly the Aramaic versions of the Beatitudes and the prayer we commonly call the “Our Father” or “Lord’s Prayer” – as well as insights from psychology, systems theory, cosmology, and other spiritual traditions, participants will be invited to explore a transformative spirituality rooted in the life-giving power of God as experienced in the unfolding story of creation.

KEY THEMES TO BE EXPLORED

- ☉ Seeking wisdom in a time of crisis: The ethical challenges posed by the threat of ecocide.
- ☉ Understanding the idea of the hidden potentiality for change at the heart of creation: The meaning and significance of the “reign” or “kindom” (Aramaic: *malkuta*) of God.
- ☉ New ways of understanding liberation from an ecological and cosmological perspective.
- ☉ The four “paths to liberation” revealed in the prayer of Jesus and how these can inspire and sustain a transformative, engaged, and ecological spirituality.
- ☉ The Beatitudes as a spiritual path for overcoming denial, despair, and paralysis; relationship to Joanna Macy’s “work that reconnects.”
- ☉ Interconnections between the path of Jesus and those of Buddhism, Taoism, and traditional Middle Eastern spirituality, as well as insights from modern science.

ABOUT MARK HATHAWAY

Mark is an adult educator and author (with Brazilian eco/liberation theologian Leonardo Boff) of *The Tao of Liberation: Exploring the Ecology of Transformation* (Orbis Books, 2009 • www.taofliberation.com).

Mark has extensive experience as a writer, educator, and researcher in Canada and Latin America. He has worked with both Scarboro Missions and the national offices of The United Church of Canada as well as in a variety of ecumenical initiatives.



Mark is currently engaged in doctoral studies at the University of Toronto where his teaching and research focuses on adult transformative learning and ecological worldviews.

Mark Hathaway is an engaging and passionate speaker who draws on his years of study and thought about the earliest sources of the Christian tradition to help

draw listeners into a fresh, lively and more profound understanding of our relationship with Creation. Mark's powerful message of hope is grounded in the understanding that although we are living in a period of crisis, this time can also be a moment of turning. – Judi McCallum, Bathurst United

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