The
Earth Care Charter
SIX PRINCIPLES & SIX MISSIONS

for Earth-Care Education

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Principle One – Earth is a Cosmic Sanctuary
(The Spiritual & the Spatial Dimension)

**Principle:** Planet Earth is a unique sanctuary in the cosmos, a sacred site filled with life and the presence of the Creator Spirit.

**Mission:** Boldly celebrate Earth as a cosmic sanctuary filled with Presence and sustain our planet as a precious sacred site.
Principle Two – Earth is a Book of Nature  
(The Scientific Dimension)

**Principle:** Planet Earth is a Book of Nature in the library called Creation, a rare volume filled with science, stories and stunning images.

**Mission:** Read the Book of Nature closely, research its hidden wisdom, tell its fascinating stories and preserve its beautiful images for posterity.
**Principle Three – Earth is a Web of Mysteries**  
(The Ecological Dimension)

**Principle:** Planet Earth is a wondrous web of inter-related forces, mysteries and mazes where we are all inter-connected and all belong.

**Mission:** Include eco-tours across the curriculum, probe the stories of our links with Earth and protect the mysteries that bind us together.
**Principle Four – Earth is a Family Tree**
*(The Evolutionary Dimension)*

**Principle:** Planet Earth is the ancestral head of a tree of living creatures with a family history that is vital for all members of her evolving family.

**Mission:** Carefully trace the evolution of life in Earth, remember our ancestors, connect with our kin and rescue our endangered relatives.
Principle Five – Earth is a Tough Love Mother
(The Personal Dimension)

Principle: Planet Earth is the mother of humanity who has nurtured her children for millennia and faced them with a life of tough love.

Mission: Publicly name planet Earth as our mother, nurture her and learn from her how to survive on a fragile planet.
Principle Six – Earth is a Wounded Parent
(The Environmental Dimension)

Principle: Planet Earth is our wounded mother calling for personal care from her children and deep compassion from the Creator Spirit.

Mission: Make a commitment to hear the voice of our wounded parent and establish a dedicated Earth-care program designed to provide healing and restoration for planet Earth.