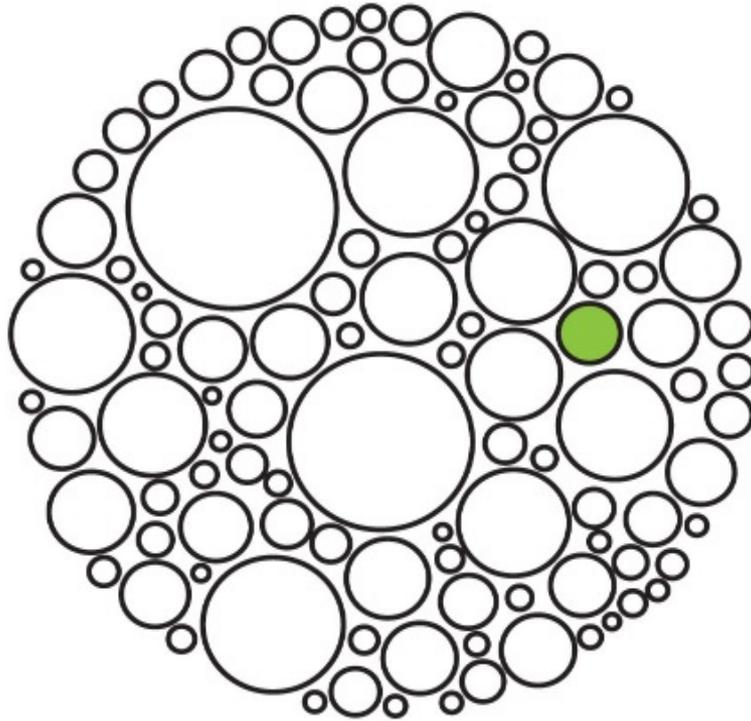


*The
Earth Care Charter*



SIX PRINCIPLES & SIX MISSIONS

for Earth-Care Education

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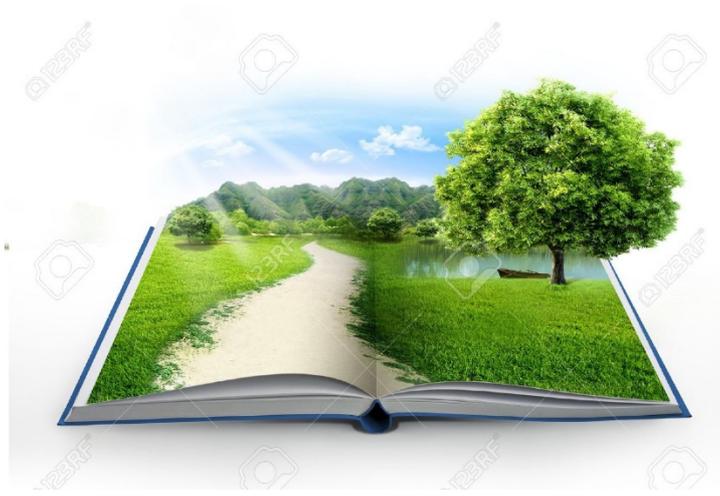
Principle One – Earth is a Cosmic Sanctuary
(The Spiritual & the Spatial Dimension)



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.