

Program Goals:

- ♣ For participants to get in touch with the spiritual dimensions of the natural world;
- ♣ For participants to get in touch with their own spiritual natures;
- ♣ For participants to harmonize their spiritual natures and connect more intimately to the natural world;
- ♣ To help participants see the natural world as something to be revered and not simply resources to meet human needs.

“Perhaps the most important thing we can do as adults is to share and discuss our spirituality... unfortunately, this is often taboo in our society.”

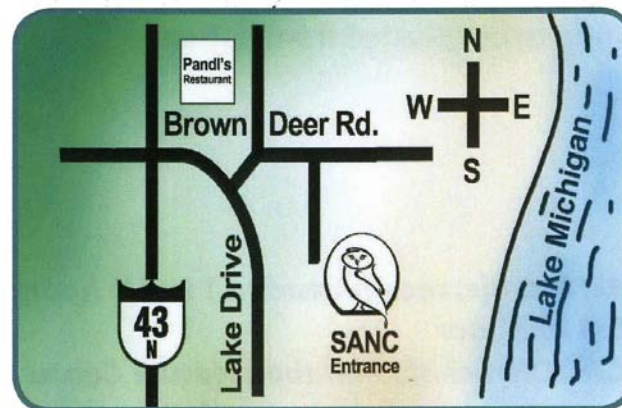
- Don Quintenz



We all have a spiritual nature whether or not we choose to recognize it. Spirituality shouldn't be confused with religion. It's about our relating to the reality all around us – matter and spirit, inert and living, secular and sacred. It's about relating to a reality that includes the natural world that we grew out of and that continues to sustain and nurture our existence.

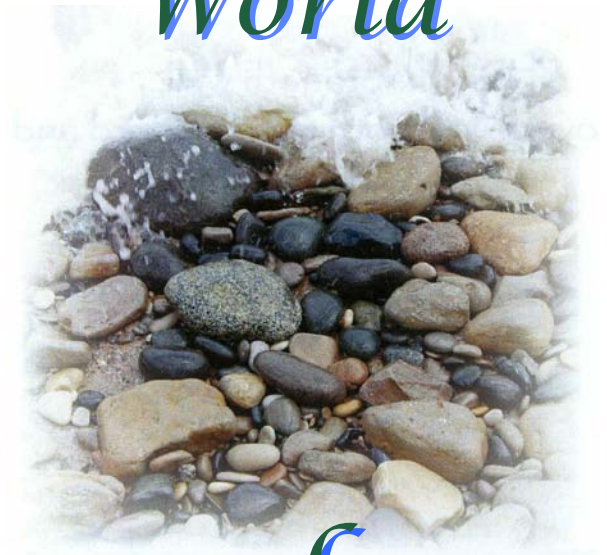
Our human nature is integrally linked to the natural world and our overall health, wellbeing, and fulfillment is dependent upon our reclaiming this intimate relationship to the natural world.

Join others in this monthly quest!



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Evening Spiritual World



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Program Topics

Tuesday, January 12, 7:00 PM

Dennis Hawk will present **Voices and Songs from Native Country**. This is a musical performance by Dennis Hawk and members of his band, featuring songs from his up-coming album, *A Warrior's Heart*. Dennis will also be introducing Clinton J. Miller, Stockbridge/Munsee Mohican, who is a phenomenal guitarist, vocalist and song writer. (Note that Dennis will also be presenting the program *Stones and Stories: Living the Medicine Wheel* earlier this day.)

Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 PM

Prof. **Sid Syam** will present **Spiritual Unity with Nature in the 21st Century** based on his book *Yoga of the Microcosm* that promotes a peaceful, non-materialistic outlook centered on "religare," the spiritual connectivity with nature and the cosmos. Sid's journey that began in India rejects the unbridled pursuit of status, power, and wealth that characterizes society today, and embraces the wisdom of many faiths including Christianity, Taoism, Zen, and Hinduism.

Tuesday, March 9, 7:00 PM

Ugandan born and raised **Fr. Augustine Kalemeera** will present "**The Catholic Church and the Environment: Some Examples from Uganda.**" He will discuss how traditional Ugandans saw the hand of God in unusually

"We are dancing flames committed to conquering darkness and challenging those who threaten the planet, and the magic and mystery of life."

-Anonymous participant

- Reservations recommended –
- call 414-352-2880, ext. 0
- Light snacks and refreshments will be provided
- Fee: \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members

large trees, how modernization (including the church) despite benefits has harmed the environment, our need once again to respect the environment and why the church should be at the forefront of protecting it.

Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 PM

Tom Galten will facilitate an overview discussion of **Eckhart Tolle's teaching** and its potential implications for us all. Since the publication in 1999 of his first book, *The Power of Now*, Tolle has promoted the spiritual growth and development of millions of seekers worldwide. At the root of his appeal is Tolle's extraordinary capacity to make personally relevant the spiritual wisdom of the ages, both of the east and of the west, and to, with simple clarity, connect his listeners and readers with a dimension of themselves with which they are often hardly even aware.



Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 PM

Jungian Analyst and Ecopsychologist **Dennis Merritt** will present **The Sacred in Nature**. Carl Sagan believed that unless we can develop a sense of the sacred in nature we cannot overcome the forces that are destroying our environment. We can cultivate this sense by revamping our educational system, use science and the arts in new ways, and work with the psyche and our dreams in a more enlightened manner.

Tuesday, June 8, 7:00 PM

Eddee Daniel, photographer and author of *Urban Wilderness: Exploring a Metropolitan Watershed*, will show and discuss images from his book that depicts the contrasting realities symbolized by the paradox inherent in the title "Urban Wilderness." Eddee uses the art of photography to promote an awareness of the interrelationship of urban and natural environments and the joy of experiencing nature in an urban setting. Eddee is also project director for *The Urban Wilderness Project*, sponsored by Milwaukee Riverkeeper and six other area organizations. Books will be available for purchase and signing.