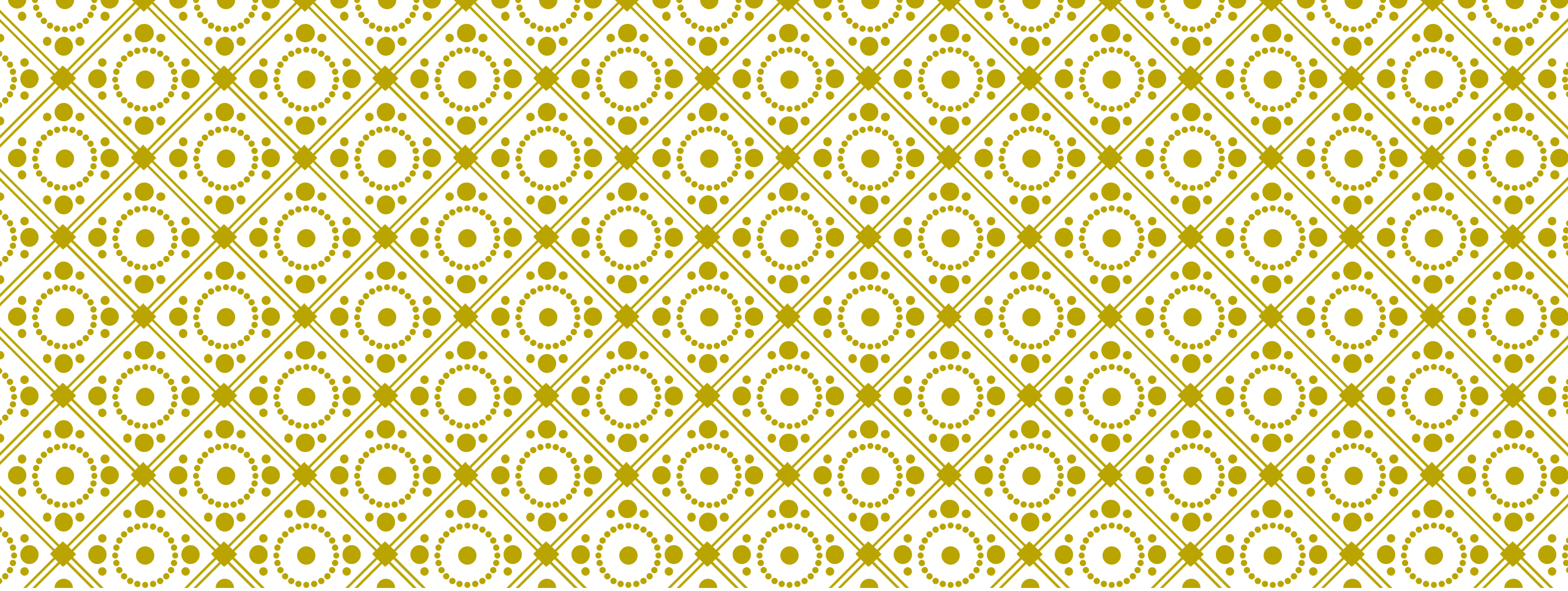




# TRAINING ECOLOGICAL LEADERSHIP

Entering the process



# THE JOURNEY WILL START

Preparation for the training

# WHY ARE YOU HERE TODAY?

- ❖ **Because we are invited**
- ❖ **To discover the inseparable unity between the human and the Cosmos, Earth and the whole Community of Life.**
- ❖ **“I have come to know everything we see and everything hidden, because Wisdom has designed them all, taught me .**
- ❖ **Wisdom brings order in the whole Creation. Wisdom is the gift of those who know they are part of the earth and all her life.  
(book of Wisdom, OT Bible, Wisdom 7, 21)**
- ❖ **Therefore we are here.**



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# **WELCOME; YOU ARE CALLED FROM THE FUTURE**



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- **In the Beginning our life began as a particle of Light. We are Light. We humans belong to the cosmos.**
- **We are here to take responsibility for the gifts we have to protect the Earth and all her Life.**
- **To do what only I can do in this very special time.**

# **WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF MOTHER EARTH, CALLED TO BECOME WHAT WE ARE...**

**We are a new tribe on the Earth: the tribe of the many colours. Those who are awake to the situation of life on Earth.**

**We are those strong souls chosen to live in this time on Earth. We will participate in safeguarding the life of all future life of the Earth.**

**Our souls are connected with the same source from where all the wisdom of the Earth come from. Earth wisdom is the presence of our ancestors in us.**



# THE BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS

- **Might be you were part of a retreat or workshop to introduce you to Ecological Spirituality**
- **Remember what was the gift of this initiation and write about it.  
Have you received new insights and understandings since then?**
- **Are there moments of transition and change?**
- **What is the challenge you are faced with now?**
- **Listen deeply to the Earth.**
- **The Earth speaks to you all the time.**



# MY JOURNEY AS AN EARTH PILGRIM

- **We are all Earth Pilgrims.**
- **We all have an unique journey behind us already.**
- **We need to own this journey, to know how we are guided and where we have been.**
  
- **So start to reflect on your journey: write your green life story. See the guidelines in the documents.**
- **Look at the film Earth Pilgrim by Satish Kumar. Find the movie in You Tube.**



# **START YOUR DAY WITH A GROUNDING MEDITATION**



**See the grounding meditation in this module and make your own!**



# **THE PROGRAM WILL BE DIFFERENT FOR EACH OF YOU**

❖ **You will go through a process of reading and reflections.**

**If you want to guide others, you have to know yourself.**

**Have the discipline to read.**

❖ **You will notice how much you grow in your insights.**

**In the materials you get introduced to current wisdom figures,**

**wise people, seers and leaders.**

# SEVERAL FOUNDATIONS /SOURCES OF ECO-SPIRITUALITY

- ❖ **Laudato Si, teachings of the Church on care for the Earth.**
- ❖ **The writings of Thomas Berry, an eco-theologian and Earth Wisdom Keeper.**
- ❖ **Brian Swimme and his work on the New Cosmology. You will learn the most exciting story ever: the New Story of Creation and Evolution of Consciousness.**
- ❖ **How to reconnect with life and find new hope. The work of Joanna Macy.**
- ❖ **Sources of Elder Wisdom and discovering their gift for our present world.**
- ❖ **Christian Sources of Eco spirituality and Eco-theology**

# THE CONTENT AND THE PROCESS

- ❖ We will work will work with a series of modules.
- ❖ 1. Where are we now? The present situation, worldviews.
- ❖ 2. The New Story of the Universe.
- ❖ 3. Earth connectedness. Our relationship with the Earth.
- ❖ 4. Conscious Evolution, Spiritual Leadership.
- ❖ 5. An Ecological Life Commitment.
- ❖ 6. Nourishing Earth.
- ❖ 7. Earth Ethics, Earth Justice.
- ❖ 8. Earth Healing.
- ❖ 9. Ecological Spirituality.
- ❖ 10. Ecology and Religion.

# The flow of the training

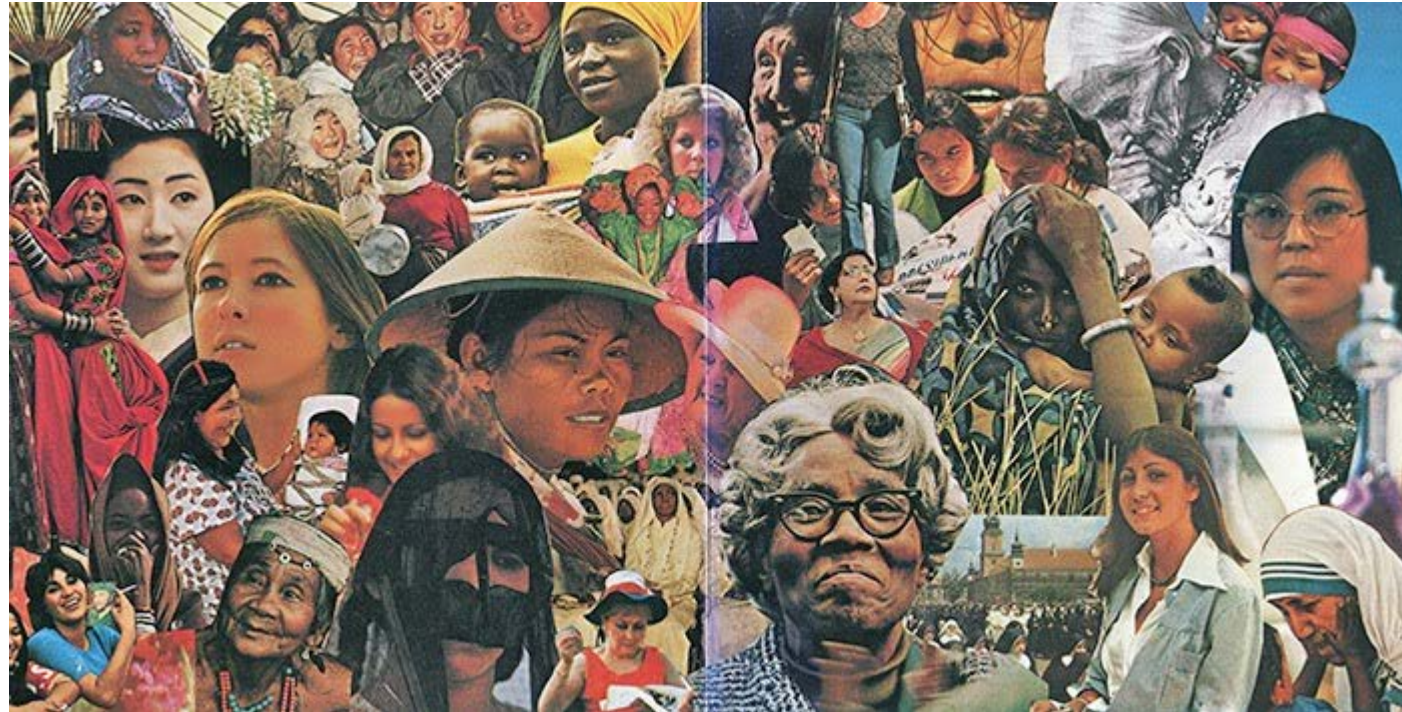




# HOW THE TRAINING WILL PROCEED

- 1. You decide how you can build this process in your daily life.**
- 2. Time for prayer and reflection.**
- 3. Daily grounding.**
- 4. At the end of each module you are invited to write a reflection paper.**
- 5. Share what happened in the process and express your new visions in words of art.**
- 6. Questions, insights, ideas you share in a zoom meeting.**
- 7. Think about an activity, program for a group. You can learn from it to present.**
- 8. In the zoom meeting you will be offered further introduction to the next module.**

# WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE, BECOME AS A LEADER?



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# THE CHALLENGE

**We are here to love as broadly and deeply as we possible can.**

**Knowing we cannot do this without the support of the entire community of life.**

**Our purpose is to consciously further evolution in ways that serve everyone and everything, not just ourselves.**

**This is our calling. This is our Great Work.**

**Indeed it is our destiny.**

**Miriam Mac Gilles, Genesis Farm, USA**

# THE ELDERS OF OUR TIME SPEAK



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We are on our way to become Earth Elders. Have you met her already in yourself?



# THE ELDERS OF THE EARTH SPEAK

- ❖ **Elders all over the world already knew for a long time that great transformation was going to happen. Now is the time they say.**
- ❖ **We are on our way to become Earth Elders.**
- ❖ **Do you know the Earth Elder in yourself?**
- ❖ **Do you know the deep inner authority that comes from this knowing?**
- ❖ **You are going to own the inner wisdom and deep understanding of the Cosmos and the Earth.**

# FINDING YOUR PATH IN MOTHER EARTH SPIRITUALITY

- ❖ **It is about a lived experience of our embeddedness in nature, our connectedness with Earth and Cosmos.**
- ❖ **The ancient insights of the mystery of life, the deep Wisdom of Cosmos and Earth.**
- ❖ **Has the same features all over the world.**
- ❖ **Springs from the very ancient sources of human consciousness. Phases of development of consciousness are the same all over the world.**
- ❖ **Mother Earth Spirituality speaks of the soul of the human of all times.**
- ❖ **Here the mystic is at home and the mystic knows and lives from the deep sources of wisdom of Cosmos and Earth.**

# **TO LIVE CONNECTEDNESS IS A MATTER OF SOUL**

- ❖ **To know our place in the universe is the fruit of a sacred soul journey.**
- ❖ **A process of initiation in the mystery of Creation.**
- ❖ **Our soul knows Gods deepest intention with the Cosmos.**
- ❖ **To be aware of this ancient call is “knowingness”.**
- ❖ **Only from this level of awareness we can comprehend what is happening in our time.**
- ❖ **To reconnect again with our cosmic existence is an initiation into a whole level of consciousness.**
- ❖ **It is this consciousness that we need so badly in our time.**

# **A JOURNEY OF BEING HEALED AND HEALING**

- ❖ **It all starts with body awareness and Earth connectedness.**
- ❖ **If we grow in body awareness we will grow in knowingness of Earth and Cosmos and the deep places of the human soul.**
- ❖ **Most of us have never felt that deep connection with the earth and therefore we do not know how soul connection feels.**
- ❖ **Will we have the courage and patience to search for that experience?**
- ❖ **If we descend into the depth of our soul, we will know that we are as ancient as the moment of the “In the Beginning”.**



# HOW TO PROCEED: SHARING GROUPS



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# FINDING YOUR OWN CIRCLE



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# **YOU WILL STAND BEFORE YOUR PEOPLE**

- ❖ You will speak, you will act.**
- ❖ You will design your own programs.**
- ❖ Our eyes will see vision beyond what is now.**
- ❖ We will do our work.**
- ❖ We have all we need to move on in the great challenges of this moment.**
- ❖ New life is ready to manifest in each of us, if we dare to look beyond our achievements and we what we think we have.**



**HAVE A WONDERFUL JOURNEY AND REJOICE  
WITH YOUR FRIENDS ON THE WAY**



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