



We Mercies

Care for Creation

As you take the next step, remember the traditional custodians of the land

NEW BEGINNINGS

If we look at the story of the Universe we will see that it is a history defined by change and by newness. 13.7 billion years ago the Universe flared into existence. It was total surprise. It was a newness. 4.5 billion years ago, out of the cosmic dust resulting from the explosion of a star, our planet Earth formed. It was total surprise. It was a newness.

Five hundred and twenty million years ago, responding to evolutionary dynamics, fish emerged within Earth's ocean. It was total surprise. It was a newness. One hundred and thirty million years ago, flowers, in all their colors and fragrances, began to spread across the land. It was total surprise. It was a newness.

Some 2000 years ago, in Bethlehem of Judea, Jesus of Nazareth was born and later proclaimed God's Reign of justice, peace and love throughout all of Galilee. He was total surprise. He was a newness.

Whatever your age is today, it was that number of years ago that you floated in the waters of your mother's womb. You were total surprise. You were a newness. There never has been and there never will be another you.

God's Universe values surprise, values newness. What each one of us will create within our lives will be a newness. What our Church will create in this time of its testing will be a newness. What all peoples will do to reverse the withering of Earth's life-systems will be a newness.

We cannot go into the future without our past and our traditions but these cannot lead us there. We need to look beyond the past and not hold on too tightly to it. What leads us into the future are our imaginations, our creativities, our dreams and our allurements. We are people of the newness that the Divine has promised and the newness that the Divine is bringing about within us: "See I am doing something new! Do you not perceive it?" (John Surette S.J.)

CALVIN AND HOBBS



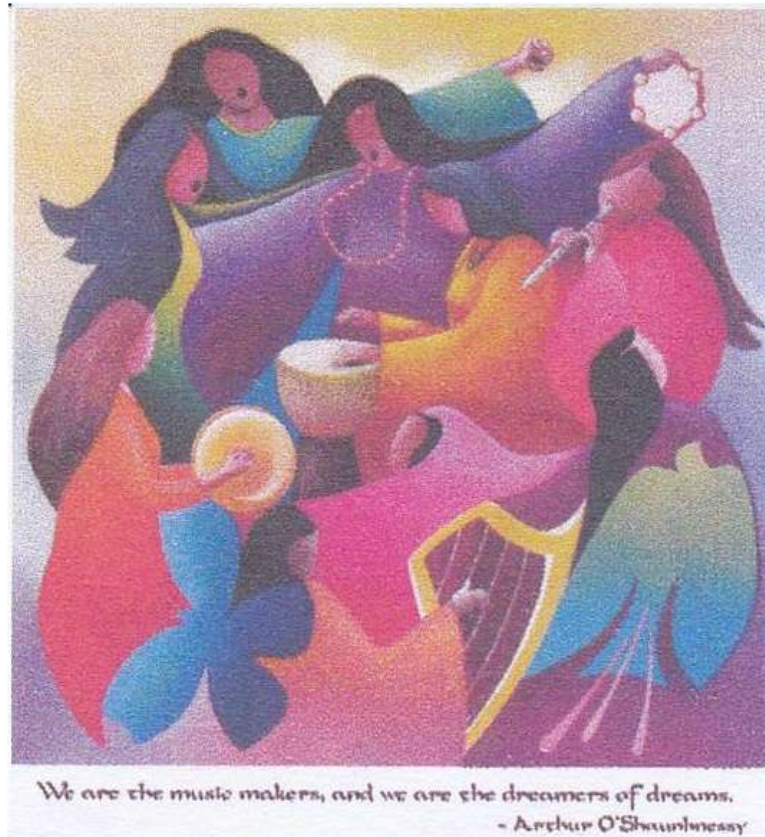
How new are you?

Or are you the same old story?

The universe teaches us about change, about newness.

2013 challenges us to change.

**February/March
2013**



Dancing into Freedom (Nancy Earle)

ECOLOGICAL WISDOM AND THE FEMININE SOUL

The world needs a feminine soul. The world needs a new ecological wisdom and the honouring of earth and body that the Divine Feminine implants.

It needs to embrace the consciousness of we, the image of the web, the interconnection and interrelatedness that are central to women's experience.

The world needs the vision and courage to dismantle hierarchies of power....to be faced with its injustices, to hear voices that speak for the voiceless and powerless.

The world needs both mystics and prophets .

The world needs conscious women.

(adapted from Sue Monk Kidd).

These newsletters are presented by Anne McLay on behalf of Care for Creation group:
Anna Ventura, Anne McLay, Patricia MacGinley, Ruth Wyatte, Shirley Myers.

