



Faith, Ecology & Transformational Practice

Issues in Missiology
MS394/MS594

13-15 July 2009 (Monday to Wednesday)
29-30 Aug 2009 (Saturday and Sunday)

WHY STUDY THIS COURSE?

Ecological science warns that our life-style threatens earth systems. Pope Benedict XVI teaches that Creation and Redemption are inseparable and the way we live must demonstrate this belief. This course explores:

- ecological awareness as a context for faith development
- church resources for ecological conversion
- critical thinking on sustainability and environmental values
- skills to engage with action networks & to create communities of change.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

Students undertaking courses in theology and religious education for **SCD Awards** (BTh, MA, MTh, Graduate Certificate or Diploma).

Pastoral workers, catechists, social activists and concerned citizens can **audit** the course for personal interest or professional development.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

1. The ecological context for mission: concerns such as climate change, water crisis, peak oil, food security and biodiversity.
2. Overview of Catholic teaching on the environment: social justice, eco-theology, eco-spirituality and personal transformation.
3. Comparative current environmental ethical and eco-theological perspectives: different approaches, case studies.
4. Communication and action-planning: engagement, growing relationships and community: survey groups working in the environmental field.



LECTURERS



Charles Rue MTh MEnvPlan PhD

Charles is a Columban missionary priest; assigned to South Korea and Jamaica WI for over twenty years, usually working in parishes; after studies in Berkeley, Calif taught Liturgy; lectured and wrote for mission education; published on history; more recently focused on the ecological aspects of justice and spirituality.



Sandra Menteith BPharm BTh (Hons)

Sandra is a community sustainability leader: lectured and written extensively; worked with *OzGREEN*; lectured on Environmental Ethics at CIS; consultant to the Franciscan Friars; initiated the *Climate Action Network* in the Southern Highlands; organized formation for Transition Towns leaders.

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Registration is from *15-19 JUNE* 2009

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