Special Issue

Healing the Earth: Spirituality and Planetary Health

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue will focus on a necessary 'worldviewshift' regarding the way in which we inhabit the Earth, which is urgent in light of the moral imperative to safeguard the health and survival of living species. With this imperative in mind, the development of planetary health, a 'new scientific field that focuses on the consequences of global environmental change for the health and survival of all species living on Earth', offers promise. We are especially interested in expertise from scholars of religion in a broad, multidisciplinary sense (including philosophers, social scientists, and anthropologists) to address how existential questions relate to planetary health. Responding to ecological crises requires an existential and spiritual worldview shift regarding the fundamental precarity of life. personal and shared values, sources of inspiration, and experiences of connectedness and engagement.

We are pleased to invite you to contribute to this Special Issue from the perspective of your own research.

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