

00:07:39 Wisconsin Conference UCC: Kathy Bartilson's video about the Big Read:
<https://vimeo.com/596136049>

00:31:36 Nola at Wis Conference UCC: This is the study guide: <https://www.wcucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Big-Read-Study-Guide-2021.pdf>

00:35:05 Lois Buchholz: Is this prayer - "Earth Teach Us" a part of our resources?

01:01:59 Mary Scholtens: Also, "The Overstory"

01:35:40 Jim Hollister: Excited and hopeful to read this with others.

01:35:41 Sarah Pundt: Motivated

01:35:43 Joe Scarry: Enthused!

01:35:52 Kathleen Hones: inspired

01:35:55 Rachel Bauman (she/hers): inspired and connected

01:35:56 Kathy Bartilson: With God's help, we can do this!

01:35:56 John Helt: hopeful for new openings

01:35:59 657378: collaboration

01:36:04 Elizabeth Janvrin: mindful - mind full

01:36:12 Laura Kleist: Added excitement

01:36:43 Jan Braby: Hope for this wonderful earth

01:37:10 Sarah Pundt: land acknowledgement

01:37:30 657378: a better connection to First Nations

01:38:13 John Helt: I am hopeful that this big read will result in a renewed attempt to establish a green team at our church.

01:38:22 Elizabeth Janvrin: thinking about how to connect with young adults

01:38:47 Joe Scarry: Here is a page with all the resources, including the study guide:
<https://www.wcucc.org/justice-ministries/environmental-justice/the-big-read-braiding-sweetgrass/>

01:40:09 Kelley Greene: The words "bridge" and "connection" kept coming up in our conversation. I think that is worth contemplation.

01:42:31 Kathy Bartilson: Is everyone aware of the Immersion Event coming up in October?

01:43:00 Joe Scarry: <https://bit.ly/ImmersionEventOct2021> is the registration info

01:44:22 John Helt: The author will present at the Immersion event. Sign up here for the webinar only: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Pa90o85HTlyvakpeUt_Y5w

01:47:11 Elizabeth Janvrin: We are planning to share parts of the Synod 2021 resolution in our bulletin such as: A RESOLUTION ON THE RIGHTS OF NATURE, Adopted by the United Church of Christ General Synod 33, July 11-18, 2021 . We are indebted to the leadership and witness of Indigenous Peoples and the labor of generations of those who have actively been engaged in the conservancy and stewardship of the earth as central to their being. To read the complete resolution:
<https://www.ucc.org/who-will-speak-for-the-trees-a-resolution-on-the-rights-of-nature/>

01:48:15 John Helt: "When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect." Aldo Leopold

01:49:46 657378: First Nations an Indigenous Translation of the New Testament It is produced by IVP

01:51:02 Elizabeth Janvrin: I agree Kathy. We. need to acknowledge the generational-trauma.

Here are the Native American prayers that Bob Ullman used in the webinar:

Earth, Teach Me

Earth teach me quiet - as grasses are still with new light.

Earth teach me suffering - as old stones suffer with memory.

Earth teach me humility - as blossoms are humble with beginning.
Earth teach me caring - as parents nurture their young.
Earth teach me courage - as the tree that stands alone.
Earth teach me limitation - as the ant that crawls on the ground.
Earth teach me freedom - as the eagle that soars in the sky.
Earth teach me acceptance - as the leaves that let go each fall.
Earth teach me renewal - as the seed that rises in the spring.
Earth teach me to forget myself - as melted snow forgets its life.
Earth teach me to remember kindness - as dry fields weep with rain.

Cherokee Prayer Blessing

May the Warm Winds of Heaven

Blow softly upon your house.

May the Great Spirit

Bless all who enter there.

May your Moccasins

Make happy tracks

in many snows,

and may the Rainbow

Always touch your shoulder.

Sourced from <https://www.sapphyr.net/natam/quotes-nativeamerican.htm>