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What Is Our Christian Vocation in Creation?

Our spiritual traditions have a deep heritage of respect for the natural world. But on a practical level this moves against the irresistible forces of our modern economic order. For this to take hold will demand a deep moral transformation both for the individual and society.

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I. Shift to an inclusive view of Creation.



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In his stories, Jesus affirms the worth of the created universe.



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...how can we learn, or learn anew, how to see God and human life dynamically and mutually related to the universe?

[J. Moltmann, *Ethics of Hope*, Fortress Press, 2012, p. 135]

II. Expand how we speak about God.



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Panentheism: God is in all things and all things are in God
God is more than all things.



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The community of God with creation, binding all things together, corresponds to the inner community of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, “creation lives and moves in God.”

(Acts 17:28) [Moltmann, *ibid.*, pp. 136f]

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"Everything turns on our actions and choices, with consequences for present as well as distant generations of humankind, together with the other relatives aboard the ark." —Larry Rasmussen, Ethicist

III. Experience God in all things.



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**What we say about ourselves:
We can experience God in all things.**



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All the senses can be tuned to perceive the presence of God in all things; touch, feel and taste, as well as hearing.

IV. See the Universal Christ present.



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The Cosmic Christ is victor over the powers.



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A reformed theology gives us fresh eyes and open hearts to discover God the creator in all creation... A reformed spirituality brings us to new wonder, love and gratitude for the gift of creation.

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