

## **Q: How will the Project unfold?**

### Phase One

The first phase of the Project from January – June 2025 will be a preparatory phase for participants in the program.

Early in 2025, a packet of educational materials will be mailed to each participant in the project. The contents of the packets are resources authored and edited by several Sisters of Earth who are deeply influenced by the new cosmology and teachings of Thomas Berry, as well as the Journey of the Universe book and DVD, including the following:

- Donna Gibbs, The Seamless Universe
- Betty-Ann Kissilove, Great Ball of Fire! A Poetic Telling of the Universe Story
- Jennifer Morgan's trilogy: (1) Born With a Bang: The Universe Tells Our Cosmic Story, (2) From Lava to Life: The Universe Tells Our Earth Story, (3) Mammals Who Morph: The Universe Tells Our Evolution Story
- Joyce Rouse, set of four Earth Mama CDs
- Carolyn Toben, Recovering a Sense of the Sacred: Conversations with Thomas Berry
- Peggy Whalen-Levitt, ed., Only the Sacred: Transforming Education in the Twenty-First Century and The Place of Our Belonging: A Work for Children and Educators Mentored by Thomas Berry

During this first phase, we will be in touch with the group through a bi-monthly communication. We hope that this will be a way to keep us all connected during our first year as participants begin to envision, with their respective learning communities, ways to integrate the new story and Thomas Berry's wisdom into their work with the children. During the first phase, we will also create a cohort of mentors who are available to work one-on-one with participants as they begin this creative and integrative work.

## Phase Two

We envision the 2025-2026 school year as a year of creative practices that emerge from participants within their learning communities. Thomas Berry spoke of a “functional cosmology” – a cosmology with many emanations of the great work, authentic to diverse contexts and situations. We picture Phase Two as a blossoming and sharing of practices in a mutually-enhancing relationship among participants.

We also envision providing a context where this blossoming can be shared through Zoom gatherings and perhaps through an “in person” and/or Zoom conference in the summer of 2026.