

# The Institute for Educational Studies (TIES) presents



# Cosmos, Gaia and Eros

## An Inner-Leadership Symposium for the Rise of Eco-sapiens

Awakening the Education Legacies of Maria Montessori and Thomas Berry

#### **Maria Montessori**

As servants of the child, teachers can only help the great work that is being done. Doing so, they will be witness to the unfolding of the human soul and to the rising of a New Human who will not be the victim of events, but will have the clarity of vision to direct and shape the future of human society. (Education for a New World, 1946)

#### **Thomas Berry**

Our educational institutions need to see their purpose not as training personnel for exploiting the Earth but as guiding students toward an intimate relationship with the Earth. For it is the planet itself that brings us into being, sustains us in life and delights us with its wonders. In this context we might consider the intellectual, political, and economic orientations that will enable us... to establish a more viable way into the future. ((The Great Work, 1999)



Presented by Philip Snow Gang, Dean of the TIES Graduate Studies Programs for Integrative and Montessori Learning at Endicott College (Beverly, MA USA), this symposium uses an integrative view, providing an opportunity for individuals to explore their great work or cosmic calling. One might say this symposium is a meta-preparation for people who want to respond to the eight questions below.

As Dr. Gang has been away from public appearances for many years, this is a rare opportunity to work in person with him as he articulates the culmination of his life's work in an effort to move the ripples out into ever-widening circles.

### **Questions to be explored:**

- In what ways might heart-wisdom unify your sense of being and belonging?
- What context might lead to a deeper understanding that "all is one?"
- What wisdom do you acquire through awareness that the Earth is alive and that you are an integral part of its process?
- What core content and process allows one to be inspired for self-learning, self-discovery and personal transformation?
- What methods help you to center yourself in order to sustain your vision?
- In what ways does your relationship to Gaia, Cosmos and Eros evolve? How does it benefit the whole?
- What is the source of your wisdom-knowledge for right-living?
- In what ways might deeper meaning and expanded consciousness emerge?

#### Locations

Toronto (May 1-3, 2015) Vicotoria (October 2-4, 2015) Portland (October 23-25, 2015) Denver (April 29 - May 1, 2016)

For further information, including registration details, please contact Shelley Richardson. Or visit www.earthties.org.

