

An Exploration of *Spirit Wheel: Meditations from an Indigenous Elder*

We will use the book *Spirit Wheel: Meditations from an Indigenous Elder* (2023) by Steven Charleston to explore a poetically rich world that takes us into an intercultural realm of spirit and faith. This book is rich in imagery that invites us to new and enriched perspectives on “Tradition of the Ancestors,” “Kinship with Creation,” “Vision of the Spirit,” and “Balance of Life,” which are the four directions that “ground” native spirituality.

The class will be conducted via Zoom, and ecumenical participation is welcomed. Our discussions will focus on the poetry, the imagery, the power and sound of language, our personal reactions as readers, and on connections to the world in which we find ourselves. The words of the poetry and our discussions will invite us into attitudes of meditation, mindfulness, and enriched intercultural and spiritual understanding. We will learn from and with each other!

The author is a member of the Choctaw Nation and has had a distinguished career in the faith world. He has served as a voice for justice, the environment, and spiritual renewal including as the author of many books and articles, as a speaker, as the Episcopal Bishop of Alaska, as President and Dean of the Episcopal School of Divinity, as a Professor of Systematic Theology at Luther Seminary, and as the Theologian in Residence at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University.

Note that the book is required, and it is available through bookstores and online providers. Enrollment is limited to 15 persons. **Conducted via zoom.**

Dates & Time: Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00 MDT; April 2 through May 28, 9 weeks
Facilitator: Kay Gillespie

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