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*Announcing Online Course!*

### **Reframing Spiritual Leadership Inside the Universe Story**

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What role can religious and spiritual leaders play in this time of multiple planetary crises? The solutions we have counted on in the past are no longer enough to address our world's extremes – e.g., increasing climate chaos, devastation of the Earth's capacity to sustain life, extreme polarizations, and increasing despair and numbers of suicides. When people turn to spiritual and religious leaders to help them navigate these times, what new consciousness can be offered to them that is different than what got us into these crises?

This course, titled **Spiritual Leadership, a New Consciousness, and a World in Crisis**, hosted on DTNetwork.org, is designed for spiritual and religious leaders who

want to frame their life and ministry within the new universe story as taught by Thomas Berry, Brian Swimme, Mary Evelyn Tucker, and John Grim. It will offer insights into contemporary science about the way the Universe and our Earth really work. It will offer a foundational understanding to apply our learnings to the challenges we face in today's conflicted world. It will provide spiritual and religious leaders with insight into the divine dynamics operating on all levels of our lives – social, spiritual, and ecological.

The goal of this course is to encourage a more radical imitation and adaptation of the cosmos-building principles of the universe, challenging us to greater authenticity in aligning ourselves with evolutionary forces. We will look at the behaviors these principles suggest, with particular emphasis on the potential of reinterpreting religious vows in a way that witnesses to the values the human community needs to adopt to survive and flourish.

By developing a new consciousness based on these principles, we will be able to discern new solutions to address our crises and to build a more viable human presence within the community of Earth. These sacred dynamics make the wisdom and resilience of the rest of the natural world available to us. Religious and spiritual leaders can then midwife a consciousness to live a more mutually enhancing relationship within sacred universe.

**Bio:** Toni Nash, CSJ is a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet and teacher for over fifty years, a national lecturer, retreat director, and spiritual director. She has ministered on the faculty of a renewal program for Catholic religious and priests, and served in general leadership for her religious congregation. In 1994, Toni and three other Catholic sisters co-founded Sisters of Earth, an informal network of women from across the globe who share a deep concern for the ecological and spiritual crises of our times. Toni holds a doctorate in Philosophy and Religion with a concentration in Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness. As a Religious Cosmologist, her work helps people to integrate their own religious traditions with the insights of contemporary science about the nature of the universe and the role of humans. Her current involvements include lectures and workshops on the Doctrine of Discovery and neo-colonialism. She's also applying her work as a religious cosmologist to heal relationships with Native American communities affected by the boarding school era.

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