**SPIRITUALITY IN NATURE – CF 206**

**Pre-Class Assignments – Summer 2016**

**Please complete the following by the beginning of class on June 20, 2016.**(This will allow us to do more experiential learning during our brief time together.)

1. **Ecological Autobiography:** Each student will prepare a three-to-five-page (double-spaced) autobiography describing your formative experiences in the outdoors, reflecting on your experience of God’s presence in the outdoors, and reflecting on how these experiences have shaped your understanding of the relationship between God, humanity, and non-human creation. No research is **required**, just an honest telling of your personal experience.

Please submit this electronically to Beth Norcross at Beth.Norcross@spiritualityinnature.org.

1. **Journal:** Please bring a journal to class each day, including the first day. Any size, shape, etc. is fine, but please be sure it is light and easy to carry around in a knapsack.
2. **Reading:** Please read the following before class begins on June 20, 2016:

* *Active Hope* (Macy and Johnstone) – entirety
* *Nature as Spiritual Practice* (Chase) – entirety

(*Active Hope is a quick read; Nature as Spiritual Practice has a number of exercises you can just scan for particular relevance to your ministry.)*