

WILD

“In wildness is the preservation of the world.”

~ Henry David Thoreau, “Walking,” in *Excursions* (1863). Adopted as the motto of the Wilderness Society.

“Wild: ...4. Not easily restrained or regulated.... 7. In a state of intense excitement; specifically... eager or enthusiastic, as with desire or anticipation (wild with delight) 9. Fantastically impractical; visionary (a wild scheme)....”

~Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language (1980)

“We misconceive our role if we consider...wildness...[as] something destructive rather than the ultimate creative modality of any form of earthly being.... The community itself and each of its members has ultimately a wild component, a creative spontaneity that is its deepest reality, its most profound mystery.... Wildness we might consider as the root of the authentic spontaneities of any being.... We mistake the wild if we think of it as mere random activity or simply as turbulence.”

~Thomas Berry, “The Wild and the Sacred,” *The Great Work: Our Way Into the Future* (1999), pp. 48-51.

“Perhaps the wildness we fear is the pause between our own heartbeats, the silent space that says we live only by grace. Wilderness lives by this same grace. Wild mercy is in our hands.”

~Terry Tempest Williams, *Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert* (2001), p. 229.

HOPE

“Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out.”

~ Vaclav Havel, quoted (without further source) by Gregg Levoy, Callings: Finding and

Following an Authentic Life (Three Rivers Press, 1997), p. 4.

“The very least you can do in your life is to figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof.”

~Barbara Kingsolver [on 12/3/03 PLU chapel program]

“Hope is not a feeling. It is a decision.”

~James Wallis (of Sojourners) in address at PLU, November 13, 2003

“The world belongs to those who offer it hope.”

~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, quoted (without further source) by Tom Sine, Wild Hope (Word Publishing, 1991), p. 11.

“We hope because it is human to hope.”

~ Elie Wiesel, quoted (without further source) by Sharon Daloz Parks, “Big Enough Questions: Seeking Meaning and Purpose in a Complex World,” address at PLU, September 3, 2003.