



**ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE: A CALL FOR CHRISTIAN SOCIAL WORKERS**

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# Ecological Justice: A Call for Christian Social Workers

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# Objectives

## **Participants should be able to:**

- Articulate the importance of ecological justice to the Christian call, and also to the social work profession.
- Describe a greater awareness of the social movement and concept of ecological justice, and its role in moving towards “shalom.”
- Identify the multidisciplinary responses to ecological injustices and how social workers can play a unique role with a broader definition of the “person-environment” framework.
- Identify examples of social workers who are actively integrating faith, practice, and ecological justice.
- Take home practical resources to deepen their own connection to the earth, as well as practical ways to integrate this issue into their own practice and their lives.

# Why We're Here: Micalagh



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# Why We're Here: Amber



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# What brought you here?



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WHAT  
WOULD THE  
WORLD BE,  
ONCE BEREFT OF  
WET AND WILDNESS?  
LET THEM BE LEFT,  
O LET THEM BE LEFT,  
WILDNESS AND WET;  
LONG LIVE THE  
WEEDS AND THE  
WILDERNESS YET.

GERARD MANLEY  
HOPKINS



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# Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Theory

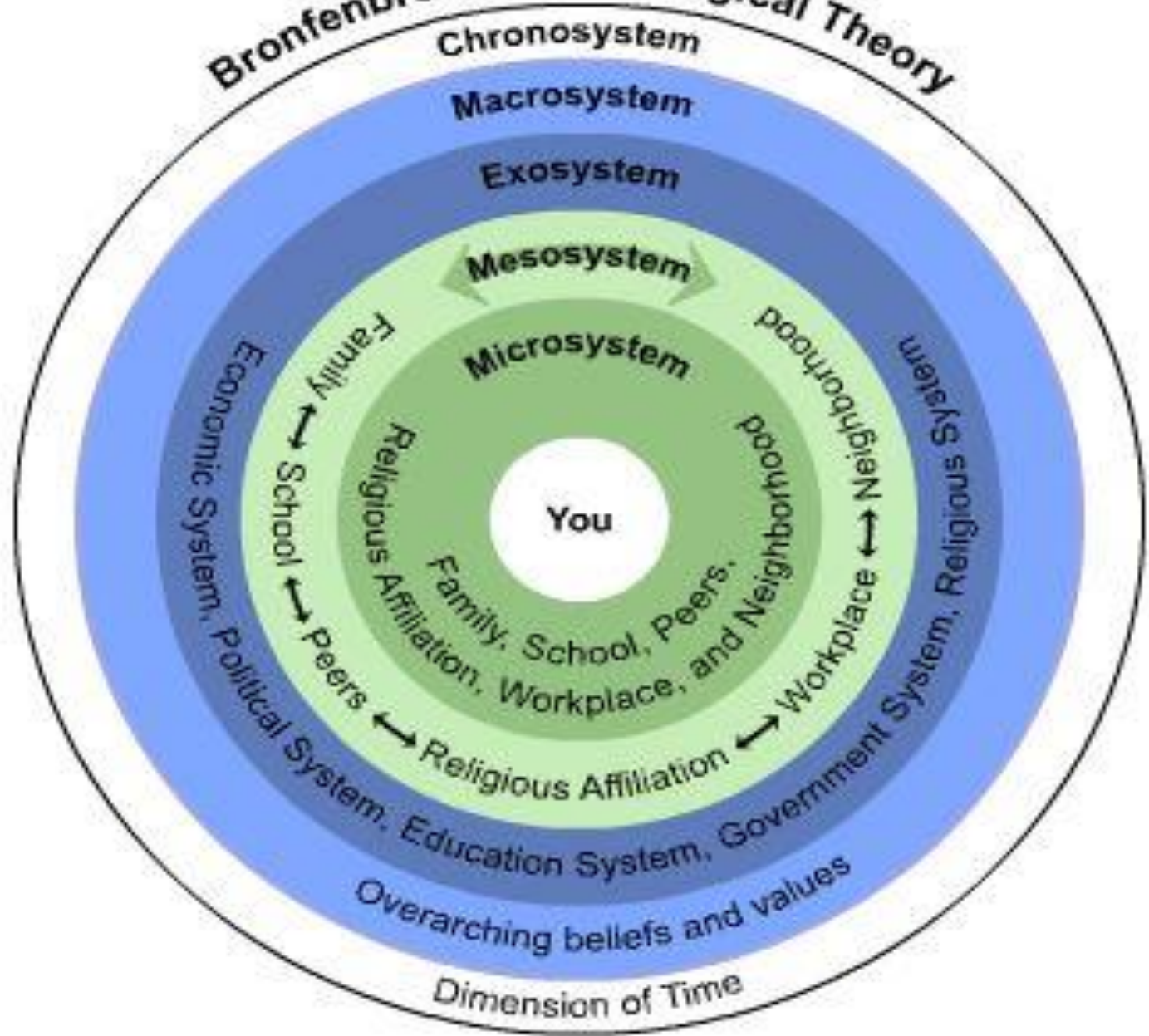




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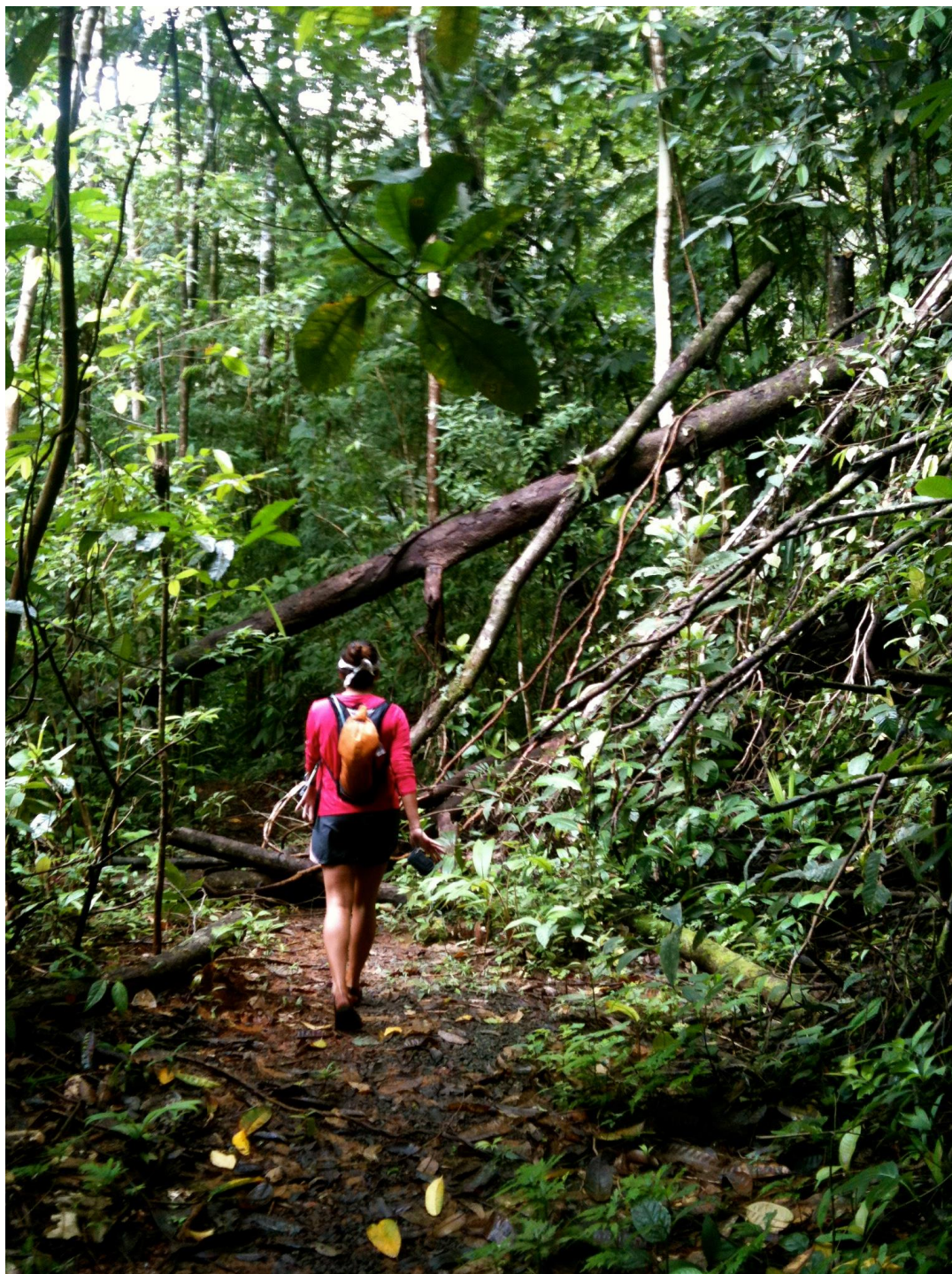


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### **Related Organizations**

Below are some organizations doing work related to social work, ecological justice, and faith:

*A Rocha* <http://www.arocha.org/en/>

*Creation Care Study Program* [www.creationcsp.org](http://www.creationcsp.org)

*ECHO* <http://echonet.org/>

*Global Water Watch* [www.globalwaterwatch.org](http://www.globalwaterwatch.org)

*Plant with Purpose* <https://www.plantwithpurpose.org/>

*Restoring Eden* [www.restoringeden.org](http://www.restoringeden.org)

*World Hunger Relief Farm* [www.worldhungerrelief.org](http://www.worldhungerrelief.org)

### **Relevant Websites**

<http://www.myfootprint.org/>

<http://www.footprintnetwork.org/>

<http://www.blessedearth.org/>

<http://greenfaith.org/>

[Resources for the Future](http://www.rff.org) <http://www.rff.org>

[Global Alliance for a Deep-Ecological Social Work](http://ecosocialwork.org/) <http://ecosocialwork.org/>

### **Ways to Connect**

COSW-ESWCN ListServ. To join, email [POWERSM3@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:POWERSM3@mailbox.sc.edu)

Ecologically Conscious Social Work Facebook Group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/565744026798223/>

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