Challenge Three

A 2020 Lutheran school will be

PLANET CONSCIOUS
living on Earth as our fragile home, aware of a new global
consciousness and inter-connectedness

And be faith informed by

Finitum capax infiniti
the mystery that the finite embraces the infinite, that the material holds
the spiritual and that God’s presence is in, with and under every piece
of this planet

1. Exploring the Mystery

As you explore this mystery, reflect on those dimensions of the infinite presence of God
that you have experienced or discerned during your own life. Explore the reality that
planet Earth is more than mere matter. Earth is, in truth, a sacred site filled with God’s
presence. What are the implications of this reality?

2. Facing the Challenge

What dimensions of this challenge are especially confronting and difficult to face? What
are the issues associated with planet consciousness that you believe demand immediate
consideration in our schools?

Conduct a group audit.
Share examples of where you or your school has moved towards being an eco-school
and/or part of a planet conscious community.

3. Planning a Vision and a Strategy

Dream about what your school would do and be if it chose to become planet conscious,
both in terms of ecology and culture. What strategies would you employ to enable this
dream to come true?

4. Resources

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