

# **Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation**

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## **The Delight of Diversity**

**We open with a brief reading from Scripture:  
“In my Father’s house are many mansions.” (John 14:2)**

**Prince Edward Island is rapidly becoming more multi-cultural and that brings challenges and opportunities.**

**One of the wonderful things to be found in the classic naming of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit is its affirmation that there is a plurality to goodness.**

**Goodness isn’t sameness.**

**Goodness, to be goodness, needs contrast and tension, not perfect uniformity.**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all God, yet clearly different.**

**We embrace this differentiation, and we resist the temptation to blend them into some kind of blob.**

**In doing so, we understand that there are at least three shapes to the foundational goodness, truth and beauty of things.**

**It seems to me that God’s goal is the same in creation.**

**It is the making of persons, not the making of a uniform mob.**

**This means that there is a clear diversity and a kind of open-mindedness in all of nature.**

**In other words, heaven is precisely not uniformity.**

**The diversity of heaven was never something I considered in my earlier years. I thought we were all handed the same white robe and standard-issue harp, and we were all assigned to an identical cloud for all of eternity.**

**But how does Jesus himself deconstruct this big-box, McHeaven franchise?**

**He tells us: “In my Father’s house are many mansions.” (John 14:2)**

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