Re-engaging with ancient understandings of Jesus-Woman Wisdom today

The scandal of particularity is not simply that Jesus is understood to be divine. The scandal of the scandal of particularity is that across texts of the early Jesus movement, Jesus is imaged, understood, celebrated and worshipped as the female divine. Ancient proclamations of Jesus-Woman Wisdom disrupt prevalent contemporary assumptions about divine gender and church structure. This scandalous understanding of Jesus’ particularity also shatters well worn, and commonly rejected, understandings of who God is, how God acts and what this might mean for humanity and the very earth. It is this ancient scandalous particularity, which has been veiled by successive generations, that continues to shimmer and overflow with promise, vitality and provocation.


**Questions for Reflection**

1. What challenges you most about re-engaging with ancient understandings of Jesus-Woman Wisdom: your image of God, your understanding of gender, your understandings of divine gender, your christology, something else?

2. Is worship in your setting creating space for transformative, nourishing experience with the divine who comes to us in Christ? If yes, how? If no, what blocks this?

3) Do things need to change in your setting? If so, what might you to do about it?