Vocabulary for Unit 7

**environmental accounting:** A type of accounting that attempts to include the value of the environment—which cannot be measured in dollars only—when making economic decisions.

**integrity of creation:**  The way creation’s many interdependent relationships fit together as a harmonious whole.

**sacramental:** Something that reveals the presence of God in a real and tangible way; for example, the earth is sacramental.

**sacred:** The quality of being holy; worthy of respect and reverence.

**stewardship:** The careful and responsible management of someone or something that has been entrusted to a person’s care. This includes responsibly using and caring for the gifts of creation that God has given us.

**sustainable development:** A pattern of resource use that serves to meet human needs while preserving natural resources to also meet the needs of future generations.