Search

To search is to try to find something by thoroughly looking and seeking carefully. Searching can be an adventure. As W.B. Yeats explains, “Education is not filling of a bucket but the lighting of a fire.” The searcher is invited to seek out meaning and not be content with a given thought, theory or idea. There is a disposition for questioning and finding out more. Individuals are invited to search for their own meaning in a safe and supportive environment.

This Spiritual Capability may involve:

- Seeking meaning by reflecting and wondering
- Creating safe and supportive environments and cultures within classrooms
- A willingness and encouragement to question
- Openness to possibilities that may lead to more questions than answers
- Looking for meaning and understanding beyond the known
- Participating in listening, conversation and encountering the other
- Sitting for an extended time with questions.

Examples of educators promoting this capability could be when they:

- Encourage students to search and explore the natural environment
- Lead students to discover the wisdom in their own and other people’s stories.