

Instructions for Virtual Queer Ancestry Ritual

Queer Breath of the Universe:

In your breakout room, make sure to introduce yourselves.

In Judeo-Christian religions, it is taught that, “In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.” In the Hindu tradition, the seed syllable “OM” is seen as the primordial essence of the universe. In the Muskogean indigenous tribe, the creator of the universe is called Esaugetuh Emissee, or “Master of the Breath”.

The breath, and speech, have often been associated with the creative force of the universe.

Take 1 or 2 minutes, in silence (perhaps lying down, or with eyes closed), to contemplate the following questions:

- In what ways is queerness a fundamentally creative force?
- What created queerness?

Then, spend 1 or 2 minutes for each person to share their thoughts/feelings. It can turn into a free-form discussion, or if you wish you can go back to silence and contemplation.

During the ritual, you will embody the queer breath of the universe, and to give it a voice. What wisdom do you hold that you would want to share with all of humanity?