



## **Common Ground Agreement**

### **Essence**

#### **Holistic**

We hold that all things are connected, that in the spectacular diversity of Life there is unity, just as in mind, body and spirit there is wholeness. We desire the highest good and well being for all of life. Our passion is to bring all beings together in mutual caring, compassion, generosity of spirit, and communion with nature and the Cosmos.

#### **Health**

We hold that health is so much more than the absence of disease. It is a natural state of being in which we feel, think and create out of our radiant wholeness. It is the joyful expansive vibrancy of Life. Our practice is to enhance the health and well being of all, through healing on the physical, emotional and spiritual levels.

#### **Community**

Although we inhabit separate bodies as we sojourn on earth, we are all part of a human family which in turn is part of all of Life. While we are each distinct and colorfully precious jewels in the crown of Life, we are also one, as we emanate from Source. In community, we create something grander and more complete than any one of us alone, like cells in the body that together create coherent being.

## **OUR FUTURE VISION**

It is our intention to acquire land and build a campus where we can create a Holistic Hub of Possibility.

We envision a portion of the land devoted to a teaching farm that supports local food autonomy, using true organic gardening and regenerative agriculture to help produce the foundation of health – fresh, clean, nutritious food for all.

We envision buildings constructed according to the principles of sacred geometry, harmonic resonance and natural building, which together demonstrate what is

possible in the interaction of architectural structure with consciousness and healing, rooted in a reciprocal relationship with the land.

Our campus will provide space for a wide variety of programs such as organic farming, holistic healing, qigong, yoga, cooking, visual arts, theater, movement, and film. Through these programs dedicated to well-being, we intend to create a web of interconnection within our local community. In turn, this will create a connection between local organic farmers, holistic practitioners, teachers from a variety of disciplines, and others from our local community and beyond.

The campus and its offerings will provide a template for how to transform society collaboratively and support the conscious evolution of humanity.

Currently, we are launching our phase one capital campaign to raise money for the purchase of land, to create the needed infrastructure on the land, and to construct a Holistic Community Center.

We welcome other organizations dedicated to Holistic Health and Well Being to join us in the acquisition and use of the land. We require all to uphold the following mutual agreements:

## **Agreements**

### **Community**

- We intend to work collaboratively to create a new model for society based on love and generosity,
- We honor a deep sense of community, connectivity and inclusivity.
- We affirm that individual members within communities benefit and transform from conscious exchange of ideas and values.
- The flow of exchange honors all participants including the Earth itself.

### **Generosity of Spirit**

- We intend to work from a perspective that is driven by generosity, fair exchange and mutual respect..
- We agree to donate a portion of our time to support the free offerings of our collective.

### **Stewardship of the Land**

- The land is held in a Sacred Trust to which all members belong, and it is held for future generations in perpetuity.
- We hold the land with deep respect.
- No one owns the land: the water, the soil, the plants, the animals, the air, the light are gifts freely given to all.
- We agree to maintain a portion of the land in its primordial state.

- We share the responsibility for the maintenance of the land.
- We use regenerative principles of good stewardship, fostering the health and fertility of the land.
- We aspire to achieve beauty, balance and harmony.

### **Architecture**

- All buildings on the land will be constructed according to the principles of sacred geometry, harmonic resonance and natural building, which together demonstrate what is possible in the interaction of architectural structure with consciousness and healing.
- We agree to use only natural building materials and furnishings to the highest degree possible.
- All buildings on the land will be as self sustainable and efficient as possible, using the latest natural building principles in accordance with the most advanced natural technology.

### **Trust**

- When we imagine with our hearts and deeply listen, we can develop effectiveness beyond our normal ways of understanding.
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### **Governance**

- Individual sovereignty is an inherent condition of human existence and the basis of all forms of governance.
- The community's governance is non-hierarchical and consensus based.
- No one has a monopoly or control over the community and its endeavors.
- No individual or group owns or has intellectual rights to the community and its ventures.
- We agree to attend regular meetings of the Governing Council.

### **Diversity**

- Our intention is for radical inclusivity.
- All ages, races and sexual preferences are equally honored and welcome.
- We respect all people – their preferences, differences, views, origins, backgrounds and issues.

### **Peace**

- We intend to cultivate peace in its fullest expression.
- We agree to keeping a calm, harmonious environment.
- We commit to addressing conflict with curiosity and respect, seeking support through mediation when necessary.

### **Substance abuse**

- We agree to refrain from any form of substance abuse: cigarettes, drugs and excessive use of alcohol.

## **Integrity**

- We support the highest good in each person.
- We honor others with respect when in discussion.
- In public and in private, we speak of others with respect. We are willing to listen to constructive feedback and work with it.
- We take responsibility for the spiritual, environmental and human effects of our activities.
- We keep agreements we have made, and do not break or try to evade any Community guidelines.
- We make every effort to resolve disputes.
- We may call for an advocate, friend, or mediator to be present and will use and follow the Community's grievance procedures as necessary.