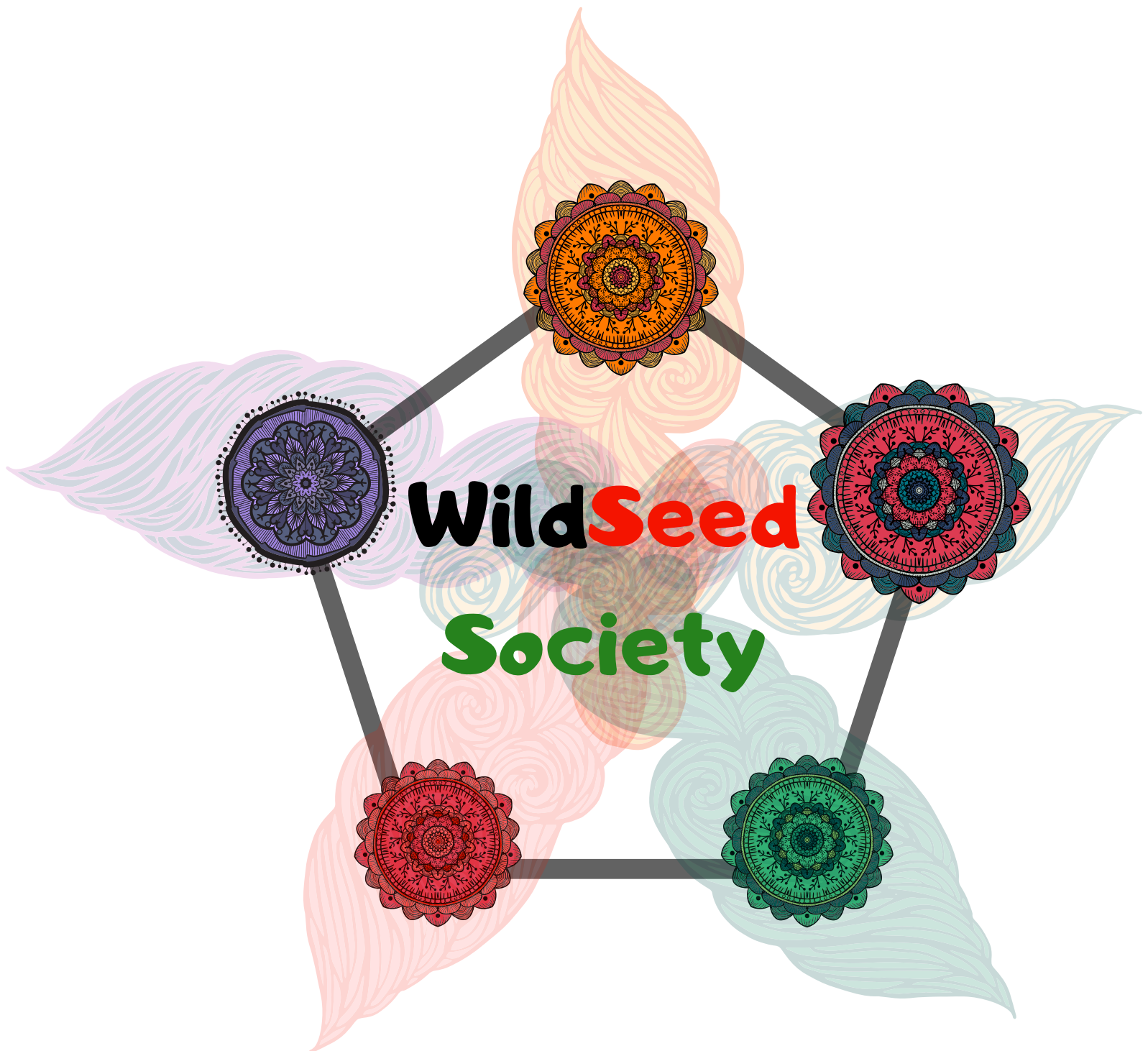


A Brief Introduction To



What Is The WildSeed Society

The WildSeed Society seeks to build community at the intersections of the emerging spiritual, scientific and social [R]evolutions of our time. It hopes to be a refuge of love and rigor with an eye towards subverting the world order. It is a multi-tradition church in the wild where fellow travellers come to enact new relationships and rituals. These **provide belonging** through practicing true human fellowship and faithful witnessing across differences; **economic solidarity** through mutual aid and the communal stewardship of resources; **spiritual growth** through shared ritual and study where science and mysticism meet; and **social transformation** for them and their people through collective action that builds/blocks/be's.

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The WildSeed Society is a movement of science fiction characters who we read about and needed to be real. It is a manifestation of the world we knew was possible because we knew this world would never be enough. It existed in the collective imagination of people who knew they were not fully free long before Octavia Butler wrote her brilliant and life changing novel about a small group of weirdly gifted individuals whose descendants would build a powerful interconnected network.

The WildSeed Society is a church in the wild. A space in the backwoods where enslaved peoples could practice their spirituality on their own terms. A land of grief and praise where we can practice being who we truly are. An iterative, stateless nation where the oppressed, the colonized, and the marginal find refuge for themselves by offering it to others. A space where the broken are not broken. Where the captive are not captive. Where oppression holds no power.

It exists whenever and wherever people who believe in it come together to manifest it. It is made real through shared rituals and relationships that its residents enact when they get together to manifest it. It is sustained through several core enactments or gatherings, each of which serve as a portal to the Church in the Wild. These gatherings invite residents of the society to co-create a container in which they can shift themselves and their movements to be aligned with their highest visions for what is possible. These rituals and practices invite residents to decolonize themselves by enacting different relationships with their bodies, ideas, and feelings, with each other, with resources, with group decision making, with strategy, with theory and, perhaps most importantly, with the land.

The WildSeed Society invites us to see differently by being together differently; to practice building the social, economic, political and spiritual conditions from which our Liberation could actually arise. Its iterative nature also means that we are bringing the future we want into the present. We don't have to wait for Liberation.

Glimpses of it are created every time we come together to enact rituals of Liberation communally. Thus the revolution transforms from a struggle to bring about, and win, a final confrontation with Empire to a praxis of learning to support the iterations of our dream society longer and for more people.

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The WildSeed Society could also be thought of as an intentional structured network or ecology of activity. The Society is organized bottom up, from its root structures to its meta-structure.

We hope to quickly usher residents into longer term enactments of the society. To move from 2-3 hour conversations towards communities of shared risk. We hope to create a network of people who are coming together in order to share what they have. To create a community with an economic market--a place of exchanging resources--that is embedded in social relationships rather than a market society where every relationship is transactional. That is to say, a community where actual relationships with other people are the sources of wealth, where the necessary resources of life are gotten from our own work and the gifts of our comrades. A sacred economy.

There are so many people in our movements who have unique gifts to offer who are forced to become ED's and entrepreneurs in order to have a sustainable vehicle to offer their gift. Their spiritual and creative energy is wasted on crucial administrative tasks that their work cannot function without but they lack the skills, temperament and time to do effectively. At a certain point they are often forced to enter into capitalist contracts with people to support their vision which reproduces the fundamental social relationship that their visions seek to destroy.

Not to mention that the concept of work [as differentiated from labor or effort] itself is problematic. As many feminist theorist have pointed out the separation of "productive work" from housework and leisure is inherently patriarchal. The work of cooking, cleaning, managing a household and literally bearing future workers is the most productive labor possible. It literally reproduces society. Separating it out from other forms of labor put "productive work" on a pedestal that is placed firmly on the back of care takers who are overwhelmingly femme.

The act of taking care of ourselves and just living is thus regulated to a necessary evil. This prevents us from even considering the possibility of a life without divisions and necessary evils. A life where we clean our clothes and cook food together, joyfully. Where the act of reproducing our way of life can be bursting with community and love. Where, as Alexis Pauline Gumbs writes "life isn't perfect but it's life all the time."

We hope that this economy of solidarity could then support people doing work to bring about collective liberation. Our hope is make it possible for community supported activist/healers/scholars/organizers to thrive.

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Another way to say all of this is that the WildSeed Society is a spiritual community that seeks to bring people together to discuss all that humans have learned about the world and to create the best possible worlds from those insights. We seek to unite around the principles of liberations logic. We have two main goals.

The first is support groups who are engaged in what in Judaism is called Tikkun Olam (literally healing the world) or what the Buddhist might call right action. We call these groups autonomy projects because we believe that world will be healed not by doctrinaire missionaries but by people of consciousness who are governed by their own conscience.

The second goal is a series of interconnected spiritual communities. These interconnected communities will be where people can get together to discuss absolute truths about the fundamental nature of existence and its relationship to relative truths about how absolute shows up in our daily lives. In these spiritual communities we believe that everyone is the final authority on their own experience and no-one has an authority on absolute truth yet we must all work together to find the most useful relative truths about how we can best be in each particular moment. These spiritual communities seek to create the conditions for, as the Buddhist say, right action, right understanding, right view and right livelihood.

In this, the WildSeed Society is neither a new religion or a political organization. It does not claim to have received absolute truth from what the Baha'i's call a manifestation of God like Jesus, Moses or the Buddha. Rather we are a community of fellow travellers walking these different religious traditions towards the same essential truth: though we are different we are all one and we can find our most perfect refuge in offering refuge to each other.

While we believe that the current world order of societies is not aligned with what is best for the spiritual potential, we also believe that the only way to destroy the empire is to offer an irresistible, holistic and self-sustaining alternative to it where every individual can get their needs met with dignity.

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The only honest answer to this question is that we are not sure...but we have a lot of really cool ideas!

The WildSeed Society is in many ways a collective vision. The idea of a group of marginalized people coming together to support each other and change the world is as old as empire itself. The specific aspects of this vision have been collected by Aaron Goggans and he has been pulling together people with whom aspects of that vision resonate. Right now, the people who are holding the broadest aspects of that vision are Aaron, Reece Chenault and Erika Totten. Together, these three are keeping the touchstone (the felt sense of what it feels like when we are aligned with our emerging collective purpose). Each person who is brought on in these early stages is more or less working on an aspect of it that resonates with their own life vision.

Reece and Aaron are in many ways playing the role of Ferryman and **Dream Gardeners**. They are trying to bring people to where they want to go and stitch all these locations into something beautiful, liberatory and generative. We are also working on recruiting **spirit weavers** and **radical back of the house crew**. This is where Erika and Sandra Kim are currently focusing their time, as spirit weavers who are supported by our radical back of the house crew. We hope that the spirit weavers will offer teachings that support everyone involved showing up as their highest selves.

The radical back of the house crew will support the ecosystem with the financial, legal and administrative support that frees everyone up to pursue their purpose and vision.

The only way this can work is through transparency, trust and lot of prototyping, failure and revision. Reece and Aaron will keep all cards face up and on the table for those who have entrusted them with their time and energy. We hope to move at the speed of trust and always put right relationship before producing or "succeeding."

We hope to build a culture where doing it in fellowship is always more important than doing it now or doing it "right." Thus anyone who joins at this early stage will have to be open to trust, willing to take 100% responsibility and become really really intimate with failure.

As we move on we hope to build autonomous teams who can decide how to democratically move their work forward. We seek to have rituals that allow that work to be funded and also offered to the wider ecosystem. It is through ritual and through the strategic connections made spontaneously by residents or intentionally by the dream gardeners that we hope WildSeed will maintain coherence but we also expect it to be mostly illegible by design. It will be different things to different people. A

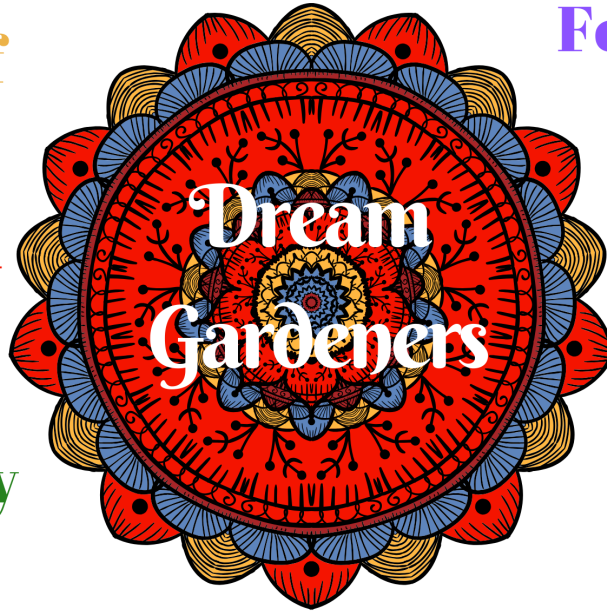
Room of Requirement, situated outside capitalism and pointed firmly against oppression, where people can build whatever vehicles, tools and wisdom they need to subvert the old world while building something new and beautiful in its place.

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**Followers of
Purpose**

**Manifestors-As-
Leaders**

**Radical Ecology
Tenders**



**Ferryman to the
Future**

**Agents of Order-
in-Chaos
Liberatory
Warrior-
Facilitators**

Offering Medicine

Providing their unique gifts to communities seeking to subvert the world order as those gifts are welcome and as they naturally flow.

Cross-Pollinating

Taking lessons learned in one context into others where it might be useful. Helping autonomous project thrive by offering new wisdom.

Radicalizing Connection

Encouraging communities to contract more liberatory relationships.

Supported by Community

Moving from fee for service or even salary towards a reparative gift economy. Breaking down barriers between life and work on anti-capitalist terms. They are supported by dana given by residents

Seeking Liberatory Alignment

Helping moving formations into alignment with Liberation Logic and Systemic Liberation as an emerging praxes for freedom. Instigating ecosystem wide conversation that move the society forward

Harvesting Strategy

Collecting strategy through one-on-one conversations, communal dialogues and observing movements and placing them where they be readily taken up by others.

Harvesting Vision

Collecting vision through one-on-one conversations, communal dialogues and observing movements and placing them where they be readily taken up by others.

Seeding

Relationships

Bringing people into new relationships that might support their projects, joy and purpose.

Who Is The WildSeed Society?

Watering Seeds of Purpose, Innovation, Vision and Alignment in BI-POC Activist Communities

Dream Gardeners

"This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are Prophets of a Future Not Our Own"

Bishop Untener

Gathering and cross-pollinating the best ideas from current social movements and ensuring they have fertile soil to grow.



Dream Gardeners tend to the emerging ecosystem in an intentional, long term way. They seek to help interested people weave together a collective vision and then they seek to bring various projects and social forces into alignment to bring about the conditions for that vision to be made real. They look out for exciting new projects that could use some more financial support and/or could help grow the Liberating Ecosystem.



Dream Gardeners provide support for the autonomous projects in numerous ways. They can pull together eagle's to help with visioning, coordinators to help run processes, connect them to other projects or coordinate with the abundance crew for resources.



Each gardener will also harvest lessons from autonomous projects and share them with the broader community through story-telling, trainings, written post or art projects.

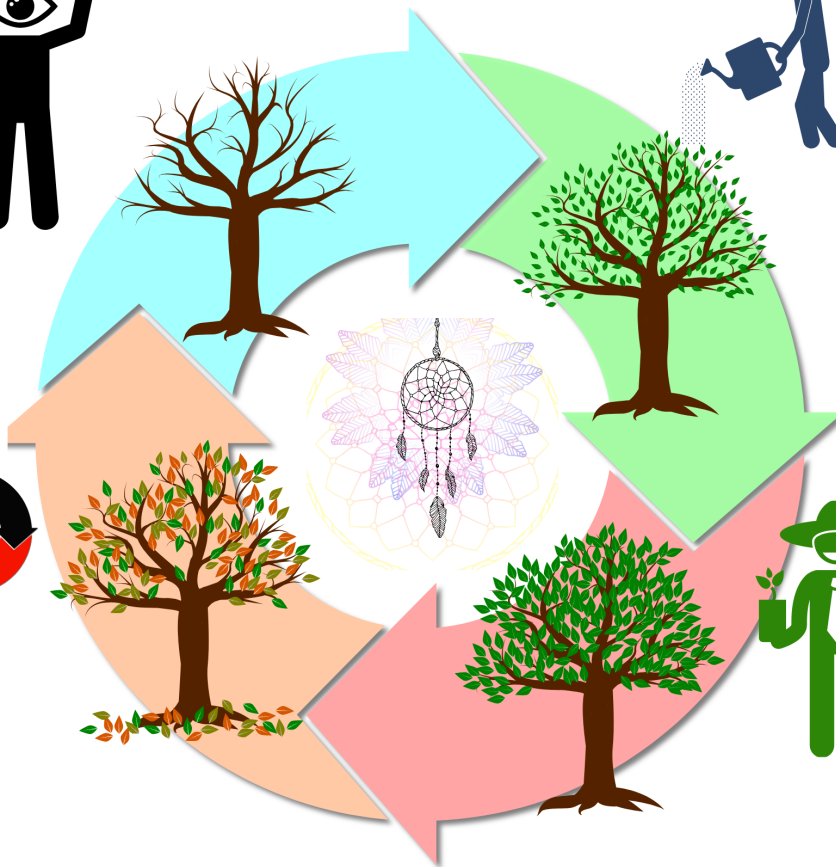
In addition, gardeners will try to weave mature projects together into larger or deeper new projects.



Revenue, resources and knowledge will be used as fertilizer for more Autonomous Projects (social, economic spiritual, healing or political).

They will pull together event planning teams who will plan the anchor events where the ecosystem will be periodically revitalized.

Initial Dream Gardeners will work with apprentices who want to grow into the role.



Who Is The WildSeed Society?

Followers of Spirit

**Nurturers-As-
Leaders**

Heart Tenders



Soul Nurturers

**Refuge
Builders**

**Liberatory
Healer-
Facilitators**

Offering Medicine

Providing their unique gifts to communities seeking to subvert the world order as those gifts are welcome and as they naturally flow.

Sensing Needs

Helping the Ecosystem thrive by sensing unmet needs and bringing it to the attention of the whole.

Seeking Healing

Helping movement formations heal wounds that limit their potential for thriving. Supporting Individuals in conflict in walking their own healing path.

Supported by Community

Moving from fee for service towards a reparative gift economy. Breaking down barriers between life and work on anti-capitalist terms

Seeking Our Highest Collective Self

Helping the ecosystem thrive by consistently calling residents higher. Inviting individuals, teams and the ecosystem as a whole to pause, reflect and rest.

Offering Teachings

Bringing new practices, skills and human technologies to people so that can be more skillful in meeting their needs and moving through the world

Inviting Growth

Helping individuals along their growth journeys by providing coaching, loving empathy and faithful witnessing.

Inviting Spirit

Ensuring the ecosystem is spiritually grounded by hosting private and communal spiritual and mystic rituals.

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Followers of Need

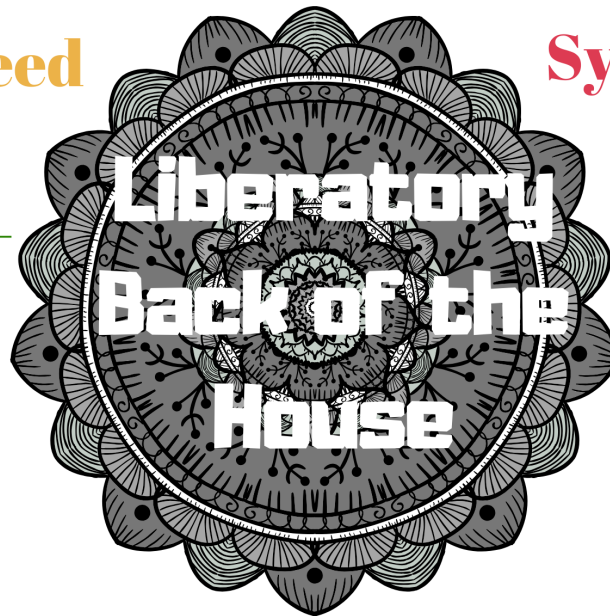
Supporters-As-Leaders

**Record
Keepers**

Systems Builders

**Process
Mavens**

**Administrative
Magicians of the
Revolution**



**Liberatory
Back of the
House**

Offering Medicine

Providing their unique gifts to communities seeking to subvert the world order as those gifts are welcome and as they naturally flow.

Responding to Needs

Creating the structures that support autonomous projects, Dream Gardeners and Spirit Weavers in their work.

Seeking Stability

Helping movement formations create and maintain structures that allow them to pursue their strategy in a sustainable way.

Supported by Community

Moving from fee for service towards a reparative gift economy. Breaking down barriers between life and work on anti-capitalist terms

Freeing Movement Agents to Pursue Their Purpose

Helping the ecosystem thrive by consistently calling residents higher. Inviting individuals, teams and the ecosystem as a whole to pause, reflect and rest.

Providing Financial Expertise

Offering book keeping, invoicing, money management and accounting the ecosystem.

Maintaining Processes

Doing the work that allows the ecosystem to grow and run smoothly. Scheduling meetings, sending out reminders, taking notes, archiving information.

Resourcing Movements

Connecting autonomous projects to the resources that are held within the ecosystem and without

Who Is The WildSeed Society?

Anchors

Cultivating Abundance

The Resource Anchor's role is to cultivate abundance. To help us meet our material needs in alignment with our social and spiritual principles. They will also provide the experimenting grounds for new types of mutual aid, solidarity economy and commoning projects

Gathering Genius

The Theory Anchor's role is to elevate the praxis of the ecology with rigorous self-reflection & social observation. To support deconstructing what no longer serves us & laying out a blue-print for the reconstructions that could make life more livable. To instill & disseminate the rigor that ensures our love is not co-opted or anemic.

Resource Anchor

Theory Anchor

Movement Anchor

Emerging WildSeed Society

Spiritual Anchor

Social Anchor

Sharing Medicine

The Spiritual Anchor's role is to bring in political engaged contemplatives into the ecology. To keep us grounded in spirit and in our inherent oneness. To continually call us higher. To help the ecology heal what needs healing.

Building. Blocking. Being.

The Movement Anchor's role is to infuse the ecology with the energy of those actively subverting the world order. To build and support the formations that can protect the society we are building.

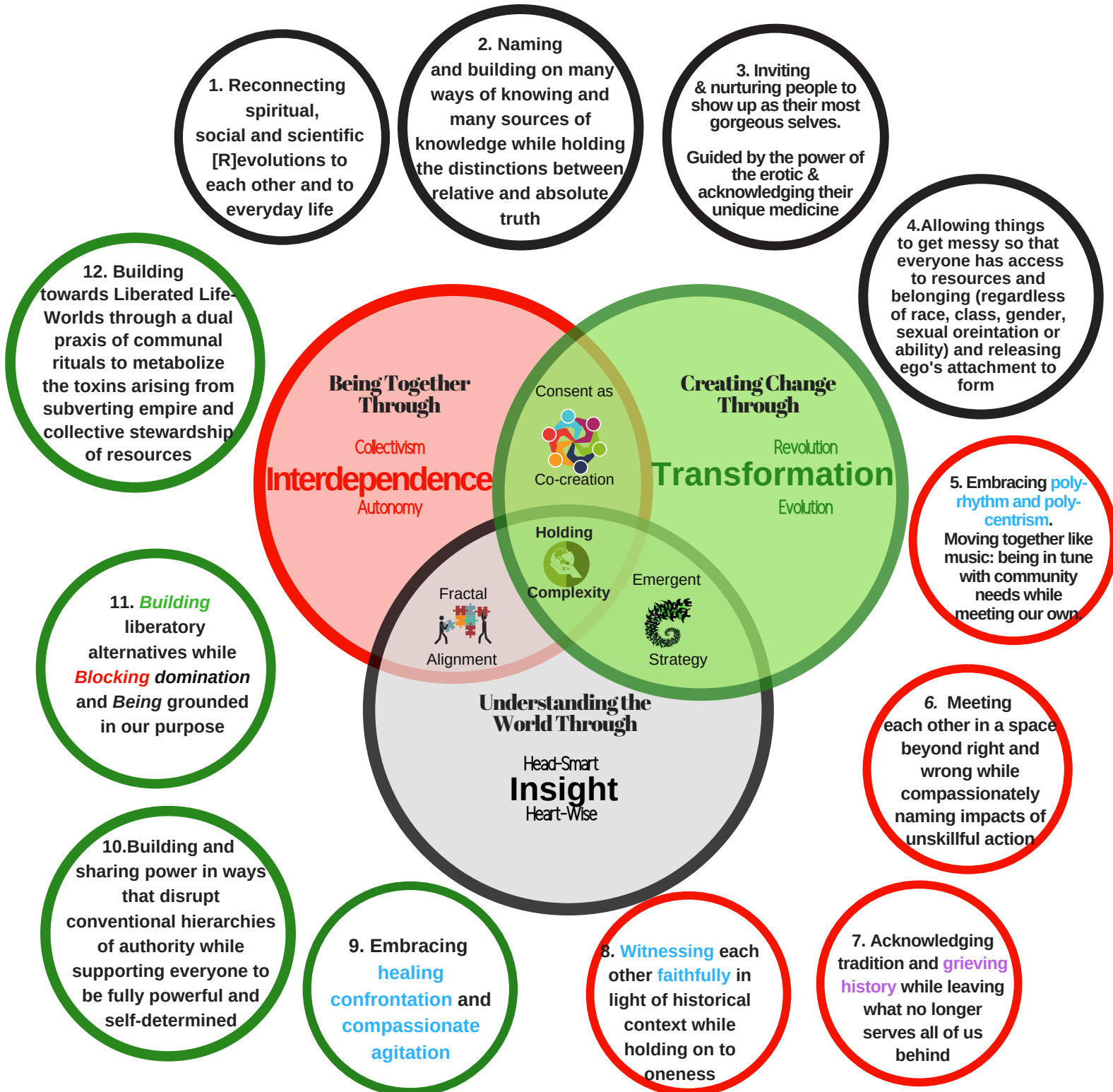
Building Community

The Social Anchor's role is to help build beloved community. To create spaces where people are free to be while also free from oppressive conventional norms. A space of togetherness where people can find refuge in offering it to others.

Who Is The WildSeed Society?

Anchors

The WildSeed Society is more of an ecology of liberation than a single sangha, church or organization. The society is enacting in spaces populated by members of anchors. Rather than recruiting people to our organization we are hoping to invite people in deeper and deeper alignment at the intersection of existing communities. These communities are diverse, geared towards different ends and with different cultures. Rather than try and get them all going in the same direction we hope to invite the communities to cross pollinate. All that we ask to ensure that spaces be an anchor is that they be in alignment with our 12 principles.



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Membership

We hope that our membership can come mainly from the intersection of our anchor organization communities. In other words, WildSeed will co-host gatherings between, say, the theory anchor and social anchor or the Spiritual anchor and movement anchor. In this way there are multiple on-ramps to getting into the WildSeed Society. Once people have attended a certain number of these gatherings they can be invited to get further involved in one of three ways:

1. They can participate in the regular WildSeed Community Dialogue that we host. These dialogues offer a chance for people to present a relative or absolute truth that they have found or discovered. The community will then affirm them and their truth before moving on to discuss its usefulness for collective liberation. Here everyone is an expert on their own experience and no one has an authority over absolute truth. Participating in these community conversations would make one an associate.
2. They can start an autonomous project with other associates. This autonomous project must be aligned with the same principles that anchor organizations are aligned with. Once formed it can get the support of the WildSeed Society.
3. Eventually we would like have Fellowships where we support people who have dedicated their life to furthering work aligned with the WildSeed Society. This would be a smaller community that members could apply to. They would be given support in becoming community supported, first by us and slowly through building a nourishment sangha who support them so that they are free to do what ever work they are called to do. These Fellows would be organized into yearly cohorts which would be peer communities where these Fellows could find additional personal and spiritual support. Eventually we would like Fellows to be the basic democratic group running WildSeed.

What's The Plan To Build It?

We operate under the view that **the plan is nothing, but planning is everything**. This plan is communal in much the same way the vision is. We are not the first to consider building a new society in the shell of the old. Aaron, Reece, Erika and Sandra have outlined sketches of potential plans, shared with people and revised them over and over again for the past few years. WildSeed will always spend hours planning but always be willing to throw the plan out the window. This can be nerve racking for some folks but we find the mix between deliberate strategy and emergent strategy the most effective way to deal with the rapidly changing times. The ultimate factor in which aspects of the plan actually happen will be the needs, interests, capacity and vision of the people and teams that come together.

Each autonomous project will follow its own sense of evolutionary purpose and the spirit weavers and dream gardeners will follow their own calling as they try to stitch those purposes into something greater than the sum of its parts. The Liberatory Back of the House will respond to needs of the projects with new systems and these new systems will change the way the whole society moves forward bit by bit.

What follows in the next few pages is just a hypothetical plan of how we get from where we are at to where we want to be. **There is absolutely no chance in this unfolding in the nice, linear, orderly process outlined.** Yet we think this gives a good idea of where we want to go and what it seems like it will take to get us there.

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BUILDING OUR GARDEN
Stage I

Egg Stage

Planning Infrastructure

The WildSeed Society essentially seeks to do two primary things: cultivate a spiritual community where people can get their needs (physical, emotional, spiritual and social) met with dignity through relationships and supporting autonomous projects that can make that liberation available for more people and for longer.

In our current movement context this means engaging people from a human place, where their needs are put before organizational needs i.e form follows need. It means having the ability to provide resources on the fly as situations change and emerge. It means **having the administrative capacity to do the back of the house work for revolutionary ideas.**

We seek to plan and build a new kind of infrastructure that could support these radical projects with fiscal sponsorship, financial planning, funding, and values aligned administrative support. We hope to raise funds that give skilled administrators and back of the house staff the ability to meet their economic needs. They are then free to "volunteer" with autonomous projects as peers in a supportive role without having to worry about contracts and being managed.

Building Liberatory Back of the House Capacity.

Building Flexible Legal Structure.

Recruiting Collaborators

We already have several autonomous projects and liberatory practitioners who are excited about being supported by a radical infrastructure. Now we need the support of people to help us plan it and build it. We need people willing to support projects on the front-lines with administrative support, financial support, and tech support. Perhaps most importantly we need to build our anchor council of aligned social spaces. These spaces will be the basis of community for WildSeed.

Brainstorming & Prototyping Offerings

We want to reach out to people who might be interested in WildSeed and brainstorm with them about the possibilities. As new ideas arise we will choose ones that seem generative and have energy and then we will try them out. We hope to incorporate anything we learn into a new plan. We also hope to continue meeting new people who feel a sense of alignment with the purpose and invite them to be a part of the ecosystem we are building.

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Stage II

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Caterpillar
Stage

Seeding A Base

We believe in starting small and expanding. We want to build a microcosm of the world we want and use it as a platform to launch movements to transform society. We hope to recruit residents into our commoning pods. In these pods people would experiment with money and resource sharing and time banking. This collaborative, democratic solidarity economy will be the basis of the society.

**Seeding Communities of
Shared Risk**

Seeding A Solidarity Economy

Cultivating Community

We see our movements, and our global society as a whole, suffering from an unmet and rarely spoken need for deep belonging. Years of neo-liberal exploitation has destroyed many of the organic communal structures that most cultures had. We are left with an abundance of market contacts but few real friendships capable of holding us through crisis. Thus we hope to build community through regular spiritual gatherings.

**Regular Spiritual Gatherings
Sacred Fellowship**

Building Infrastructure

In stage two we want to be building out an infrastructure that both responds to the current needs of the community and our collaborators, while anticipating the direction we want to go. Providing fiscal sponsorship, building out new user friendly ways to share money, connect with community members, and making our radical money pools and collective budgeting more accessible.

**More User Friendly
Supporting Deeper Connections.**

Supporting Collaborators

In stage two we hope to be receiving enough dana [donations] to be able to support our collaborators living needs full time. This would Liberate them from wage labor and support their movement out of the capitalist economy all together. Allowing them be supported completely by community rather than owning a small business or a brand.

**Funding Collaborators.
Exiting Market
Relationships**

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Building Infrastructure

After the vision coalesced, the next task of WildSeed was always going to be need to be planning and building an infrastructure. We needed to design a structure that could grow into the community we wanted it to be. In this moment of intense overlapping crises, with so many groups struggling to form and come together to heal the world, building an infrastructure to support them became a much more immediate need.

In order to support groups trying to heal the world in this moment we have to gather a cohort of people able to support the legal, financial, coaching and security needs of groups in this moment. In addition to finding these folks we have to work together to co-create a working relationship that is aligned with our principles of anti-capitalism, purpose driven work and building liberated Life-Worlds. We then have to work with our autonomous projects to figure out not only what support they need but also how to need it offered.

In building the infrastructure we want to be guided by the following principles.

***Supporting People Exiting Capitalism.** We want to work to get beyond fee-for-service work and wage labor by helping them become community supported. Rather than having staff directed by an ED or board, or having autonomous projects contract with them, we hope to be able to give grants to people whose life's purpose it is to support movement and introduce them to our community.

***Cross-pollination** We hope to have the ways people do their work and move through the world influenced by the innovations others are making in moving through the world in more liberatory ways.

***Vocational Sweet Spot** Helping everyone to exist at the intersection of their purpose, what makes their spirit hum, what the community can support, and what they are uniquely good at.

***Feminist Theory of Labor** We want to operate under what Maria Mies calls a Feminist Theory of Labor. This means, among other things, removing the distinctions between reproductive work (cooking, cleaning, and raising children), productive work (things that we produce for others), and leisure time.

***Seeding Liberatory Life-Worlds** This means helping people to a place where they can have all their needs met with dignity from within the community as quickly as possible.

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Cultivating Community

The core of community is providing spaces of belonging. We seek to create spaces where people experience both deep togetherness and deep purpose. We hope to build togetherness through deep check-ins and rituals of belonging. We hope to build purpose through exploring pressing questions.

We hope to build a community by inviting members of our anchor organizations to "cross pollinating sessions" that explore the overlaps between two or more communities. For instance, the Theory Anchor and Spiritual Anchor might explore the spiritual dimensions of capitalism. The Social Anchor and Movement Anchor might explore building belonging in political spaces.

Our goal is to build more and more liberatory praxis at these intersections. We want to support people in building a lived experience of more radical possibilities while also seeding new innovations that are possible when different worlds come together.

Over time we hope to invite some of our associates to apply to be in our sacred fellowship. The sacred fellowship seeks to create a peer group of people who have been following the call of spirit towards their purpose for some time. These people will have done significant work aligning their life-conditions with their values and would be seeking peer learning opportunities from other fellow travelers.

We hope to build a society of sacred fellows who are supported by associates in their movement sou-sou's and later by the economic activity of the larger WildSeed Society. The Society of Sacred Fellows is not some elite group but rather the end of the ladder of engagement. Ultimately our goal is support everyone in our ecology living a community supported, purpose driven life.

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Specifically, in Stage II we want to experiment with two radically different ways to fund movement work and support people. The first is a radical Sou-Sou.

The Movement Sou-Sou

The modified Sou-Sou (pronounced sue-sue) is a money sharing idea that seeks to ease people from our individualistic capitalist society into interdependence and relationship-based wealth that will allow our communities to thrive beyond capitalism. A Sou-Sou is an Afro-Caribbean name for a type of money sharing system common among many immigrants to the United States. In a typical Sou-Sou, one person recruits people they know to join. Every month the recruited members give the founding member a standard amount of money.

The founding member takes a small percentage (5%-10%) for themselves and then gives the rest to another member of the group based on where their name falls on the list. In many communities the person who holds to money is on the hook for making sure the money goes out even if not everyone gives the share. This naturally leads to only including people you trust. This system helps people who don't have access to typical banking systems to save money. The WildSeed Society have taken this model and retrofitted it to serve our conditions, purposes and values. We hope to expand this model to provide ways for folks with access to capitalist wealth to distribute it to others. We also want to figure out ways that this model could scale to provide alternatives to grants and business loans for further ecological development.

Our plan is that every 5-12 new recruits will be pulled together into a three tiered sou-sou. In the first tier each cohort will be its own sou-sou distributing money every month. Basically if there are 10 people in a cohort giving 100 dollars then every month one member would be given the option of taking home \$1000. They could take less than this or none of it. Any extra funds would be rolled over the next round. In the second tier, each cohort will also have an optional fund that members can donate to that can serve as an emergency pot for members to draw on.

Lastly, the third tier is the new project fund that all the cohorts can collectively decide how to spend. This will allow for the project to bring large groups of people together to fund projects while still prioritizing close, transformative relationships as the basis.

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The second experiment we want to run is the Radical Money Pool

Radical Money Pool

The Radical Money Pool is a process that we hope will allow us to rethink how we raise money in movements and build our budgets. To achieve its vision, the WildSeed society needs to fund itself differently. Its vision is too radical to be housed in a non-profit with its legal restrictions and board requirements. It is also moving too emergently for grants to be viable options. It wants to have the base building and democratic basis that membership organizations have with the focus and prefigurative capabilities that the affinity group model offers. It also can't be held only to a few wealthy donors nor does it want to reproduce the capitalist organization framework where donors are "consumers" with very little say in how the organization is run. At the same time, we need money regularly and irregularly, the kind of needs that are usually served by conventional crowdsources with all the problems of accountability and transparency that come with that mode. This is all not to mention that we want to receive and give money in a way that aligns with the world we want. Then there is the question of how to fund something that only exists when we enact it through ritual?

So we want to prototype a new ritual where all the money we raise is placed in one pot. We will then invite all supporters and representatives from each aspect of the Society to an event (online until the Pandemic ends). At this event participants will be introduced to the principles of money sharing that underlie the process (principles that will be collaboratively created at an earlier meeting). Then representatives from each aspect of the Society take turns talking about their project and resource needs. They will present different buckets for funding with general language about what would be possible at different levels of funding.

The 80% of the total pot would then be divided evenly among the participants. For instance if 20,000 is raised and 100 supporters or "residents of this iteration of the WildSeed Society" would be given 200 virtual dollars. This allows for everyone to give as they are able, but for everyone to have the same say in how money is given. This changes the relationship to programming and fundraising.

WildSeed Society

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE ROOT SYSTEM

Stage II

Winter 2020-
21?

Seeding A Base

Young
Caterpillar
Stage

This would allow for projects to be run by people who don't know or have access to wealthy donors. This would also allow for projects to still get substantial funding and projects led by people with wealthy connections to still be accountable to everyday people. Similar, it brings together a lot of the benefits of large memberships with the autonomy of affinity groups. After the 80% is distributed the representatives of the Society would then be able to do a second round of redistributing any money given to them to another project. This helps build connections between groups and asks projects to be honest about how much money they both need and can actually handle. So often in movement spaces, prominent groups are over funded while , more grassroots or radical partners struggle.

This process would be a strong step to eliminate that reality. During this process, numerous asks for more funds will be made so that the pot can always increase. After this second round, each representative would talk about the work that makes their work possible. A second set of buckets would be created for each person, organization, and movement that supports the work. Residents who are witnessing this process would also be able to offer people and organizations who they think help make this work possible. Once a complete bucket list is created the last 20% of the pool would be distributed to residents and representatives. This third round would look much like the first one will with everyone giving to different buckets. We hope that this process will fundamentally change the way we fundraise and budget within movements.

It allows for collective fundraising, commoning and deep vulnerability about what it really takes for our work to thrive. We believe it will empower folks without much access to resources to know that they can be stewards of thousands of dollars. It also invites people with access to wealth to heal their relationships to it and see the beauty, and most importantly healing, that is possible through radical generosity. We also believe that this process will tie residents of different iterations of the WildSeed Society to the vision of WildSeed and each other. We hope, through our initial fundraiser, that the more money we raise the more we will entice more autonomous projects and anchor organizations to consider joining the WildSeed Society. Then, the more organizations join the more money we will be able to fundraise. Thus a positive feedback loop of abundance and collaboration can be established and this feedback loop can be the growth strategy for each iteration of the Society.

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WATERING AND NURTURING AN EMERGING MOVEMENT ECOLOGY

Stage III

2021-2022?

Mature
Caterpillar
Stage

Nurturing A Base

Rather than building a typical membership and recruiting people for our program and platform, the WildSeed base will be emerging from the overlap between different organization bases. Bottom liners will be recruited from these anchor spaces.

We hope to develop ways of supporting our associate members to become members of sacred fellowship co-horts.

**Connecting Anchor Spaces.
Deepen Sacred Fellowship**

Launching New Formations

We hope to nurture the birth of new autonomous projects that seek to both serve the WildSeed Society and transform the world around us. We hope to use our solidarity economy and commoning praxis to launch projects that would not have been possible before.

Projects that are Building new institutions and liberated spaces, Blocking Racial Capitalism, Imperialism and Domination and providing space to be free.

Building Ecologies of Resistance and Being

Growing Infrastructure

By stage III we hope to have the ability to fundraise and meet the needs of our autonomous projects as they emerge. We also want to be able to support anchors holding down regular spaces.

Hopefully near the end of Stage II we will have a physical space where we can host the gathering. Hopefully this space will provide a small cohort to live our values of Liberation Logic in every aspect of their Life-World

**Generative Abundance
Eco-Village**

Promoting Cross-Pollination

A central part of the vision of the WildSeed Society is building new projects and campaigns at the intersections of the most liberatory aspects of Transformative Movements. We seek to have the BE-er's learning from and spiritually supporting the BLOCK-er's who are protecting and being funded by the BUILDERS.

We hope to create spaces for the wisdom of healers to inform action strategy, for the experience of direct action organize to transform how we think about healing.

**Convergences and Jams
Anchor Retreats**

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EXPANDING RADICAL DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE

2022-2023?

Stage IV

Chrysalis
Stage

Prototyping A Democratic Confederal System

At some point, the WildSeed Society is going to grow beyond the capacity of the initial structures. There will be too many people for society to be only a loose structure of autonomous teams and a handful of regular gatherings. There will also be enough regular practices, shared understanding, and distributed leadership for the strategic and cultural roles of the Spirit Weavers, Dream Gardeners and Liberatory Back of the House to rethink and potentially formalize into standing bodies or roles with more support structure and on-boarding capacity.

Additionally, the potential for autonomous projects to actually come together to form a society will have to be realized through intense and focused activity. Its nearly impossible to know ahead of time when is the right time to go through this process, how long it will last, and what will come out of it. Yet, we want to be clear that we know that a massive and intentional rethinking of the structure of the WildSeed Society, that is influenced by a much broader base that was brought together to plant the seed, is necessary.

We look to the system that sprouted in Rojava as one possible inspiration for a new system based on the principle that everyone, from women, to youth, to dog walkers, should be organized and have a say in how society operates at large while having complete control over how their small piece of society runs.

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CULTIVATING NEW POSSIBILITIES

Stage V

2024? and
BEYOND

Butterfly
Stage

Large Scale Recruitment

By stage V we hope to be able to invite dozens and hundreds of people into the society every year. Having levels of openness until recruits join a commoning pod and become members. We hope to transition in a mass movement while retaining the core praxis that keeps us outside the realm of cooptation.

Transitioning to A Mass Base

Deepening Spiritual and Social Development

During Stage V it will be necessary to focus even more intensely on the social and spiritual development of residents in the society. To support them to hold complexity and to develop the social technologies that would allow for radical consent as co-creation to function at every level of society.

Building A New Liberatory Life-World

We hope to eventually be able to meet all the needs of the residents of our society through commoning and the solidarity economy. We hope to eliminate fee-for-service and wage work completely to allow everyone to thrive based on the principles of "from each according to their whole hearted willingness, and to each according to their need."

Once this Life-World is created, the task of the Revolution is to expand this Life-World to new communities and protect it from colonization or destruction by the state, or corporate interests, or internal shifts away from it towards collective, inclusive, and democratic foundation based in a solidarity economy.

What Might It Look Like Eventually?

CULTIVATING ALIGNMENT

NURTURING SEEDS OF TOMORROW

WildSeed Society At A Glance

Spiritual Fellowships

Places where people can come together and support each other in their spiritual path.

As we enter a time where an old world is dying, it is crucial for socially engaged spiritualist to come together and support each other's practice so that they are prepared to seed the world that comes next.

Event Planning Teams

Event planning teams come together around one of the large anchor events.

They are an ad hoc team of folks that plan, host and debrief big public ecosystem gatherings.

Community of Truth

We seek to create spaces where people can explore, debate and discover relative and absolute truths. Modeled after the EarthSeed communities in Octavia Butler's novel parable of the sower.

Spiritual Fellowships

Community of Truth

Radical Infrastructure

We seek to build the radical infrastructure that will allow our members to exist capitalism and enter into liberating life-worlds.

This means supporting their logistical, security and emotional needs in addition to providing spiritual community.

Radical Infrastructure

Movement Partners

Run We partner with movements to make sure we are being influenced by current fights, increase our reach and to share our emergent wisdom.

Movement Partners

Common Resource Stewardship

Income sharing, collaborative budgeting and commoning practices that underlie how we are together as a community. Creating spaces outside of capitalist logic.

Common Resource Stewardship

Autonomous Projects

Autonomous Projects

Autonomous projects are at the core of the WildSeed Society. They are projects that are invited to be part of WildSeed by the Dream Gardeners.

They are supported with resources, networking and visioning.

They implement their own visions on their own terms

ROOT SYSTEM

Anchor Council
Sacred Fellowship
Revolutionary Support
Community of Truth & Liberation

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WildSeed Society ROOT SYSTEM

The WildSeed Society is governed by the bottom up through its root system. Its roots system is comprised of two spaces and two roles.

Sustaining

Anchor Council

Alignment Process

A semi regular gathering of leaders, bottom liners or influencers in specific spaces that form the main entry points into the Liberating Ecosystem. It is a space for finding deeper alignment and cross-pollination of ideas, theory and culture. Practically, the council tries to find ways to invite the communities into deeper relationship with each other. They are called together by the Dream Gardeners and make asks of them.

Reconnecting

Spirit Weavers

Advice Process

Spirit Gardener tend to needs, spirit and interconnection of the residents of the emerging ecosystem in an intentional, long term way. They seek to tend to health of the collective spirit by supporting individuals in showing up as their highest selves. They play a crucial independent sensing role to see what the unspoken needs of the residents are & to bring those needs to surface so that they can collectively attend to.

Manifesting

Dream Gardeners

Advice Process

Dream Gardners tend to the structure, strategy and interconnection of the emerging ecosystem in an intentional, long term way. They seek to help interested people weave together a collective vision and then they seek to bring various projects and social forces into alignment to bring about the conditions for that vision to be made real. They look out for exciting new projects that could use some more financial support and/or could help grow the Liberating Ecosystem.

Grounding

Spirit Trust

Consensus Process

Spirit Trust is a group of people who agree to help ensure the Dream Gardeners, Spirit Weavers and Anchor Council are in alignment with their espoused values. They also provide a space for conflict resolution for the ecosystem. Lastly, they meet with quarterly with the Dream Gardeners and Spirit Weavers to hear reports of how they have tending the growth of the ecosystem. They are called together by the Spirit Weavers.

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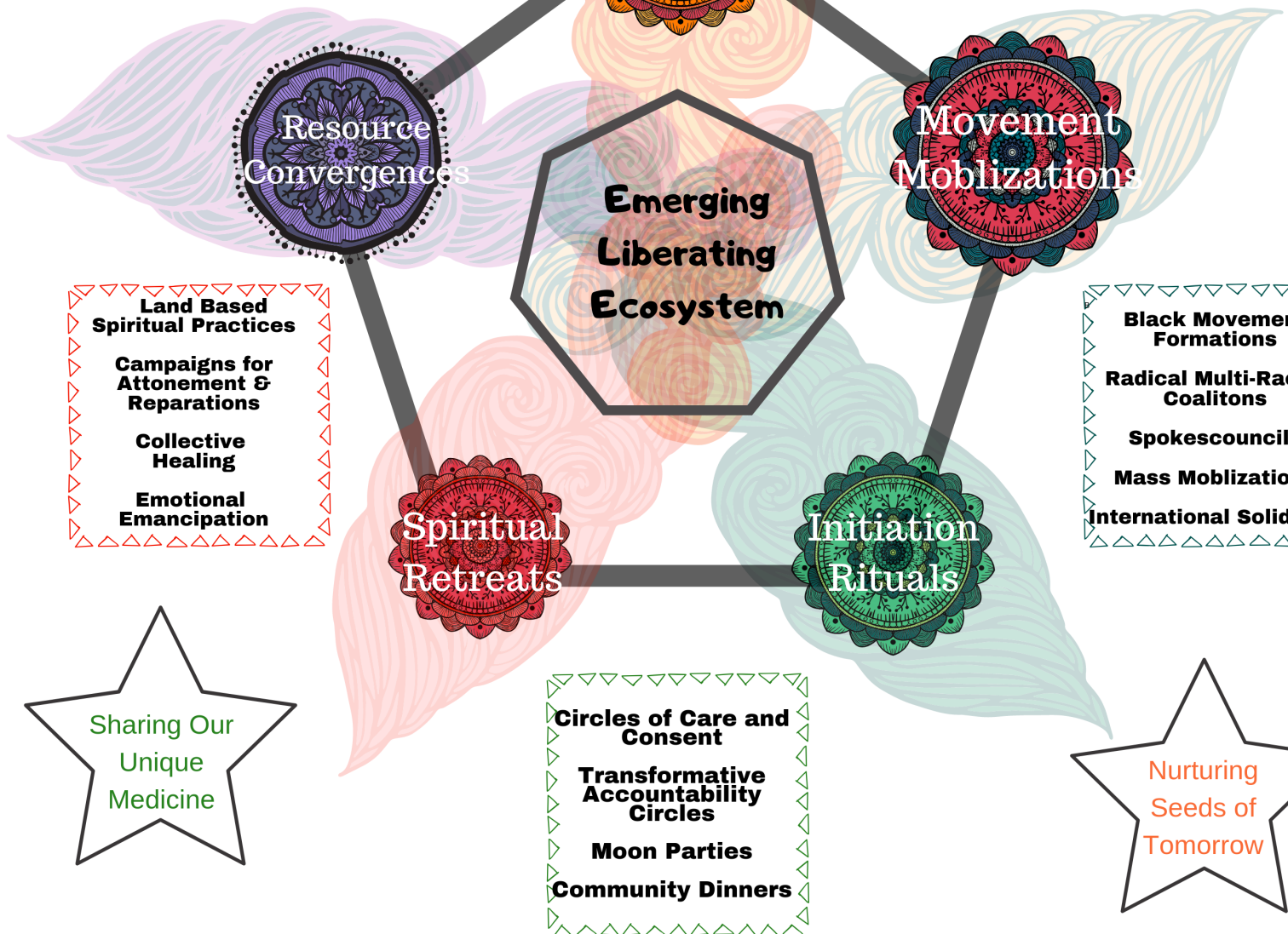
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Future Invitations & Offerings



- Radical Income Sharing and Money Pooling**
- Co-Habitation**
- Radical Shared Fundraising**
- Food Sovereignty Programs**

- [R]evolutionary Study Groups**
- Analysis Building Retreats**
- Learning Journeys**
- Speculative Fiction**



- Land Based Spiritual Practices**
- Campaigns for Attonement & Reparations**
- Collective Healing**
- Emotional Emancipation**

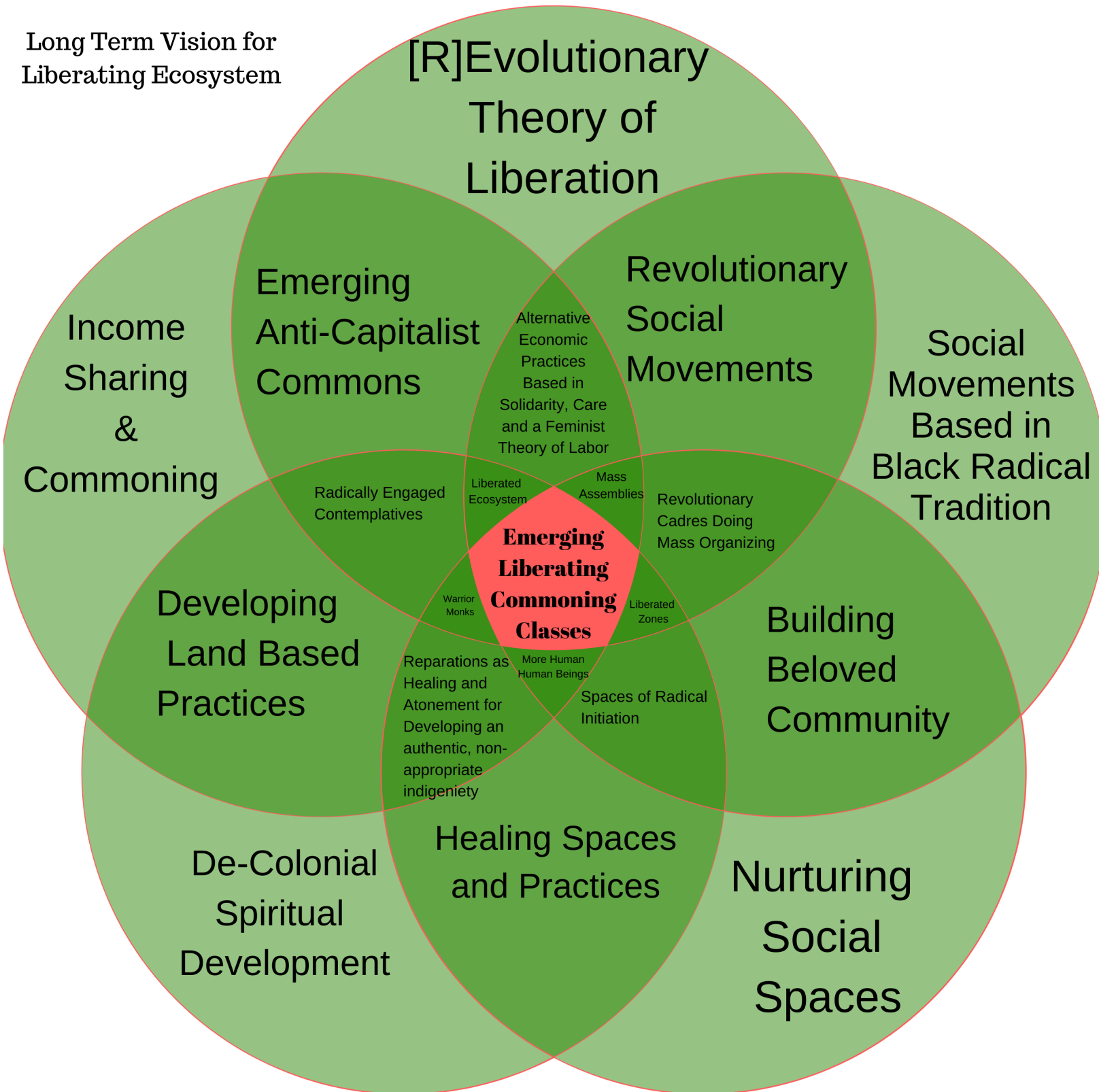
- Black Movement Formations**
- Radical Multi-Racial Coalitions**
- Spokescouncils**
- Mass Moblizations**
- International Solidarity**

- Circles of Care and Consent**
- Transformative Accountability Circles**
- Moon Parties**
- Community Dinners**



What Might It Look Like Eventually?

Long Term Vision for
Liberating Ecosystem



What Role Can You Play?

At this moment, there are four things we are looking for:

Feedback

If you are reading this, then you are someone whose opinion we value. We want to know: How does this sound to you? What questions do you have? What advice or wisdom can you offer? What things would you invite us to consider?

Seed Money

In order to get this off the ground, specifically to support the Back of the House folks, we are going to need funds. It is an unfortunate reality that nothing gets made without capital. Even the transition from capitalism [where capital is mostly in the hands of the wealthy elite] to a commoning system [where capital is held in common by community and governed by transparent, sustainable and democratic practices] needs money to launch.

You can support us by funding the launch of the project or by becoming a monthly supporter to any of the people involved.

Liberatory Back of The House Folks

We feel like we have a good sense of who in our circle would be a good fit to be Dream Gardener or Spirit Weaver. They tend to be doing that kind of work already and we look forward to reaching out to friends who might be a good fit about joining. We have less of a sense about who wants to be back of the house. A lot of us do this work already but few of us really feel it is our calling. For this project, it really needs to be a calling. Not just something we got good at because of capitalism.

Folks to Prototype With Us

We aren't going to launch this thing in any linear way. It has already started in important ways. Everything we add to the ecosystem is going to be a prototype that we have to expect to fail. So, we need people who are willing to go out on a limb. Try some new things lead by people who have never done it before and be open and honest about how to make it better.