

## CEDAR MOON'S VISION

Cedar Moon envisions a world of many distinct human cultures\* allied to honor the sacredness of all beings. We seek to become the ancestors of one or more such cultures, by relearning to care for each other and all life, and passing that wisdom on through generations. In the current global Empire\*, we all struggle for well-being. At the same time, we recognize how we materially benefit from our positions of relative power and privilege\* within Empire. We invite each other to cultivate feminist\* perspectives and practice compassionate action to challenge and transform harmful patterns we've internalized.\* We strive to actively counterbalance these unearned privileges through practical solidarity with others to dismantle the dominance of Empire.

We embody this vision in a residential intentional community that is actively engaged in education and service. We nourish our spiritual and physical soil to grow a regenerative cultural and ecological web steeped in reverence for the natural world so that we may once again live in right relation with all beings.

## MISSION

We are descendants of those displaced from their native land and culture, many of whom became agents of colonization\* and assimilated into Empire. We cannot undo this past, but we can reweave our lives with the land, and experiment with ways to be ancestors to people who will navigate the rising tumult with spirit and courage.

- ***Intentional Community.*** We nurture one another in our return to the land, and hope to inspire those who visit. We cultivate community and demonstrate the benefits of deep connection and sharing resources.
- ***Solidarity Economy.*** Our internal coordination of work and our exchanges with those outside CM embody feminist practices: relationship-building, respecting a diversity of contributions, and supporting each of us in balancing activity and reflection.
- ***Service.*** We tend the land we live on and offer ritual space to communities we interact with. We offer our unique energies, skills and gifts in support of TLC Farm.

## GOALS

- Intentional Community.
  - We each regularly attend weekly community meetings, when we do not attend we commit to sending a written proxy and reading meeting notes promptly.  
We explore friendship and intimacy with each other.
  - We design our social structures to further our vision.
  - We recognize that it is our life long work to learn how oppressions work and to transform dominator patterns.

- We practice compassionate and authentic communication.
- We engage in community rituals, which honor our vision and the wisdom of the land we tend.
- We support cultural creation through developing and sharing stories, songs, skills, and traditions.
- Solidarity economy.
  - We each pay monthly capital contributions.
  - We pay into a hearth fund for collective goods and food.
  - We each do an average minimum of 9 hours a week of CM work.
  - We practice sharing through our communal hearth, sustenance, and tools.
  - We source what we use to be frugal and minimize destructive impacts.
  - We organize work autonomously responding to the needs of the community:  
“to each according to ability, from each based on need.”
  - We seek right livelihood by encouraging small-scale businesses that support our vision.
- Service.
  - We perform an average minimum of one hour a week of service to TLC Farm.
  - We take care of the land and structures that host us, and the animals and plants who also live here.
  - We host ritual space, such as saunas and seasonal celebrations to further political, emotional, spiritual and physical growth.

## **OUR ORGANIZATIONAL COMPASS**

We strive to keep engaged and in balance with all elements of our compass

### *Balancing Dualities*

- inner work:  
reflection and support for individual and group evolution
- outer work:  
engagement with service and activism via TLC Farm and beyond

### *North/Earth: Earth Work*

- Tending the physical.
- We work with our bodies, tending the land, animals and structures that feed and house us.

### *West/Water: Wellness & Feeling*

- Feeling what is wounded and refilling our cups.
- We practice communal and relational healing through care, conflict transformation, gratitude and grieving.

### *Center/Spirit: Spirit & Art*

- Cultivating authentic creative expressions.
- We honor the sacred through ceremonies that celebrate the rhythms of the earth and human life cycles. We are channels for spiritual expression through art.

### *East/Air: Mindful Interactions*

- Exploring and mapping systems for ethical human interactions.
- We experiment to craft effective organizational structures and social systems.

### *South/Fire: Justice & Liberation*

- Empowerment for social transformation.
- We offer the land, our work and ceremonies to support individuals and communities engaged in direct action\* and environmental & social justice organizing.

## **Glossary**

- **Culture:** The whole galaxy of social relations that reproduce people over time: ways of organizing work, stories, songs, hard and soft technologies, spirit allies and ceremonies, languages, worldviews, values, knowledge...etc.
- **Empire:** A specific social system rooted in Rome and Christianity in Europe, and fuelled by the human and physical resources expropriated by capitalism, that has infiltrated, conquered, colonized, and/or assimilated most of the peoples and places in the world. There have been other empires (Han, Mughal, Aztec, etc.), that generally share characteristics of stitching together many cultures within legal, economic, and political structures of dominance that reinforce spiritual disconnection from land and local communities in favor of effective complicity with the overarching state.
- **Privilege:** An “unearned advantage” that works to “to systematically over-empower certain groups” in the Empire. Privilege assigns dominance simply based on gender, race, sexuality, and nationality, among other factors of identity. Privilege is “an invisible package of unearned assets” that members of privileged groups “can count on cashing in every day,” but about which they “are meant to remain oblivious.”
- **Colonizer:** Active participant in expanding Empire: by seizing land and resources from indigenous people; by converting and absorbing people into the physical and spiritual lifeways of the Empire; or by knowingly or unknowingly maintaining structures of domination that constrain collective liberation from Empire.
- **Direct Action:** Actions taken to directly address a perceived problem, rather than pressing a third party to resolve the situation; i.e. planting a community garden in an abandoned lot instead of petitioning the local government to do so.

- **Feminism:** There are many kinds. Our favorite comes out of work done by radical women of color: “a theoretical and practical effort demonstrating that race, gender and class are inseparable in the social worlds we inhabit...We are still faced with the challenge of understanding the complex ways that race, class, gender, sexuality, nation and ability are intertwined—but also how we move beyond these categories to understand the interrelationships of ideas and processes that seem to be separate and unrelated.” Angela Davis