

Notes from The Cottage Meetings April 14-15, 2023

ASSUMPTIONS/ VALUES/ PRINCIPLES

Think globally, act locally

Be the change you want to see

WE, not us and them. Inclusive

Common good.

Love- Abundance

Fear – Scarcity

Our society is so divisive and in divided camps. We need to bridge the gulf between us.

We need to *re-engage* in society. A Center for *Re-Engagement*

Three Companions- If you preach peace, all the more importance to have it in your heart

Create a space where people feel safe enough to look at their pain. Mainly because they can see yours.

Listen deeply enough that you might be changed by what you hear.

Dis- course means changing our course

Intellectual humility

Con-versatio to change with. Transformation. Itinerarium/ journey.

How can I find how to be in the flow with another even when we are very different? Genuinely accept people.

This is not a place for consensus but for understanding. Com-passion.

Platform - Franciscan Spirituality

- Name the issues that concern us
- Where can we be of service?
- Attend to community and communities

Many of our institutions demand/ push us into adversarial relationships.

We are working for something and we are working against other things.

Pay attention to the drama that is going on within me. Healing bias. Finding peace. How do we co-exist?

Ground of who are where you are. Grounded but ever changing.

Civil, polite, respectful, civas for the people.

OFFERINGS

Every day democracy

Place, identity and purpose. Create a culture to form relationships and continue to engage

A series of containable, not endless series

Parallel occasional afternoons or evenings for students on issues such as racism.

Is the goal talk or action?

Local or international? How does the location of the Mountain help or hinder gatherings?

Master class 10-12 people

Weekends

Train, educate people skills to go back to their neighborhoods. How do you want to be in the world?

Peace studies

May – August

Intergenerational. Youth must help to design.

Live life together for a little while – helps bridge the gulf between us.

BUCKETS. We get to build this:

Incorporation. Do we line up with the Mountain or the University's 501 c3? Dotted lines.

It will always be mutual with the Mountain's Mission even if we have to separately incorporate. Don't rush too quickly to separately incorporate.

Chairperson needs to keep a list of donors and grants and follow through on these.

Ask people to help create this. People tend to financially support what they help create.

Need for by-laws

Mission statement Vision core elements of who we are.

- Homey

- Unity
- Understanding
- Intimate
- Acceptance
- Safety
- Dialogue not debate
- Engaging voices creatively
- Host or sponsor conversations from a platform of just and civil purposes

Leadership, the chair person. Hired for mission

Business plan How do we do business?

Strategic Plan

Marketing, how do we talk about ourselves?

Publicity for when we are bringing in speakers or holding discussions

Budget. The Cottage would need its own account to keep a close record of expenses and income

Academic: Serve this region with excellence.

Time line for announcing this, going public

BUILDING

Elements from Lax Cottage

Octagon

Porch

Restroom

Kitchen

Office

Resource library- Tony Bannon

Connection to sleeping Quarters

Garden

Windows