



OLD Community Center



New Community Center

The Village eView

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RITUAL: *the established form for a ceremony; a detailed method of procedure faithfully or regularly followed.*

Upcoming Events

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Ritual: A Request for Blessing

John L. Hoff

There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground. Rumi

The term *ritual* reaches all the way back to the 16th century when the word designated a flow of activities that were symbolic of the way the Divine entered our consciousness and our lives. A ritual is a detailed method of doing something and may be interpreted as a religious act or simply an important public gesture. A ritual is generally created to accomplish something such as the dedication of an object such as a house or church. I was once at a dedication of a park that was dedicated to the strength and happy release of citizens who came to picnic and play there. A ritual does not require a religious context yet, a ritual is always taken seriously as a

human attempt to introduce the Divine or larger perspective into a secular society. A ritual at the very least points to the way human hearts make things important by asking for the Divine's blessing on public events and places. In the centuries from 1200 AD to the 20th century the world was being explored continent by continent and culture by culture. It was during this time that comparisons were made among rituals and certain acts such as prayer and blessings were accepted as having both religious significance and public empowerment. The most common ritual acts are blessings and prayers; the laying on of hands for healing or ordaining; and "making special" such as in a marriage or welcoming an infant.

Ritual is routine infused with mindfulness. It is habit made holy. Kent Nerburn

Ritual may also refer to any activity that has been declared by the majority as a customary way of doing something. For instance, a customary greeting ritual is to hug a person and perhaps kiss them on both cheeks. The word "Namaste" is an illustration by referring to a brief ritual. (See eView for more information.) The reason we are focusing on the word *ritual* this week is that we are preparing a **ritual of dedication** of our new community center as it gathers us for meetings and empowers our service through the Goodenough Community. It is the desire of many of us that this new house will be a site where we continue the work of the Community and also have some shared experiences in our rituals and activities far into the future.

My healing rituals help me to repair the frayed fabric of my life. Caren Goldman

Announcing ...

The Dedication of our new Community Center

Saturday, March 21, 2015

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

3610 SW Barton Street SW, Seattle 98106

For almost 40 years, the Goodenough Community utilized a big home at 2007 33rd Avenue South in Seattle—it was our Community home and a center for meetings of all kinds. We moved out of that home this past year and for a few months we have been without a community center. This has now changed and we have chosen a site that is south of the west end of the West Seattle bridge in the Fauntleroy neighborhood.



You will have an opportunity to visit our new community center this coming **Saturday, March 21**. At this time we will be formally dedicating this new place to the task of bringing us together on a regular basis. We will be

making this place more comfortable by bringing from our homes some memento, object of art, wall hanging or picture.

You are encouraged to come at 6:00 p.m. to have snacks and a beverage and wander around the house. A meal will be provided and served around 6:45 p.m. Following dinner will be a ritual of dedication. This dedication allows us all an opportunity to bless our new space and to appreciate the story of finding it, the people who have guided us to it, and the work that could be done in this new place. We hope to see you at **3610 SW Barton St.** For more information and to RSVP, contact [Irene Perler](#), [Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson](#), or [Colette Hoff](#).



How I came to value ritual in my life

Kirsten Rohde

The first time I remember being invited into something called a “ritual” was at my first Goodenough Community women’s weekend. We were invited to go down to the water and perform a little ritual for ourselves before entering into a creative activity that was planned. I was hesitant about what this all meant but went ahead and took some water from the ocean in my hands and moistened my eyes and mouth. It felt good to take a few minutes alone and think about what I was about to do. The word “ritual” didn’t seem so strange to me anymore.

Another time I realize I was in a ritual, although I didn’t call it that at the time, was at a memorial service for two people I knew who had been killed. I had not been at a funeral or memorial service before. At the service there were a lot of tears, including mine. A friend of one of the deceased talked about growing up with him and what he was like. People were from another culture than mine and seemed to feel freer to cry out loud and share their feelings. I realized, this is really good for us all to be here together and let our feelings out. As a shared ritual, the fact of the loss of these two wonderful people became much more real and meaningful in our lives.

When I arrive at Sahale each week after being away for a few days, I go out into the night and take in the sky, the earth and my own heart connection to this land. It’s as if I’m letting myself be part of the elements. I’m understanding now that a ritual helps make life more real and more connected to all that is around me. Ritual helps me feel joined with others, and helps me be aware of what is beyond my daily focused life. It’s like lifting my eyes up from being engrossed in reading and realizing that the sun has come out and the birds are singing, trying to get my attention.

I’m glad we’re making a ritual of dedicating our new community center. I think it will help us be more intentional about our community’s presence in Seattle and what we can offer.



OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO BE IN A PERIOD OF TRANSITION!

Please note that the Council has shifted some dates and events previously announced. You are invited to participate with us in the following events:

New Day and Time! Please mark your calendars for the....



Annual Meeting of the Goodenough

Community and its supporting organizations: ~~March 27-28-29,~~
~~at Sahale Monday night,~~ **Monday, April 27, 6:30 – 9:30 PM, at**
the new Community Center in Seattle

Our annual meetings are integral to our community and formally mandated by the charters of the Association for the Furtherance of Community and Convocation: A Church and Ministry. Our annual meetings are a wonderful opportunity to see members and friends and to lend our energy and good will to the **vision** and ongoing work of our community. Please join us!

You are invited . . .

Saturday March 28, Community Day

At the new Community Center in Seattle, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

This will be a day-long event for community development and will include program planning and working with the vision and mission.

We will answer the questions:

How does community impact our lives? What does leadership and membership in community mean?

Everyone interested is very welcome to attend.

RSVP To Kirsten

While the weekend of **April 17 to 19**, was originally intended for another purpose, the Council is joining together with John and Colette Hoff to give our attention to the 2015 Human Relations Laboratory.

Human Relations Laboratory
August 9 to 15, 2015



Lab Planning

April 17 to 19, 2015

Sahale Learning Center

Lab planning and training provides an effective experience of leadership development. The training experience can be likened to a mini-lab that includes personal sharing, team building, collaborating and group leading. This is a wonderful opportunity to see how the lab works!

Anyone interested in shaping this multi-layered learning event is encouraged to contact Colette Hoff at hoff@goodenough.org

This is an interview with David Korten of Yes magazine and the book *When Corporations Rule the World*. He has a new book out now and our relationship to money is part of it and discussed in this brief interview.

Kirsten (By the way, I'd love to talk with you about this!)

Replace the Gospel of Money: An Interview With David Korten

What if we measured wealth in terms of life, and how well we serve it?



YES! photo by Paul Dunn.

[Dean Paton](#) posted Feb 20, 2015

David Korten began his professional life as a professor at the Harvard Business School on a mission to lift struggling people in Third World nations out of poverty by sharing the secrets of U.S. business success. Yet, after a couple of decades in which he applied his organizational development strategies in places as far-flung as Ethiopia, Nicaragua, and the Philippines, Korten underwent a change of heart. In 1995, he wrote the bestseller *When Corporations Rule the World*, followed by a series of books that helped birth the movement known as the New Economy, a call to replace transnational corporate domination with local economies, control, ownership, and self-reliance.

This month, Korten, who is also the co-founder and board chair of YES!, publishes a new book challenging readers to rethink their relationship with Earth—indeed, with all creation, from the smallest quantum particle to the whole of the universe. The world needs “a new story,” he says. “If most species, including *Homo sapiens*, are to survive, we must recognize Earth as a living being.” Korten talked about his ongoing metamorphosis with YES! Executive Editor Dean Paton.

Dean Paton: Tell me how somebody who was an organizational management specialist, and then a new-economy thought leader, made this leap into what is as much a spiritual proposition as it is a political one—that Earth is a living organism, that we all are essentially a part of this one big life form.

“It comes back to this: Are we a part of nature? Or apart from nature?”

David Korten: It’s not that hard, actually—once you get into the living-Earth frame—to see that Earth is essentially this organization of living organisms creating and maintaining the conditions essential to life. If you’re an organizational expert, or theorist, that raises a really fascinating question: How do these millions of organisms work in concert to maintain life?

Paton: As if everything has an intelligence and everything has a purpose? How is that relevant to your new book, *Change the Story, Change the Future*?

Korten: The new book sets up the juxtaposition between the old “Sacred Money and Markets” story and an emerging “Sacred Life and Living Earth” story. They’re two totally different frames that lead to two totally different ways of thinking about organizing society. You either see life as a means to make money, or you see money as simply a number useful for keeping accounts in service to life, but of no value in itself. Buying into the “Sacred Money and Markets” story that money is wealth and the key to happiness locks us into indentured servitude to corporate rule.

Paton: You’re saying it’s the traditional development model, or transnational capitalism, that damages Earth as a living community, including not just humans but all life forms. Yet we all depend on money, on the market economy. Do you really think we can just stop that dependence?

Korten: We will still use money and markets, but strip away Wall Street’s control of money’s creation and allocation. There was a time in the United States when most of our financial institutions were local. Which essentially meant that local communities were able to create their own credit, or their own money, in response to their own needs. We still depended on banks, but it was a much more democratic process.

Paton: Like George Bailey’s building and loan in *It’s a Wonderful Life*.

“We humans live by stories.”

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Muscles and Brussels and Brains
Insights and Observations from The Next Generation of Goodenough
Writing and Photography by Serena Davidson

It's been a full week of projects at Sahale again. The sliding glass doors move so much smoother thanks to Jim, Josh, Mike and Pharaoh. The gardens are getting some new topsoil and plants are already going in with the help of many including Irene, Evelyn, Gabe, Pharaoh and Josh. The newest permaculture garden now has a gate attached to it's new fence with work from Irene, Josh, Pharaoh and Yako. Colette, Irene, Kirsten, Serena and others continue to support the team with baking, cooking, cleaning, laundry and more.

Serena guided Sadie through some baking at Sahale to help us all get ready for hosting a community gathering early in March. The results were delicious cookies, lemon squares and carrot birthday cake in honor of Connie DeMers 70th.



Jim and Josh get a closer look while cleaning the track of a sliding glass door with the help of Pharaoh and Mike (not pictured).

Josh and Pharaoh continue their daily wood splitting to get all Sahalites stocked up for two years of heating.





Josh, Pharaoh and Yako build a gate for a new fenced in garden.



A wheelbarrow full of veggies to plant brought to the upper garden by Evelyn. She is also having fun growing seedlings in the greenhouse.



Gabe in the garden planting some seeds in rich soil and on the court where he nailed this backwards shot right into the hoop during a game of horse.



Organic and heirloom seeds arrived for the permaculture gardens! We are excited to see cilantro, basil, sunflowers and so many other herbs, veggies and flowers popping up from these seeds along with some giant pumpkins at Sahale this autumn!

Watchcare & Member News



Sending prayers and healing to [Janet Walker](#), who recently announced a recurring health concern.

We miss you Janet!

The following is a journal entry from Janet's Caringbridge web site

After first day of treatment

By [Janet Walker](#) — Mar 14, 2015 2:20pm

Thank you all so much for sharing this space with me! I am so blown away and moved to tears by your kind words and loving support. This is all happening pretty fast, and thanks so much to my sister-in-law, Jackie, and cousin, Diane, for inviting people to come visit here. I am humbled by your presence. Part of me thought "Oh well, at least this will be a place to journal my thoughts through all this, even if nobody comes to visit!"

So yesterday was my first treatment with the Yervoy. My housemate had off of work yesterday, and came along to keep me company and drive me home, in case of any side effects. She was great - kept me laughing and was an avid note taker. She's been studying molecular biology, so was interested in reading about the treatment I was receiving. They are using antigens to boost the T cells in my immune system to attack the cancer tumors. Unwanted side effects can occur, if the immune cells begin to attack healthy cells in the body. People with auto-immune disorders can not receive this treatment.

My Dr. Sharfman was great and patient about answering all my questions. The staff at Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center were great, and I'm happy to say the first treatment seemed to go off without a hitch. So far, no side effects - and here's hoping those tumors are already starting to shrink! So, back to life as usual (with some added immune boosting/ cancer fighting prayers, meditation, food and exercise).

Love,
Janet



The deAnguera Blog: Ritual



Here you can see a number of us involved in spring time activities. Evelyn Cilley is building a new garden just east of the vegetable garden maintained by Irene and her crew. It is just below Kopet WaWa. In the photo at left Pharoah Kuykendahl and Josh De Mers are splitting wood, one of their favorite things to do

Our rituals symbolize our activities here at Sahale. They mark what's important to us. Rituals imprint the major highlights of our life together in our minds. They draw us together in a very deep way by connecting us to the Divine in every one of us. Rituals remind us that there's much more to the picture of everyday life. They root us in the soil. They are a way of passing on our traditions to future generations. A good example of ritual is our weekly Pathwork session held at the Community Center Sunday nights. They usually begin with a meditation.

Tonight Josh is going to spend a few minutes explaining Hugelkultur to us over dinner. This informs the community of Josh's work so we can appreciate it and join him on it.

I suppose ritual would help make us more conscious of our work. It is too easy for me to operate on automatic pilot without giving much thought to what I do.

Lab has a lot of ritual in it beginning with how we decorate the inside of the big White Tent. Perhaps this year we can use images from our work, especially on the part of our interns. This is a good way to recognize our interns' contributions.

Another suggestion would be having a presentation of our locally grown food to our guests just prior to mealtime. Costume?

Of course Sarungano keeps bubbling in the back of my mind. I remember Dyanne Harshman playing the mbera, inviting us the well where the water is. I really felt anchored by this ritual music from Zimbabwe. Sometimes we hug each other in the morning before beginning our work. I need to be more mindful of this. I hug Jim Tocher every time he shows up Wednesday morning. Maybe a group hug in the morning? I know that the members of Findhorn attune themselves to their work before beginning. Could we do the same? Each of their tools and vehicles has a name. One of our tractors is named 'Jane Deere'.

Tools can also be used as musical instruments. I am reminded of rail worker songs being performed with sledgehammers on rails. I am sure we could devise something similar which would challenge our creative spirits.

The last time we had a gathering at Sahale, we contributed to an altar in the Kloshe living room. I put an eighty year old glass snow globe from my mother. She bought it in Florida as a young girl when her mother took her there.

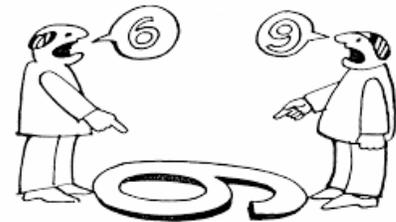


Ned loves eating green grass and other plants. His ritual performance can be eating things.

The Den

by Bruce Perler

I've been reflecting on the overall process we're in as a community--that of transition--and wrote this letter to men friends of this community about some of my recent experience and thinking.



Dear Men,

I've been thinking of the last time we gathered, at Lab 2014, a time of the feeling (we were gathered in the Swamp) as we shared & recollected important times this community and in its story. In late February I attended a leadership training intensive as part of the overall transition I am in with other leaders and our founders, John and Colette Hoff. My own work--to strengthen my skills and mitigate the impact of my weaknesses--is ongoing and encouraging to me. I'd like to share some of what I'm learning and appreciating with you, fellows on your own path of ever becoming your best.

Some areas we focused on that touched me personally and our group:

- Building the inner leader - observing and seeking to understand my inner process as a leader, the inner work / inner development of being leader in life.
- Relationship with other leaders - the practices of teaming, collaboration, empathy, mutuality and support.
- Specific skills in leadership: event and project planning, the nature of social/working groups and our culture of group process, creating and managing a budget.
- Being a strong person in public life: What are the ways, in my own inner life, that get in the way of my being a trainer? It's about knowing what works for me as a trainer.

- Cooperation: We must help each other with our relating. Ask - "Where do you see me strong as a leader?" Ask - "Where do you see me weak?" It's better to be proactive with feedback, to begin the process by asking.
- Skills group: communication for example. To be more skillful and to be a training toward a being a whole person means that I am working with communication and modeling communication in my behaviors.

As men friends of mine and of this community, I know of your interest and feeling for her, our community's, future. In many ways she is already in the very good hands of a group of longtime friends and members who care for and want the best for her. At the same time, our community is at a crucial place in any long time community's story, that of transition with founders. Fewer non-profits and communities survive this passage than not and, although at times I've been troubled by the process, part of my work is to not become discouraged in the face of difficulty. At this time, I'm feeling quite good about the changes for improvement over the past few years. Most particularly a palpable change in our leadership group's will and ability (culture) to talk through anything that must be talked through. This area of practice has not been a strength in this community's past and has troubled this community in its ability to know well its own heart and mind on important topics with enough clarity to take needed action. I can honestly say now though, after several years of leaning into this area together, that there is nothing we won't talk through, completely, as well intended friends and stewards of the Goodenough Community.



I hope this message finds you feeling good about your own sense of being on the path of the good man and, if you're at all like me, and most others, you need authentic men friends in your life for brotherly support. For me sometimes that support takes the form of a warm hug, a good talk or metaphorical kick in the pants.

Please join me in stepping up your consciousness and caring for your own life's journey and future and that of this community. And do please consider coming to our spring [Men's Retreat Weekend \(May 8 to 10, 2015\)](#) at [Sahale Learning Center](#). See our web site (www.goodenough.org) for more details.

***Warmly,
Bruce***

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Work Resourcing Needed!

by Marjorie Gray

Many of you know I am seeking work. Do you know of any jobs available or people who work in any of these areas that I could contact for information interviews?

- Writing (brochures, website content, blog posts, articles, marketing)
- Graphic design (for web or print, layout, image selection, photo editing, Adobe Creative Suite)
- Web design & maintenance (front-end, information architecture)
- I am also interested in finding out more about recreational therapy, as a completely different direction.

If you know of anyone I could contact about any of these, could you please let me know? Also feel free to give out my contact info:

email: m.dancingriver@gmail.com

Phone: 206-300-1315

Rent a Marjenta!

In the meantime, I would love to help you with any household needs:

- Cooking
- Organizing
- Cleaning
- Color consultation and interior painting

Thanks so much!

Majorie/Marjenta



Upcoming Events

Our friend Serena invites you to join her at this Woman's Way Red Lodge event this weekend. (And The goodenough Community is a member) The open house is an invitation for people of all ages and genders. The Moon Lodge portion of the event is a women's circle.

Events on Sunday, March 22nd at Burton Hill

**Open House Meet + Greet with Chelsea Byers,
New Red Lodge Communications Director**

Potluck, Sunday March 22, 4-6 PM, Burton Hill, Vashon Island

Join us as we give a warm Red Lodge welcome to Chelsea Byers.



Chelsea is flying in from Los Angeles, to talk about and bring energy to new directions and new momentum in WWRL. Enjoy connecting and meeting new members and friends of Red Lodge. Women and men welcome to the potluck gathering.

Chelsea comes to WWRL with experience in grassroots political organizing and a proven track record of successfully utilizing communications tools to deepen connections and build stronger engagement around issues. She works with the Beautiful Trouble activist trainer network and supports a number of issue-related campaigns both locally and nationally. An Arizona native, Chelsea now resides in Playa Vista, CA with her partner and their beloved house rabbit, Eleanor.

15th ANNUAL

Fairy & Human Relations Congress

Communication & Co-Creation with Nature Spirits, Devas and the Faery Realms

JUNE 26-28, 2015

Skalitude Retreat, Twisp, WA.

<http://www.fairycongress.com/>

**Michael Pilarski's North Cascadia Workshop Tour,
April 2015**

April 22, North Seattle, *Wildcrafting Edible and Medicinal Plants*. Wednesday 9:00 - 5:00. At Discovery Park with special afternoon guest Arthur Lee Jacobson. Directions to the meeting place will be sent upon registration.

April 22, North Seattle, *The Emerging Alliance between Humans and Nature Spirits*. Tuesday. 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Dandelion Botanical, 5424 Ballard Ave. NW (*to be confirmed.*)

April 23, South Seattle, *Wildcrafting Edible and Medicinal Plants*. Thursday, 9:00 - 5:00. At Seward Park. Contact Laurie Horne, 206-856-1396. emberglow8@hotmail.com Directions to the meeting place will be sent upon registration.

April 23, South Seattle, *The Emerging Alliance between Humans and Nature Spirits*. Thursday. 6:30 – 8:30 pm. At Horneholdia Urban Permaculture Homestead, Seattle, WA. Contact Laurie Horne, 206-856-1396. emberglow8@hotmail.com

April 24, Tacoma, *Wildcrafting Edible and Medicinal Plants*. Friday. 9:00 - 5:00. Swan Creek Park Food Forest. 2820 Pioneer Way, Tacoma, WA 98404. Contact Kelda Lorax, kelda@riseup.net

April 24. Tacoma, *The Emerging Alliance between Humans and Nature Spirits*. Friday. 6:30 – 8:30 pm. At Crystal Voyage, 3802 South Cedar Street, Tacoma, WA 98409.

April 26, Oakville/Olympia, *Wildcrafting Edible and Medicinal Plants*. Sunday. 9:00 - 5:00. At Wild Thyme Farm, 72 Mattson Road, Oakville WA 98568.

April 27, Olympia, *1000 Crops for Northwest Growers*. Monday, 10:00 - 5:00. At The Woman's Club of Olympia, 1002 Washington St SE.

April 27, Olympia, *The Emerging Alliance between Humans and Nature Spirits*. Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. At The Woman's Club of Olympia, 1002 Washington St SE.

For further details (unless indicated otherwise) contact:

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406-493-4691 cell

"Greening Our Neighborhoods With Permaculture."

Permaculture Convergence, the weekend of August 28, 29 and 30.

This year's Convergence will be in the River Road Neighborhood, 3 miles northwest of downtown Eugene, Oregon.

We are excited to be planning the first Convergence ever to be held in a residential suburban neighborhood.

Many people know River Road has an unusual number of property transformation projects. Grass to garden, solar design, edible landscaping, rain water catchment, reclaimed automobile space, green building and more. There are several dozen projects within a 5 to 20 minute bike ride of the River Road Recreation Center– Convergence Central. Literally thousands of people have attended tours and permaculture events in the neighborhood. You can find many of the [places we will be visiting on tours here](#).

Plus, there are "invisible social structures" of friends and neighbors engaged in various mutual assistance networks and outreach to the public.

The Convergence will feature a variety of site tours, plenary sessions, panels and presentations from urban to rural, an educational expo along with hands on projects around the neighborhood. You can find [early schedule info here](#).

Bit O' Spring

By Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson



The Goodenough Community:

Cultural Programs & Events in 2015

For the Goodenough Community, cultural life is an arena for creative expression. All programs and events are open to the public. We welcome your interest and participation.

Over thousands of years human communities have organized not only their work life but also their relational and cultural life. The Goodenough Community organizes its cultural life around encouraging human development—through our programs for men, women, committed couples, families and around age groupings. Cultural programs usually encourage maturity, responsibility, and the development of valued relationships. Some of our programs bring everyone together with a seasonal emphasis. Following, are program offerings for the next period on our calendar.

Programs & Events in 2015

Third Age Gatherings

The Conscious Couples Network

Family Enrichment Network

The Men's Culture

Women's Culture

Human Relations laboratory

Sahale Summer Camp

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Third Age Gathering: Next Meeting April 24, 2015

Joan Valles

The Third Age group is for older adults, approximately age 60 and older, who are interested in exploring the issues of living well while aging and supporting each other in this “third stage” of life.



April 24, Sept 18, October 23, and November 20 are the remaining 2015 dates.

Third Agers meet at the home of [Phil, Joan, Barbara, and Jim](#) in West Seattle. Gatherings start at 6 PM with potluck supper. An RSVP is always helpful – either by phoning us at 206-763-2258 or by emailing me at joanvalles70@yahoo.com

Women's Culture, Upcoming Gathering: Saturday, March 21 – our new community home in West Seattle, 10am to 2pm

Hollis Ryan



The Women's Culture meets on Saturdays, and our upcoming dates are **March 21, September 11, October 24 and November 21, from 10am to 2pm**. There will be a weekend **May 1 to 3**. *Mark your calendars!*

And Happy new year! Spring is a time of fresh starts, of sturdy resolve, of high hopes and expectations for the future. And we all know that change also comes upon us

unexpectedly. Transitions can begin before we fully realize what is happening. This can be unsettling, and it can be exciting.

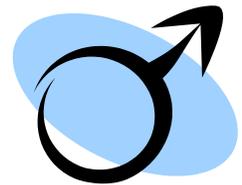
As we look around our circle of friends, we see that change and transition abound in our lives. Some of it is planned, some of it is not. As we move more fully into spring, what changes are taking place in your life?

Our meetings will take place at our new community center, 3610 Barton St 98126
Come join us!

Men's Program

Theme: Friendship among Men

The men of the Goodenough Community will be meeting for a weekend this spring, **May 8 to 10, 2015**. Please let [Bruce Perler](#) know of your interest.



Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-25, 2015

at Sahale Learning Center

Join us for a weekend of well-organized work parties balanced with play, wholesome meals, hot tubbing and relaxation. The only charge is a donation for food.

Sahale Summer Camp for 9 to 12 Year Olds

June 22 to 28, 2015

<http://www.goodenough.org/camp.htm>



Sahale Summer Camp is entering its 10th season! We invite youth aged 9 to 12 to join us for 6 nights and 7 days of fun living in nature at Sahale Learning Center.

We enjoy a program rich in experiences just right for this age zone. Youth enjoy traditional camping experiences with our tent village set up around a giant campfire pit for evening programs complete with stories, singing, s'mores and friends under a canopy of stars.

We teach skills of outdoor living and provide experiences which help you get to know yourself and have confidence making friends. We also impart a gentle sense of responsibility for caring for each other and the land. We do this through natural activities of taking care of camp and being part of small clans that spend time together each day getting to know each other and working together.



A training program for 13- to 17-year-olds is also included and is an excellent opportunity for leadership training. For more information, see [The Junior Staff Training Program](#). Please contact Irene Perler for more information - 206.419.3477 or irene_perler@hotmail.com.



Human Relations Laboratory

August 9 to 15, 2015

The best event to experience the Goodenough Community

Seven Fun-filled Days of Social Creativity & Experiential Learning about Friendship and Effective Relationship

Sahale Learning Center

A 68-acre retreat on the Kitsap Peninsula

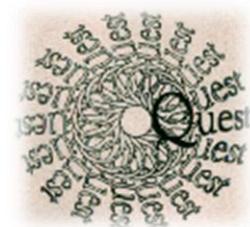
*** More information soon about the event and registration ***

Family Enrichment Network Parent Group

If you are interested in developing a supportive parent circle for study and conversation about family life, please contact *Irene Perler* at 206-419-3477 **or email** irene_perler@hotmail.com. Topics could include simplifying and organizing life, creating a family culture, development stages and sibling dynamics, understanding roles within the family.

Quest: A Counseling and Healing Center

Our belief is that mental and emotional health is a prerequisite for spiritual well-being, collaboration, and the expression of compassion. Quest's counseling and education programs, open to all interested individuals, focus on empowering individuals, couples, and family groups to be happier and be more effective in relationships . Call John (206 963-4738), Colette (206-755 8404).



Where are you working, you might ask?

Currently, John and Colette are now visiting with clients at the new community center, 3610 SW Barton Street, Seattle 98106

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Korten: Exactly. If more of our money circulated in our communities rather than the Wall Street casino, it would facilitate people organizing locally to meet more of their economic needs with local resources. Control of money is the ultimate mechanism of social control in a society in which most every person depends on money for the basic means of living—food, water, shelter, heat, transportation, entertainment. This leads us into the voluntary simplicity movement: The less I'm dependent on money, the freer I am. Realize that the only legitimate purpose of the economy is to serve life, is to serve us as living beings making our living in co-productive partnership with living Earth.

Paton: How does that translate into actions? If we get a thousand people to say, "I'm a living being born of and nurtured by a living Earth," how does that stop fracking? How does that stop the Russians from pumping all the oil out of Kazakhstan and selling it around the world?

Korten: It makes very clear that destroying the natural living systems on which our existence depends, in order to get a quick energy fix or a quick profit, is literally insane.

Paton: So if we're all living beings "born of a living Earth," as you say, where does that start to show up in our lives?

Korten: A big piece of it has to do with recognizing the implications of our dependence on money. This goes back to development as a process of separating people from their means of subsistence production. The more people become alienated from their self-production, the more they become dependent on money—and the more they become dependent on the people who control the creation and allocation of money.

Paton: You mean when I'm dependent, I accept fracking.

Korten: Yeah, you say, "I need that money. They're going to pay me to frack my property."

Paton: Do you really think Americans are going to be able to cast off the belief that money is king?

Korten: I'd say a lot of people are casting it off.

Paton: Most of us respond to a 10-dollar bill. Or a bonus at work. Or a new car.

Korten: But we respond to that because we accept the “Sacred Money and Markets” story that money is wealth, a fabrication that is literally killing us.

Paton: So you say that our choice is between working with Earth and working against her?

Korten: It comes back to this: Are we a part of nature? Or apart from nature?

Paton: Why do you insist we adopt this “Living Earth” story?

Korten: Because we humans live by stories.

Paton: And that means...?

Korten: It means that to organize as ordered societies, we need a shared framework—basic values and assumptions—so that when I relate to you, I’ve got some idea of how you’re going to respond, because we share our basic story.

Paton: Do we have a choice?

Korten: Yeah, change or die. Quite literally. You really can’t grasp the new story—as a society—and continue to live the way we live. First you begin to move toward more voluntary simplicity, which is, literally, reducing your dependence on money. You start doing more things yourself. You pay much more attention to your relationships, to the gift economy. You perhaps get a deeper sense of being part of and a contributor to a living universe evolving toward ever greater complexity, beauty, awareness, and possibility. What would that mean for society, and then what does it mean for how I live? What is my contribution to the change society needs? I have a responsibility to be part of this change—which begins by changing the story.

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