

SYNERGY REPORT

Doing together what can't be done as well alone

For a World That Works for Everyone

Purpose Igniting Vision, Direction and Action

Having a clear, simply stated, shared purpose builds community, and it also inspires visions that light up pathways for action. For an example:

Purpose: *We are community—dedicated to pursuing a thriving, more just, peaceful, and secure world for all.* Of course, it helps to agree on what those words mean.

“thriving” goes beyond the material; it is the fulfilling of everyone’s deepest aspirations;

“more just.” includes social, economic, and environmental justice;

“peaceful” is peace within ourselves and others, and peaceful coexistence everywhere;

“secure” is peace protected, an ecologically healthy planet, and lives free of exploitation;

and **“for all”** means for life today, **and** for lives not yet born.

Of course we all know this purpose will never be **fully** realized. Yet, it is an ongoing passion that millions feel is vitally important and worthy of pursuing.

How we pursue purpose is also important.

“In pursuit of purpose we agree our actions will be (to the best of our ability) compassionate and respectful, non-violent, and consistent with the health and welfare of all life and the biosphere.”



The purpose statement above is a synthesis of the 24 responses I received at the February 2014 council meeting when I asked attendees, “*what ought the Alliance’s purpose be?*”

Right now, a committee is working to revise the Alliance’s by-laws, which will include our revised purpose statement. And since we’ll be voting on that at the December annual meeting, we would like to have your inputs regarding purpose and behavioral principles soon. (Since I’m on the committee, you can email them to me at sook51@gmail.com)

Sook Holdridge
editor: Synergy Report

—“Every single one of us can do something to make a difference”—
Desmond Tutu

Two MAP Speakers: August 11, 2015 Two Game Changing Visions Actively Being Pursued

For many years, **Joe Schwartzberg**, has immersed himself in his vision of a United Nations applying global governance for effectively solving global problems.

Joe’s new Workable World Trust is creating the October 9th & 10th Conference, “[Creating A Workable World](#)” at the Humphrey Center, U. of MN.

“A world government with powers adequate to guarantee security is an urgent necessity if our civilization is to survive.”
—Albert Einstein.

Katheryn Schneider is a dedicated facilitator of Pachamama symposiums. Her vision is a world waking up to do something about the forces impinging on humanity’s security and survival.

Katheryn showed a trailer on the “[Change the Dream.](#)” symposium which will be customized for our already highly motivated MAP membership. Location: St. John’s Episcopal Church, 42nd & Sheridan S., Linden Hills. September 20, 1:00-5:00 p.m. (donations)

Visualizing a World Working For Everyone

Fantasy? Some would call it that. But it’s amazing how powerful our imaginations can be—“*more powerful than knowledge*” Einstein.

For a world working for everyone, our imaginations will have to kick in big time in order to co-opt the bad ideas and practices that exist in the world today.

While it’s too complex to know **how** it will all come together, we are **each** called to be a piece of it, no matter how small it seems.

Lynne Hardy’s vision is adequately fed children—locally. **Rebecca Janke** visualizes more peaceful homes and schools. **Robin Monahan** visualizes a democracy of, by and for the people. **Louisa Hext** visualizes a more compassionate world, etc.

When we connect visions like these with the **larger** vision of a *world-working-for-everyone*, are we not **more** likely to unite in support of all of them? And, isn’t that what our Alliance is all about?

Now about you. What vision would **you** like to see being realized?

Whatever it is, by convincing Alliance members and others of it’s merits, you can never fully know how your power and influence might impact thousands by its ripple effect.

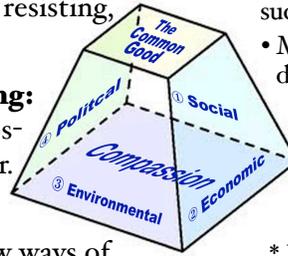
Joanna Macy - "The Great Turning"

Three aspects for achieving a life sustaining society

1. Holding Actions: slowing down the destructiveness of the industrial growth society through protesting, marching, resisting, legal and legislative campaigns, boycotting, and vigils.

2 Structures and alternative patterns of organizing: alternative ways of growing food, ways of measuring prosperity, new forms of education, ways of teaching each other.

3. A Shift in consciousness: values, beliefs in what is worthwhile, assumptions about the nature of reality, new ways of seeing, like quantum theory, systems theory, chaos theory, holographic theory, wisdom traditions, and the interconnected web of life.



Council Meeting Highlights

- Tribute to Tom Atchison, a founder of MAP, died peacefully, August 1 at the age of 93.
- Kathy Hollander of MN350 reported success at tar sands protest in Kalamazoo.
- MAP to send letter to MN Congress delegation supporting the Iran agreement.
- Plea for scholarship donations for low income to take the SOA trip.
 - Youth Exchange Studies (YES) needs host homes for foreign 15-18 students in Metro area.
- * Dynamic "teach-in" on what is a practical "workable world."
- \$500 awarded for assembling and registering MAP's archives at History Ctr.

Possibility: Co-creating with others for realizing a more "workable world" for all

Others are reaching out to us, and we ought to be reaching out to them for achieving a common objective—a world that works for everyone. Here are a few examples:

Northland Sustainable Solutions, a Minnesota Non-Profit, is seeking partnerships with other organizations and with individual citizens to bring the messages and media of Bioneers to the Twin Cities metro audience. If you are interested, check out bioneers.org for examples that might speak to your heart-mind.

MAP's Youth Essay Contest is an attempt to reach out to youth to peak their interest in becoming active participants in the peace and justice movement. We will be honoring those writing essays on November 10th at the Perpich Art Center. For more info contact **Larry Johnson** <larryjvfp@gmail.com>

One project called "Compassionate Communities," is a goal in which some MAP members have taken an interest. It seeks to connect communities in a 25 mile metro radius with a campaign for framing policy and action conversations based on compassion at the core. To learn more, go to charterforcompassion.com/cities and contact MAP's **Louisa Hext** at louisa@consultantshext.com

Note... You can print this newsletter at MAPM.org (home page)

MAP IS IT'S MEMBERSHIP

Remember, **YOU ARE** the Alliance. Every member has a voice in determining the Alliance's direction and actions.

Initiate an open space conversation.

Do committee work.

Speak out at meetings.

Critique our process.

email suggestions to sook51@gmail.com.



Our potential is limited only by our lack of imagination and participation.



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sharing compassion**

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