

MY VISION OF A LIFE IN COMMUNITY

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We live according to the cosmic laws with the permanent aspiration after lovingly dealing with each other and respect one another, and respect all living things and nature as a whole.

The sustainability and compatibility of all decisions for the big picture and up to the seventh generation has highest priority.

We are all connected. Everyone is of equal value. Each contribution is a gift to the community, and is equivalent.

Everyone brings in what he/she can and wants to do, and takes what he/she needs.

THE PLACE:

I envision to live on a three or a quad courtyard farmhouse with surrounding farmland property (about 20 acres), consisting of meadows, fields and forests. The farmhouse is on a little hill on one side (East to North), with views over the meadows to the neighbors and the "Valley". From the West and South rather even to slightly rising, in some distance protective forest. Access and entrance to the property in the North and East, respectively. A stream flows through the grounds and offers the ability to create a pond. An own spring or a well are vital.

THE HOUSE:

In the main building is enough space for a large communal kitchen, dining area, living room and assembly room. Each entity has a retreat according to his/their needs. Several toilets, showers, baths are useful.

A large "school room", which can also be used for major events, seminars and festivities is important. Space for workshops, stables, storage facilities for vegetables (cellar), feed (hay and straw).

The property must provide sufficient space for a large vegetable garden, potatoes and cultivating crops, pasture for animals. Old fruit and walnut stocks, and berry shrubs are ideal. The forest provides us with firewood.

ORGANIZATION:

We are organized as an association. A clan of 5 to 7 families is planned.

The association is the owner of the entire property. The members of the association are shareholders, depending on the amount of supplied capital. When leaving the community and thus leaving the association, capital initially provided can be again taken back if the community is not compromised.

Everything generated while in good standing, is part of the community, is jointly managed and remains in the community even when individual members leave.

The admission of new members must be decided unanimously (maybe after some trial period). Only children are included automatically.

DECISION MAKING:

A council of elders is formed, which meets regularly (at least once per week). All decisions are taken unanimously. If no unanimity can be achieved to a problem, no decision will be made. To come to a final decision we use the circle way method..

The benefit of the community and the larger whole has top priority in all decision making.

We cooperate with other communities to support and supplement each other and send a representative to the regional council.

Meetings of all members (including children) are held on a regular basis. All wishes and concerns are taken seriously and are being discussed. The life experience and the knowledge of the older generation is an important part in decision making.

It is essential for the functioning of the community that each member takes up the responsibility in perceiving and expressing his/her needs.

Differences of opinion are cleared with the help of co-counseling, in talks on the basis of the cosmic laws, as well as in speech bar rounds (circle way).

WORK:

Any work is voluntary and is a gift to the community.

There is no assessment of labor, meaning any kind of work is equivalent.

It will be also recommended that one or more members mainly take care of the functioning and well-being of the community.

These are then contact persons for everybody to bring conflicts to the surface, to illuminate in a larger context and from the point of view of the cosmic laws, and to work out differences.

Weekly schedules are created for the most important incurring activities (who-when cooking, when-who needs a / the cars, who looks after the children, who feeds the animals etc.). Short evening meeting for the next day especially on changes of the weekly plan.

We work about three to six hours per day and take longer time to muse, for sharing, play and fun, attention to the children, deep conversations and much sleep (especially in winter).

CHILD CARE AND TRAINING:

Children may develop freely and learn freely. To them a most versatile prepared environment is offered, in which they have the opportunity to explore the world themselves, to conduct research, to experiment, to try out and to find solutions. In this process, all "academic" skills are integrated.

There are always one or more adults as contact persons, companionship and support available to children. Also the workshops and the range of animals are of course open to children. There are areas that are accessible to children only after consultation with adults.

All members of the community take responsibility for all the children of the community.

FEEDING:

Vegetarian to vegan, preferably freshly cooked, natural, organic, regional, seasonal, attested.

Vegetables, cereals, fruits, berries, herbs, nuts from our own production.

Animal products (milk, eggs, etc.) only from the own animals.

The foods produced at the farm are processed into high-quality products or stored.

Joint lunch, sometimes dinner and breakfast.

ANIMALS:

Animals should receive a dignified home. In loving and respectful care and housing with maximum freedom.

Everything we get from animals is viewed as a gift and a tribute.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY:

It is a declared objective of the community, to supply energy as far as possible from own renewable sources and to ensure that production is environmentally sound and sustainable.

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