

Donald's View Vision Statement

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One reason for community is sharing resources to make what we have go further, conserve energy, lessen waste, and thrive using less.

Community allows us to celebrate our accomplishments together and support each other to overcome setbacks.

Our structure will be designed by our core group to embody these goals and ideals.

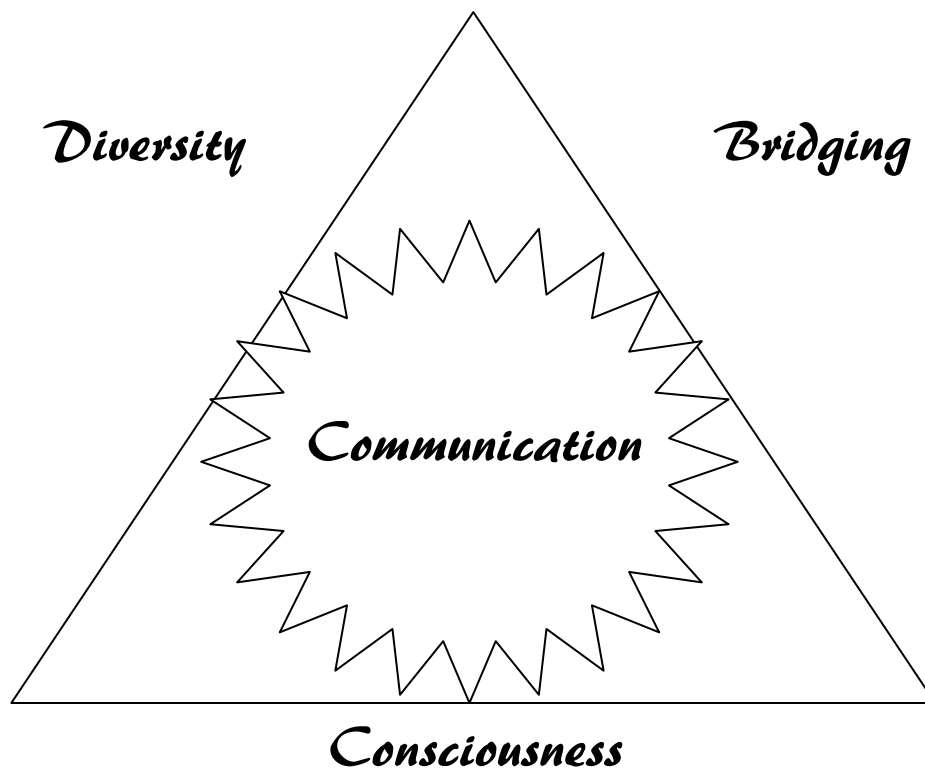
Our Founding Values:

Diversity

Bridging

Communication

Consciousness



Consciousness is the base of a structure of Diversity and Bridging. Bridging is built by consciousness and makes diversity sustainable. Communication sustains all three. The triangle is always becoming more stable and more expansive, with richer interconnections.

Consciousness: Our community is committed to consciousness in two ways:

1. In group work: we learn, teach and use clear communications strategies to share our self-work and get the support of the group for it.
2. In self-work: we use any one of a number of consciousness practices as individuals.

As consciousness increases, acceptance of inner and outer diversity *and* of oneness increases.

Diversity is our word for the array of inner “selves” each of us has *as well as* the word commonly used for the array of differences among human beings, for example:

- ethnic
- “racial” (skin color and physical features)
- cultural
- family background
- upbringing
- socio-economic class
- income
- assets
- political
- religious
- spiritual
- physical ability
- gender
- age
- size
- sexuality
- desire
- inclination
- profession
- training
- education,
- and many more.

Once we are conscious of differences, there is no end to the diversities we can name.

Bridging: we intend our community and our selves to be bridges:

- within ourselves as consciously as possible accepting all our inner diversity and the greater self-unity and inner peace and joy this gives us, and the more joyful and peaceful energy that results in our relating to others.
- to each other as members of the Donald’s View intentional community by using the bottom-up, 100% democratic problem-solving methods of the Assemblies pioneered by Donald Anderson with the National Association of the Southern Poor.
- as a community, with
 - our neighbors and society at large to move forward to a livable future.
 - towns, counties and communities surrounding us geographically
 - other intentional communities region-, nation-, and worldwide
- from the old, “taker” paradigm in which corporations have the same rights as individuals without the accountability to a new, planetary community of harmony paradigm which future inhabitants will view as an aesthetic and practical enhanced, including considerations for geological orientation, geological sustainability, and golden mean in construction
- from a reductively calculated cost-benefit paradigm to an artisan paradigm where all acts are of beauty in spiritual alignment with a mutually respectful future
- from work that harms others as it sustains us to work that sustains others as it sustains us.
- from a problematic present to a peaceful future, to our better tomorrow as a multi-cultural community living to thrive with no ecological footprint with all our neighbors: humans, animals and plants.