

Dreaming and Visioning: What Is the Call For Us Today? IHM Community Days 2016

The following topics emerged from the dreaming and visioning session using the top two responses to the community survey as the basis for the creative process.

Ongoing education that connects the dots between Earth's well-being and human behavior

Water Justice – Water is a right and a necessity for all life. Water belongs to the commons and is to be held in trust for all life. Privatization is a present threat worldwide. We need to educate ourselves regarding this planetary crisis.

Discussion of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) – This is a question of local control of food production. Name what is altered by human influence in seed and food production, the companies influencing food and seed production and the effects on people and the planet of altered seeds and foods.

Philosophical Underpinnings around Food – This is our transformative leap into a new story about food. Approach food as another “being” and treat it with respect. Explore food and ritual, food as Eucharist, food in different cultures, food as a commodity.

Healthy Food and Nutrition – Discover your own relationship to food and the impact of food choices on the human body and the planet. Understand as a consumer how your food choices impact the food industry.

Look at our financial resources through the lens of ecological consciousness and discover possibilities for IHM to shift our practices in ways that impact the whole.

Spirituality and Ecological Consciousness – Using IHM financial, intellectual and experiential resources, develop ways to communicate to the larger public than IHM (especially younger people) our spirituality that is emerging from our ecological consciousness.

Poverty – Partner with others to impact poverty.

Shared resources, shared life, shared space – Aware of the dynamic nature of creation, let us focus on abundance instead of scarcity.