



Mission: Praxis

My mission is to cultivate the transformation of collective thought into practical action, especially in the quest for resilience when facing challenge.

Values

These are the affirmations that guide my interactions with others and provide a touchstone for my mission.

ACTIVE LISTENING, SELF-REFLECTION AND SHARING: I attend carefully to my quiet inner voice, and encourage others when they do so. The challenges of our times require a deliberate effort to explore and give life to diverse opinions and half-formed thoughts so that we all feel heard and supported. It is essential to provide a safe space for thinking aloud, so as to shift from disordered to ordered thoughts and begin to orient toward what we truly care about. The discovery process is enhanced by sharing insights, and any confusions that we encounter along the way are dispelled through the acts of being in the moment and naming what is happening.

CLARITY IN PERCEPTION AND VOICE: I am fundamentally motivated to accurately describe and understand the conditions in which challenge and change are taking place, in order to generate frameworks for analysis and action. The description relies primarily on the ability to mirror back what I've heard from others, so together we can create fractal ideas. These collaborative ideas are cohesive and self-contained yet also reflect the dynamics of our natural systems.

OPENNESS, INCLUSIVITY AND LIGHT-HEARTEDNESS: I strive to engage everyone so that we're all on the bus together, rolling toward action. On the bus we counteract despair and lethargy with humor, and temper our seriousness with companionship and stories. I use my listening and articulation skills to amplify our interrelationships so that the perceptions of separateness and scarcity are mitigated and we are strengthened on our journey.

PATIENCE, FLEXIBILITY AND PERSEVERANCE: I am deepening my ability to meet others where they are, and to trust in our mutual ability to self-organize. I express a willingness to backtrack if we're uncertain about our process or goals and to identify and celebrate group synergies. I recognize and support emergent behaviors, favoring those that foster fun, cooperation and generosity.

ENTHUSIASM FOR PRACTICAL ACTION: I do not restrain my passion for the challenge. I transmit the courage to insist that we look for and move toward practices that honor humanity's interdependence with the natural world. This is the ultimate adventure.

FORESIGHT AND NON-ATTACHMENT: I encourage thorough consideration of potential detours and alternative courses of action. I will not get snared in any one perspective; the ability to see, analyze and articulate through different lenses and to incorporate other points of view is critical for effective leadership.