

## ***Parliament of the People: Hopes, Dreams and Visions***

*This issue of **Your Voice** is dedicated to the visions that were described during the first session of the **Parliament of the People**. The facilitating group for the Parliament of the People has grouped the visions according to a set of categories that emerged from reviewing the visions. The major categories for the visions were **Consciousness, Process, Structure and Reality**; with sub-categories within each of these major groups -- given the holistic nature of reality, however, there are quite a few visions that could easily fit in more than one group. The visions included here are all those that were described during Tuesday's session; they do not reflect a consensus; while there are many, many common threads among the visions, there are also significant tensions and apparent incompatibilities.*

### **Reality**

#### ***Transformation of Politics***

- A shift from economics as a basis for political action to spirituality (love)
- World government to facilitate world parliament ideas.
- A politics of compassion and humility
- A transformational model for the secular world fostering dialogue, spirituality and opportunities for interaction
- The spiritual overtakes the secular
- A world when no government formally adopts a religious identity
- A world parliament to effectively and formally initiate celebration when tensions are resolved, for example, in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

#### ***Global Community***

- Different faiths recognize we are all one family
- "Extended family" spiritual communities springing up all over the world
- Co-create the Earth in such a way that polarization is lessened and all religious and spiritual ways are experienced as individual rays of the one sun.
- A global community of people which may celebrate its diversity rather than

try to eliminate the differences, a global community which transcends our cultural and national identities.

- The Earth is but one country and humankind its citizens.
- Kindness, service to God, humanity, community of faith consisting of people of diverse traditions sharing a spirit of community.
- World where no one lacks.
- Mutual respect, understanding differences, abhorrence of violence, a model of partnership beginning in the family, stewardship of the Earth, small is beautiful, community based living, sharing of resources, spirituality and education, affirmative view, original blessing.

#### ***Transformed Organizations***

- New structures for institutions and organizations based on participation and spirituality.

#### ***Healed Earth***

- The Earth is healing and healed.
- Every creature of creation is valued, cared for and celebrated.
- A world united around the preservation and celebration of the Earth as sacred.
- Reconnecting with Mother Earth and not destroying Her in the name of religion.

- A world community in which the various cultures, religions, races, and philosophies have worked out a way to communicate and interact with each other, harmoniously, the way the various biological systems of the human body work together, support each other, and come to the aid of another.
- Educational systems to address the issues of spirituality in the same manner they address anatomy and physiology, that is, as an integral part of every human being.
- People to take full responsibility, to care for Earth as expression of their spirituality.
- Development of environmentally sound, multi-faceted community systems that provide a full range of human activities and education, based on religion or shared interests.
- Life is a big school of learning through application and hand to hand walking.
- An ecological balance. The first step is through population management.
- Make sure that the beauty of the land, art and the children always have a place.
- Every individual and every religious organization studies the UN Earth Summit Document Agenda 21 with the eyes of faith.

- All humans and creatures living in harmony with nature and the Earth.
- A green Earth for our children.
- That our children and grandchildren have a green life.
- A world in which every human being, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation or other such factors has equal and open access to education, social political and spiritual opportunity and all basic human needs (food, shelter, etc.) are met.
- Preservation of Nature; ecological balance.

### **Health for All**

- A health-care system that responds to the basic needs of all.

### **Education for All**

- Education that respects the whole individual. Integration of mind with spirit.
- All schools would teach children on a continuous basis about the great spiritual traditions. It would not be recommending or judging, just rendering the traditions familiar and therefore, not alien. Also, the practice of meditation would become a common practice among people.
- Give directions to common man to cope with day-to-day life in the real world.
- Teach concrete values to children in school.
- More inspiration for students to study a variety of religions.
- Educate people from the beginning about the beauty within them.

### **Food for All**

- Interaction to end hunger. Reorganize values of society to quality versus quantity.
- The world should be all together. There should be food for all people.
- Feed the world.
- Every individual has the basic human right to the enjoyment of economically satisfying, intellectually rewarding, socially and spiritually enriching life at a local, national and global level.

- Reconciling science and religion. References: Robert Riegg, Ian Barber's book and Michael Talbot's **Holographic Universe**
- Twenty-four hour radio and TV channels to bring us together as one family.
- Technology used to serve people and the world and **not** make people and the world subservient.

### **Truth Pervades**

- A world where truth pervades, where all humans would have the insight to discover the Truth of ourselves, and the courage and the means to **be** that Truth in the world.
- Recognition of the importance of the spiritual perspective for individual, community and national development.
- The news media presents a more positive picture and presents truth.
- Common silver thread of truth at the core of all traditions; focus on the core and act upon it.
- Dissolve anxiety of greed.
- Everyone confident enough in their faith that they have to look at and explore others.

### **Spirit in Business**

- Job Market - businesses acknowledge spiritual dimension.
- Diffusion of vertical and secular precepts and knowledge into applied and functional areas of life, especially commerce, health, etc.
- The sacred is to be shared spiritually and materially
- Change the economics.
- A spiritualized work to replace our materialistic one.

### **Children**

- Educate on parenting skills so as to break the cycle of child abuse.
- Women and children are nourished and cherished.
- Parents take on the responsibility of teaching children that "we are all one."
- Worldwide network for child care without discrimination.

- Involve our younger generation with older folks and the vision of this parliament to bring forth **all** ages in spirituality and action.

### **Homes**

- Help the homeless (but how?). Clean trailer parks - ownership. Communal laundries, kitchens. supervisor to encourage cleanliness and self-respect. Education in the three R's and diet.
- Community houses for the homeless.

### **Process**

#### **Seeing The Big Picture**

- I would like to see people and governments go beyond looking out only for themselves and start looking at the bigger picture.
- Everyone mindful of what we're doing to each other & earth.
- A world in which the sacred interconnectedness and interdependence of all life (and everything to some level is alive) is recognized and respected. A world in which "power over" and "dominion" have become outmoded, quaint ideas!
- Move towards realizing earth as one country and its citizens
- Take responsibility for cosmos
- The earth in such a way that all religious and spiritual ways are experienced as individual rays of the sun.

#### **Inspiring The Expression of Spirit**

Freer expression of spirit in worship and art in communities.

Communities, churches where home is felt. A place to rest, know deep source

- World where spirituality transcends religion; spirituality will be realized as a personal yet universal experience that occurs 24 hours-a day, rather than a scheduled event that occurs within a dictated forum. The experience of spirituality would include a structured forum, but is not dependent upon the forum for expression or existence.
- How to uncover the essential core of goodness, mercy, justice, compassion, etc which is the core of the many

living faiths (formal/informal) to have a new beginning.

- Discover the best the most direct path to enlightenment; this would include tools, methods.
- Raise the Kundalini energy up the spine of each individual so we may all experience full enlightenment and enter the next stage of our spiritual and physical enlightenment.
- People no matter what their tradition, will live by spiritual values that increase life rather than by materialistic and secular values that oppress and kill life and spirit.
- For all people to live from the following perspective. . . that we are not physical beings having a spiritual experience, but spiritual beings having a very precious physical experience.

### ***Interfaith Exploration (Processes)***

- Learning to accept differences within their own faiths.
- I hope that the voices of "critical spirituality" within each tradition will be strengthened and amplified.
- Living by core spirituality rather than outer trappings of tenets and structures. Living unity with all other humans plants, animals, matter.
- Everyone confident enough in their own faith that they dare to look at and explore other faiths.
- Mental approach to spirituality not emotional response.
- Each person responsible for causing change internally and through service
- By the year 2000, people in all religions will know and practice as instruments of the source, true power, without ego; be aware of both their salvation and their pathology; come together, integrated and whole in their own traditions, for social and political action for his common good.
- Hope that it inspires students to study various religions in depth,
- Understanding transformation experience, interfaith education, honoring differences, kindness and service,
- We have a vision that through understanding our life will be

transformed through experiencing an interfaith education (silent meditation) so we can honor our similarities and see that we are one.

- To promote inter-religious dialog first among my family and friends (who tend to be dogmatic, think Christianity is the only truth) I hope to introduce some of the truth from other religions. Second to encourage the religious leaders in my home city from all faiths to begin to dialog hopefully our joint efforts can combine and solve some of the problems of which we are all aware.
- International network to expose interfaith
- Bridging the gap between fundamentalists and interfaith relations
- To participate in a group like this where a person may express their feelings and spiritual experiences without the fear of being judged where one may learn from many religious traditions and where they may be explored further into a scientific observation. Another dream is to offer the youth a system to organize themselves to find new solutions.
- People communicate in live and establish is a celebration of differences and a tolerance toward the oneness of life and the elimination of weapons of destruction. We all creatures can live in harmony with nature and the earth and teach basic values and truth to our children. Encourage politics of compassion and humility with the news media encouraged to follow.
- Building grass roots level worldwide interfaith relations.
- More undistorted information and experience of a variety of religious and spiritual traditions.
- Known that we are all spiritual beings. We would retain distinctions between different paths, probably and have profound relationships with each other across former boundaries, enriching and contributing to each other to live fully.
- People should understand each other. And try to understand that God is one and only on, but people see their own differences. We should not separate people but understand.

- To see inside of ourselves and to know who we are, where we are going in our spiritual growth and that we want unity.
- All religions maintain their identity while supporting one another to develop the best they can be. "Negatives" in religion also respected but not given vehicles to hurt one another.
- That we will enter the 21st Century with a deeper understanding and respect for other traditions. And that this understanding will bring us together

### ***Interfaith Centres***

- An end to the fundamentalist mentality which is rampant in every tradition -- basic training in non-secular spirituality.
- That spirituality -- interfaith community -- become the model for all community i.e. pro-active presence versus reactive.
- Multifaith centers: What are we to do?
- Interfaith spirituality centers -- experienced-based, paths of all honored.
- Establishment of centers which can easily be accessible to all -- for the purpose of learning from the best religious traditions which will then allow the individual to develop a personal spirituality which will impact all the areas of their lives in a global community.

### ***Co-Creation Processes***

- Would like to see a spiritual democracy . . . trained in small group dynamics
- Present circumstances demand a formal process for healing the world that all souls can incorporate in a process or system.
- A worldwide event to unite all -- invite the media.
- Take from here a practical format for meeting with groups we've not met or heard.
- Need to develop a common language, encouraged to increase level of religious literacy; separate esprit for a global unity and creating individual religious traditions and cultures.

- Spiritual leaders influence their followers in consideration of global problems, that leaders together can create an agenda to solve or lesson those problems and then incorporate these ideas into their teachings and hopefully empower their followers to feel they are capable of changing what may be inevitable.
- 1. Find morals that are commonly agreeable. Perhaps best told as parables. 2. Recognize that complete understanding is only known to God. The world is too chaotic for us to fathom. 3. Bring this into existing religions, not by creating new religions. 4. Recognize that morals, tales, fables, parables are not to be taken as historical fact, but as a lesson.
- Use of each soul's capacity as a co-creator being to focus his pure source of energy in a collective purpose that will effect change on a collective unconscious level. Ref to Rupert Sveldrakes's theory of morphic fields

### **Deepening Dialogue Processes**

- We could all give great encouragement for both inner journeys and for strengthening outer dialogue for journeys of interfaith.
- Continue this type of dialogue which is not political. Recognize a common spiritual need and stay in communication to share this intent and to bring it into the daily reality of every one in power locally, nationally and internationally.
- That interfaith groups/dialogues take place on a grassroots level all around the world.
- Belong to a special spiritual group.
- A world where spirituality is practiced by the different religions is a reality. Dialoguing between the religions happens easily. I am not looking for their being one religion but that problems are seen as solvable, therefore, a world without war. There are ethics which encourage right attitudes within the people.
- Structured dialogue between religions or faith traditions at the grassroots level.
- Greater understanding amongst people based on spiritual values. Creativity,

identity for each individual. Skills for dialogue taught in schools, churches and homes.

### **Conflict Resolution**

- What are specific tools for resolving conflicts of religious discontent among a population of a said country with domination of yet a different religion so that spirituality transcends.
- To see religious, spiritual and faith communities around the globe tackle teaching that conflict is inevitable but violence is not. We want to teach every person on Earth a basic method for resolving conflict through negotiation and have a 3-year time table to help provide everyone with instruction and opportunity to practice negotiation.
- An end to religious conflict; it is nonexistent.
- The weapons of destruction evolve into symbols for discussion, analysis and consensus, thus, eliminating the more immediate dangers of literal death and suffering coming from our anger and hurt.
- Mechanisms of inter-nation community, personhood, etc. to **communicate** difference rather than act it out. Cultural mechanisms for communication established to express conflict safely.
- **Condemn genocide**; not to do so is to support evil. Save Bosnia, Kurdistan, Tibet and all native peoples.

### **Non-Violence**

- A world without personal guns.
- That violence prompted by political, religious or whatever other differences will decrease. That violence will not be seen as a way to resolve difference.
- The construction of the Peace army, an unarmed interventionist force to end religious violence.
- Respect for each other's religions. Clear-cut renunciation of violence by one religion against another. Affirm common task of each religion to share the visions of promoting each person's inner peace. Religious mandate to eliminate ethnic and social violence.
- A world which strives for stopping war **forever** in the name of religion.

- To encourage an organization to which I belong to remember the spiritual aspect. To include practical acts such as the act of forgiveness and tolerance as a basis for action rather than hatred and revenge. The organization of the parents of murdered children.
- A nonviolent peaceful world.
- That Roman Catholics be serious about promoting non-violence.
- There is a lot said about ending fear, having peace etc. An important part of this is universal acceptance of **non-violence** toward managing conflicts between any peoples or persons.
- That all religious traditions nurture the nonviolent strands of their tradition and refrain from taking human life.
- A world without violence, domination or wars; a world where weapons are laid aside, both in terms of the planet and its people.

### **Negotiations**

- People should understand each other and their backgrounds and try to understand that god is one and only one but people see their differences because of their different backgrounds and levels of growth. We should not separate people but understand the reasons for their opinions.
- Each of us express our core of spiritual ethics and goodwill by learning and using a **negotiation** process. We can preach, use and teach spiritual democracy and harmony via **negotiation**. We can lead our communities in valuing and applying the process everywhere (see enclosure, "All Faiths Global Negotiation Action Plans).
- Bring art, spirit, children together for the future. Training and negotiating for religious leaders.

### **Collaboration**

- The Religious Freedom Project - Vision for World Spirituality - Reverend Eileen Eperson. A commitment, an irrevocable stand for the end of religious violence by the year 2005. The focus of **The Religious Freedom Project** is to create opportunities, support other agencies in creating opportunities for

profound relationships and mutual friendships between people of different religious and philosophical traditions.

- Effective collaboration in order to bring about the transformation of *Pacem in Terris* or **Peace** to the Earth.
- Building grassroots level worldwide interfaith relations.

### **Personal Responsibility**

- That all people would live with the goal of personal responsibility to be the best Christian, Jew or Hindu or whatever that they could be with a commitment to all life and living in a harmless, nonviolent way.

## **Consciousness**

### **God Realization**

- That we realize that spirituality is the search for understanding of the divine will and our attempt to bring our wills into alignment with it and not the attempt to impose our wills on the divine will through ritual and spiritual manipulating.
- That a way will be made for people to know and understand the one true God and the one true God's principles so as to reconcile their lives with the one true God's principles for the sake of the one true God. Tadar Jihad Wazir.
- A God-realized world. Beyond politics, there is spirituality which still awaits discovery.
- Breakthrough.
- Acknowledgement that there is one Supreme which all faiths aspire to know and interact with. That Supreme accepts and validates all sincere attempts to interact with value, worship and understanding. That all human s respect all faiths as valid, sharing similarities and respecting differences. that human values become a universal acceptance for the improving and sustaining of society. Amen. Diane Martha Soul Doughman.
- Return to the Source
- That we all return home to the father of all. Blessings. Om. Jim, Daman, Kiena, Keith, Deveta, Tammy, Danmion and Raymond and all my Brothers and Sisters of the world.

- That each individual realized a true purpose of religion.

### **God Within**

- Would like to see more and more people awoken to the divinity within themselves. The power of the God-Force, which will allow the individual to create his own reality, and this creates the world reality.
- For humankind to recognize and honor the Divinity within each person regardless of their religion, to come together in love and understanding that we each have a gift to bring to the Universe which weaves a magnificent tapestry of the One. My part would be to express the highest and best that I can.
- Reconnect with your one True Self, your spiritual nature. Listen to and honor your Inner Creativity and Spirit. Heal and balance relationships with all life. come together to Co-create Heaven on Earth, a health, happy planet.
- In a world of conflict and sorrow may we realize the truth of human nature and the universe. We are all but players in the cosmic play - we must realize we are one. We are **one**.
- Cognizance of the **sacred** in all, e.g., inanimate things, includes human-made objects, and sentient beings.
- Divinity within all life.
- All the world's religions realize divine within people and develop this.
- A world that is more spiritualized and feels its oneness in spirituality, whatever this spiritual lifestyle may be.
- The primary importance of each individual's connection with God, and the need of a living teacher to guide, would be recognized by all religions.
- Self-realisation. The Jains.

### **Radical Detachment**

- That spiritual understanding be spread so widely that we all learn (a) how surprisingly little we really need in terms of money, power, goods, comfort, etc., (b) how easy it can be to let go of such things if there is a spiritual base and a spiritual community, and (c) how important it

is to share the mundane basics in order to be free to share what is better.

- To **give up resentments** and judgements of all types. This is what leads to problems.
- Compassion without emotion.
- To shift from doing to being.

### **Live Truly**

- Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.
- That we human beings learn how to activate our human potentials and capacities so that we can start to live in a world where equity, reciprocity and diversity is cherished.
- That religion will become the catalyst for releasing that potential, creating unity and healing the ills and problems of the world which are essentially spiritual in nature.
- Participate in and help humanity find and fulfill its freedom and responsibility to envision and actualize a practicable Earth paradise, or at least move toward it, e.g., universal local abundance, security, education, community, enjoyment. Our technological economic systems should be oriented to provide life satisfaction simply and locally on a universal basis.
- A world where all people realize their own divinity as creators and embrace their ability to respond to its maturing process and its potential to influence others.
- That the human race will recognize its nobility and spiritual heritage and live in such a way as to fulfill his inherent spiritual potential. "Man is the supreme talisman..." Baha'u'llah
- That spirituality is acknowledged and present in all aspects of life.
- Manifestation of divine destiny - enlightenment. For each to evolve according to his or her own intelligence, will and action toward the mastery and understanding displayed by all the Great Spiritual Masters of the World, i.e., Gautama, Jesus, Mohammed, Lao Tse, Gandhi, and others. Man is a soul with a body instead of a body with a soul. Use of Kundalini energy.
- Heaven on Earth inside us now. where we remember our similarities

more than our differences, where all children re our own where we make choices about our lives, knowing that we make them with the next seven generations in mind, where we have come to peace inside ourselves with all the differences. As we come to peace in the microcosm inside ourselves, the peace ripples out into the macrocosm, the external world.

- More love. More equality in **all** ways. More opportunity for **all** people to realize their potential. More possibilities. More breadth. More inclusion. More compassion. More Joy.
- A world where a revolution in our conception of the sacred has occurred, and the cosmos is recognized as present and alive in each being and thing. This fundamental assumption and experience would be combined with the greatest development of the innate gifts of each individual, group and relationship.
- A dream of a time when people will truly live their faith fulfilling the heart of the tradition rather than the letter of the tradition.
- **Live our spirituality** in every breath and action and in service.
- Something is being learnt here - literally so. This is the time the soul of the earth is being born and it is coming into existence and whereas its mouthpiece is dying, the old is being reborn to the youth.
- Something is being born. Humanity has to die and then to be reborn to the spirit of the Earth.
- Develop all human beings to their full potential.
- Initiation of the Golden Age.
- Rid ourselves of those negative menaces in theology than exclude others.

### ***Creative Uncertainty***

- Adult identity crisis among critical mass of adults in leadership positions that would break down a false sense of certainty and knowledge and return value to child/innocence.
- My vision is of a world where all people realize their own divinity as creators and embrace their ability to

respond to its maturing process and its potential to influence others.

### ***Consciousness Shift***

- Global, Planetary, Cosmic Consciousness NOW!
- Dream, to acknowledge that we have a lot of choices, paths to the same place. Not necessarily a right or wrong way.
- Elimination of prejudices.
- I would hope that we could learn to emphasize our similarities rather than on differences and focus more on the welfare of the world than on being right. We hope for a spiritual paradigm shift on the planet so that we can honor diversity and experience a universal transformation.
- Shift from scarcity consciousness to universal abundance (end of hunger, poverty etc).
- Raising consciousness of all.
- Effort to understand the individual we are talking to now and not try to understand "persons" or the world.

### ***Radical Trust***

- Being loved (held) freely. Open palmed; not clutched. As individuals - disclose and share ourselves with each other. Make our "Good" so open that God will break through.
- Let us listen, listen, listen. Let us observe, observe, observe. Let us understand a Oneness which speaks through our diversity.
- Be motivated to practice our own spirituality through observation and to appreciate of other traditions.
- That we will more appreciate the other, so that we may resolve conflicts non-violently.
- Listen to one another's language - defining differences and commonness.
- World unity through respect and reverence for all people, race, nations and religions. Unity already exists, we need to remember it.
- To have some basic knowledge of all the major religions of the world. (A must for the one world we live in today).

- Create a greater tolerance for individuality. Create a greater understanding between religions.
- Mutual trust and respect.
- Live in a climate where each path to God is honored, celebrated, protected, encouraged - See groups which may be multi-dimensional.
- Greater understanding and openness to all religions - not just intellectually but through meditation and quiet understanding.
- A permanent understanding and empathy across groups that can be carried forth by individuals. This requires as many opportunities for personal interaction as possible.
- OPENNESS to new ideas and experiences and how they reflect not threaten each other.
- I believe that we can transform each other and the world by sharing intimately with each other our own understanding of life and spirit in and I/thou way with respect and an open heart.
- Without others our existence is pointless. What would you do if you were the only person? Nothing. What would you be happy about? What would you want to change? Nothing. There would be no purpose in doing anything. If we realize we live for others and others live for us, perhaps we can live together in Unity.
- To listen to the possibility of who the other faith/religious people are.
- Truly listen to others in different traditions and not "preparing a rebuttal" as the other is talking or explaining.
- Be generous and gentle with each other.
- Respect other persons cycle of learning
- We need to be more courageous.
- Learning to accept differences within their own faiths.
- Universal forces on bringing children into the world with harmony and a spiritual compassionate climate.
- Fear - challenged to see.
- Respect faiths within their own faiths.

## **Radical Love**

- Dream that each of us come to love ourselves, and then express that love unconditionally.
- The integrity you bring to your personal relationships is very important - it reverberates brilliantly to the rest.
- Compassion of each other. One religion of love.
- Love and Peace - Oneness - Music and Joy.
- That people the world over will be able to live with more hope than people are now, for their own personal future, and for that of their people, the world and the earth.
- Find harmony and respect through love for each other and for all things.
- Alleviation of all forms of fear - whereby we can address all other problems.
- Vision for the world - to have plenty of health spirituality (which would show love, wisdom, courage and caution) An awareness of sick religiosity so that it can be prevented or minimized.
- Religion of love and Compassion
- Transformation, simplicity, kindness, service, experience. Love of god. Love of neighbor. Mediation. Education through experience.
- To form a partnership with each other to let our passion for God find expression in our interactions with others.
- Forgiveness a necessity to really listen to each other and making room for each other.
- Have more love than hate for your neighbor.
- Find out what spirituality is in its fullest sense: to every people eg all Americans understand American Indians' concept of spirituality, relationships to each, self creator. Vision: All people become aware of embody love and to embraced theology of love.
- To reaffirm in my daily life that love is an act and commitment not affection. To learn and live with those who do not help themselves

(from my point of view) to realize that it is easy to love those who treat you with respect and affection but difficult to love where love seems impossible.

## **One Family**

- To come from our relationship no matter what the circumstances.
- To celebrate our relationships allowing fully personal embarrassment.

## **One Harmony**

- That marriage would be experienced on a one heart, one mind, one soul, one strength level where traditional or cultural limitations are transcended.
- Earth as one Spirit. Re-honour our Mother the Earth.
- A global spiritual community evolve that includes a respect and honoring of the earth so that we may lie in harmony with the natural order of things.
- For all people to become aware of their common spiritual nature.
- There are lots of variety (no stereotypes), beautiful flowers in the garden. I am happy to see them.
- Unity of ALL. Not just humanity but the oneness of ALL as we have the feeling of belonging and oneness with earth and other beings.
- A world where we recognize we're one family.
- Dealing with what we have in common which will bring about a communion - Maybe we need a visit from outer space, we will be more quickly reunited - Our answer to, who are you? and, where do you come from? Will be one answer; I'm from planet Earth...
- That someday all religions would reject all forms of violence and war as a legitimate moral means to achieve any goal.

## **Hopes**

- That people the world over will be able to live with more hope than people are now, for their own personal future, and for that of their people, the world and the earth.
- Our hope is a world without war.

## **One Garden**

- There are lots of variety of beautiful flowers in the garden. I am simply happy to see them.
- Strong confidence that this universe is going to be a nice place to live since a lot of people are seeking spirituality.
- Real dialogue, openness and respect to every human being, love and dialogue with nature. Every tree talks to us. We have to see the world around us as a gift of God.

## **One Line of Thought**

- A world where there is a wholeness of spirituality.

## **One Birth**

- Something is being born here, and I think it is useful to take that image literally: my vision for humanity is to die to itself and be reborn as the spirit of "Earth".
- Oneness of all life - human, animal, tree/nature, God, Everyone is part of the one.

## **Peace**

- International Peace Day.
- A world without war.
- Long for and work for peace in the world and the stewardship of the Earth.
- A world where people are safe to grow.
- Struggle for religious wholeness would be less fierce.

## **Heal the Hurt**

- Words of my sister, "Heal the Hurt. Make it better." from a dream I had while trying to define her essence - In answer to question by her younger son, Scotty.
- One vision is of a world where: a humanity is healed.
- A dream of a day when people will no longer inflict horrible suffering upon their fellow human beings in the name of God or Jesus.
- Two crucial things are equally necessary to fulfill a vision of the future. 1) An understanding and awareness of past pain - imposed or received - between cultures/nations/religions and, 2) A willingness to look ahead with a commitment to

learn from past paid and make changes in future.

- We must look ahead, yet understand history's lessons and commit to change (without dwelling in the past).

## **Structural**

### **Universality**

#### **Universal Spirit**

- Gratitude for all that is here; grateful discovery of gifts in all religions
- Religion and spirituality flow like a river, body of light
- That daily practices in the body/mind (body -- some form of movement; mind -- meditation, stillness, etc.) become a fundamental practice to the "unity of diversity" for people of all ages. So we can learn to choose responses instead of "reactions" exploding through our bodies during disagreement
- Religion is inclusive
- 21st century celebration of new spirituality
- Religions being willing to give as well as receive at the table of interfaith dialogue
- Truth to be taught to the children of the world. Our similarity, our connection to one another is that we are one, that within each of the Holy Books of the world holds within them the Universal Truth when we understand the language of Hearts
- Agreement between all faiths and traditions that allows the expression of God's love and Light to permeate all Life to transform our Earth into a Paradise of Peace, Equality, Freedom, Balance in whole, oneness
- Use umbrella of oneness to teach the world concepts of inter-relationship learned here

#### **Universal Core**

- Religions would each be strengthened by acknowledging their mystical core teachings to be common to all humanity, and would make spirituality available to all, in the context of their tradition
- A universal spirituality which focuses on spiritual growth and development

of all human beings, their inter-connectedness, and their relationship to the creative source of the cosmos.

- That the universal truth of wholeness and goodness of all of creation in all of our religions and faith traditions will be at the core of everything that we do in the world, and that this truth will replace the exclusive, excommunicating and hurtful dogmas and doctrines that debilitate people and misuse creation

#### **Universal Meditation**

- That some day the practice of silent meditation might become the common prayer and bond of spirituality among all religions
- Where everyone walks out of their house, hotel, hut, tepee ... after one hour of silent meditations to meet their brothers and sisters of all faiths
- To have universal religious practice for community-building, ask in silence "What would you have me do?"

#### **Universal Religion**

- Global liturgy of forgiveness, reconciliation and celebration of our one human family
- To see all religions come together and form one

### **Diversity**

#### **Connection and Diversity**

- Unity through diversity without losing the integrity of each person, tradition or spiritual practice
- Deep honoring of another's traditions while recognizing the universality back of the traditions
- Freedom, resources and respect for the practice of esoteric religions, particularly in Western countries
- Accepting other religious people
- Recognition that we all belong here, all of us equally, and that each of us bring our own being to offer and at the same time to receive that which must fulfill our innermost yearning in order that our journey may be fulfilled
- That declared organized religions open to new and different "ways of being" which include and allow others

of diversity to exist, flourish and thrive and to co-create together

- An order of humanity where everyone can be joined, keeping their own religions and cultures, but clean up the religions to return to their source, bringing love for self and for neighbor
- A majority of participants of this conference of the religions of the world are trying to find unity among diversity. People wish to have common and understanding that God is only one and omnipotent, omniscient and everywhere. We see differences by different eyes and experiences and should be one

#### **Safe Disagreement**

- Total respect for the ideas and feelings of all of us, but freedom to disagree without threat of isolation or bodily harm
- Differences do not mean enmity. You can be different and still be friends
- Create safe spaces of respect and support for all expressions. Experience the freedom to be ourselves and our interconnectedness as co-creators of the world
- Resolution of the dilemma between desire and impulse for individual identity connection/harmony; restore the heart and therefore renewal of spirit of each's own tradition; resulting in an action program to move towards fulfillment of principles of P.
- Live and let live
- Cease judgement; become accepting of all views, move toward the goal. Develop respect for all life.
- Religion leaders teach that it is not possible to endanger yourselves by tolerating others not to be afraid of differences
- Need to recognize that our spiritual journey is individual, combined with collective needs to be self honest/self/critical to recognize imitation and areas for growth

#### **Joyful Difference**

- All are of one spirit and should trust each other and the world as yourself. The core of religions is the same and we should learn from the difference



and be thankful for them. Quit competing.

- Religious and spiritual difference are not only tolerated but respected and celebrated. The presence of grace touching all human hearts, dissolving divisiveness and hatred and bringing a sense of harmony and joy to all.
- Expanding ones awareness to include more than oneself.
- Due respect for differences, uniquenesses. Where differences are not only tolerated, but respected and celebrated.
- Universal freedom and enlightenment, where every being is awakened to the common spirit. Where this truth is celebrated by every being in profound togetherness.
- Celebrating the glory of the difference. Diversity is a beautiful thing.
- See the appreciation of differences, as we are all different, to develop within our traditions an inner guidance in order to serve.
- As humans on a spiritual path, be aware of all our disordered personal aspects which are unconscious to us and which we project on to others and label "evil" and see to react to, to condemn, and/or eradicate. As we own and celebrate all of our "good" as well as "shadow" aspects, we can celebrate diversity. See the value and use of the polarities...see the Tao.
- We will have a deep respect and reverence for all religions and all spiritual traditions. All peoples will take great joy in the diversity through which God is expressed. I dream of a time when men and women will have an equal opportunity to serve God's altars in all faiths.
- A world that respects and cherishes diversity, seeing it as an agent for balance and peace (rather than sameness).
- Individuals who live daily a profound commitment to go deeply into their faiths, including original faiths, to get to original source and sweep away whatever corruption has developed along the way.
- Listen and watch more.

- Understand so well what we really need that we let go with joy of what we don't need, thus contributing to the redistribution of resources.
- Our desire to understand and our desire to connect with others moves us to invite each other to speak. Hearing the words, the hopes, the pain of one another will hopefully move on to work together in a spirit of determination and candor to love one another in the midst of our differences. Differences are constitutive of reality. The challenge is to deal with them in a constructive way.
- To celebrate differences
- A world view of religion in which each is seen as a part of the whole. Appreciating each aspect which each religion brings forward. Just as in each person, we find we have many parts (child, adult, lover, skeptic, doubter, caretaker, peacemaker, etc.) so each of the religions would be recognized as bringing into a clearer focus each aspect -- in each is one aspect of the whole and the unity is truly expresses as containing the many -- the One is infinitely divisible.
- A world celebrating
- Promote spiritual unity with unified action with mutual respect and cooperation (world unity)
- Underlying the diversity, there is a lot in common. Don't complain about the diversity, enjoy the unity
- Stepping beyond tolerance to a celebration of the spirituality of all people
- That we can celebrate our differences and transcend that which separates us to come to that point of unity - oneness. Focus on what we have in common
- That there will be one religion, the religion of humanity. The God is Love, Love is God
- That some day all religions would recognize and celebrate their essential unity without any claiming to be possessor of the absolute truth
- To grant being to our differences and celebrate them for the contribution the bring and offer

- "Be rooted in your own religion or spirituality or you can never understand others." For your neighbor's religion or spirituality is just as near and dear to him or her as yours is to you

### ***Permanent Parliament of Spirituality***

- That the World parliament of Religions become a permanent body and renamed World Parliament of Spirituality
- Change Parliament of World's Religions to Parliament of World Spirituality
- To see the Parliament of World Religions become a permanent body to be of spiritual guidance to all the world on issues of the day and be renamed World Parliament of Spirituality
- People's Parliament -- a spiritual Security Council whose members consist of everybody; all of us responsible for the spiritual health of the world
- The Parliament issue manifesto from this group on the urgent need for religious leaders to meet often
- Leaders of the world religions convene for a longer period; common ground; unity/diversity; reflection and action on critical issues facing humankind
- Active centers of dialogue between world spiritual traditions and religions
- The World Parliament needs to be an ongoing body -- a UN of religious and spiritual groups which meet to develop collaborative action, education programs, projects of support to personal and global transformation
- We continue to meet at a designated time interval and place in the future to avert earth crisis -- in other words meeting together on a yearly basis schedule to combine focus and energy and understanding

### ***Local/Regional Connections***

- Continue the Parliament though small groups/centers throughout the world -- especially in experiencing the rituals, prayer forms, meditations, etc. of one another's traditions. Peace will come through respecting and appreciating one another

- People connected -- networking; technology is one way; power of coming together; connect on regional levels
- Initiate smaller groups locally -- in community; know future of your spirituality, know it is inside; be willing to share or/and perhaps giving up some of your beliefs
- Assessment or evaluation of the conference at the end of the conference and a global resolution of peace and unity
- Spiritual democracy with chapters, lodges, cells across this country and many other countries; church = community; small groups = redemption
- By-pass religious organizations and systems and explore spiritual democracy
- Deinstitutionalize [religion] and become an individual thing. You don't belong to anything, you are

### ***Spiritual Equality***

- The end of super stars in all fields, from the CEO and spiritual leaders to rock stars and sports, and more of a focus and sharing on an accessible humanity. Perhaps people will value the great gifts of their very own community. This sharing would include a more fair division of everything including finances -- Creative
- Religious leaders of the world meeting at the Parliament declare: no one religion or sacred text has, or can have, "the truth" but rather an essential part of the truth, and therefore that they declare an end for all time to "ecclesiastical sovereignty" of religions. Only God is sovereign and the relationship between God and each individual is a sacred bond over which no religious institution can have final power
- A grassroots way will be made especially for the common people to know and understand the One God
- Separate cultural values and mores from spiritual truths
- An ascendancy of spiritual values over material values
- A world where we celebrate our essential human beingness via one common world religion of one spirit and that this be a formal undertaking of the Parliament to be a leader in the formation of this world spirituality
- Ideas are powerful and the most powerful movers and the best idea so far is spiritual democracy

### ***Spiritual Democracy***

- The emergence of a democratically developed world faith as a composite of the world's religions and spiritual groups. Such a world faith needs ongoing dialogue and also universal worship, and a world scripture, symbolism and mission
- Need to differentiate "spiritualism" from religion, and urgent need to define "spiritual democracy"