

Earthaven Ecovillage ReMembership Covenant

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I, _____,
request (full, provisional, sustaining or supporting)
membership in this community and am aligned with
the following purpose, understandings, agreements
and goals:

PURPOSE: Dedicated to caring for people and
the Earth, and recognizing the Oneness of all life, we
come together to create and to sustain beyond our
lifetimes a learning community village, by gaining the
skills, cultivating the attitudes and sharing with the
public the resources for a holistic, regenerative
culture.

UNDERSTANDINGS: We acknowledge our
spiritual bond and aspire to express in the way we
live understandings that:

- 1) We believe in nourishing ourselves, others, and this
planet through a simple, sustainable lifestyle,
incorporating and celebrating love, work, play, free inquiry,
learning, multi-cultural expression, and spiritual practices.
- 2) We honor the inherent value of all life and dignity and
worth of all people, regardless of age, gender, race,
sexual orientation, financial resources, or spiritual and
political beliefs.
- 3) Our greatest challenge is to co-create with Spirit a wise,
just and sustainable culture in balance with the natural
world, and to serve as a living example, manifesting
spiritual ecology – a vision of a new reality.
- 4) Cooperation is the fundamental model for human
endeavor. When a proper balance exists between the
independence of the individual and the interdependence
of the community, each enhances and compliments the
other. While we choose to cooperate in community, caring
for and supporting each other's well-being, we believe we
should each take primary responsibility for our own
actions and needs.
- 5) Conflicts and problems resolved through group
cooperation and mutual creativity often transcend
answers generated by any single person. This collective
process can transform the very arena of conflict itself. We
commit ourselves to transcend mere compromise and to
reach for truly transformative solutions.
- 6) Decision making power is earned by active participation
in the shared life of the community.

AGREEMENTS: I will abide by these basic
agreements to:

- 1) Live with respect for the land and one another,
acknowledging the Greater Self in all things.
- 2) Build consensus among concerned members as the
basis for collective action in our community.
- 3) Deal directly, openly and honestly with others, avoiding
physical and emotional abuse.

4) Remain attentive and open to respectful feedback from
other community members, and when conflict arises to
begin resolution with the individual(s) involved, seeking
mediation as needed. I will also support and encourage
others to resolve conflict when I notice it has arisen.

5) Sustain my involvement in the community by
contributing my ideas, talents, and energies in the spirit of
active commitment and participation.

6) Encourage my own and other's fulfillment and
observance of these covenants, maintaining awareness of
the vision and purpose that brought us together.

GOALS: I support these goals, to:

- 1) Make conscious our connection to Spirit and the Earth
and our interdependence with the web of all life;
- 2) Facilitate the transition toward a life of elegant
simplicity.
- 3) Nurture abundance in the world by enhancing living
systems while reducing the consumption of resources.
- 4) Foster the lifelong learning and growth of every
community member recognizing that each individual is
both teacher and learner.
- 5) Preserve our land and the vital presence of wild nature
throughout the community via proper stewardship,
designation of undisturbed habitats and ecologically
sound use of our resources.
- 6) Cultivate and sustain a living demonstration of our
beliefs while fostering Earthaven-based educational
institutions that are agents of positive change.
- 7) Envision a sustainable, regenerative future, and
develop the skills to manifest it.
- 8) Promote personal and planetary healing on all levels.
- 9) Connect with and serve the wider community, as we
encourage a sense of inclusion, integration and spiritual
and cultural diversity.
- 10) Stimulate the growth of our village by attracting
members who are aligned with our purpose,
understandings and goals.
- 11) Encourage the establishment of ecologically sound,
member-owned businesses.
- 12) Support through action the intentional communities,
Permaculture and bio-regional movements as we are
able.

I affirm and agree to uphold this Covenant.

Signed _____
Date _____