

Greetings Fellow HeartFull Co-Creators !

Many of our CCC soul family clearly demonstrate - in many ways - a desire to make our grandchildren's world a more livable place. For some, it's meditation, visioning and/or prayer - which lifts up a more loving, just and sustainable future. For others, it's a personal commitment to living a low-impact life. For some of us, both.

After our Convergence 2016 theme of connecting with and supporting Gaia, it seems we, as a community, can do more to demonstrate our larger commitment to Our Common Mother.

For this reason, we are offering a number of ideas and guidelines we would like to suggest to bring the Co-Creators Convergence into further consciousness and "greening." There are things we can do individually, as a collective in our planning and execution of our gathering and invite our host facility (Sunrise Ranch) to focus on. Please understand none of this is to judge anyone's behavior or actions. This is about inviting all of us to raise our awareness about the environmental and social cost of us gathering - and to change what we can.

Below are some ideas for your consideration. This paper is a bit lengthy, however, we invite you to think about these ideas and other we might include. So here we go !

INDIVIDUALS ~

There are inherent environmental and social "costs" in folks traveling to and participating in events. There are many things each of us can do to Be Aware and mitigate our personal impact on the environment. Almost everything you can do "at home" to be a better world environmental citizen, you can do as you travel to LOVEland:

- Thoughtfulness in the use of single-use plastic (plastic bags, straws, etc.), styrofoam left-over food containers and using available re-cycle/up-cycle programs.
- Consider eliminating - or at least, reducing - animal products from your diet. A planet-based diet is one of the biggest opportunity to reduce green-house gases from Our Common Home - and it is healthier, too. Maybe start by going "vegetarian" while at CCC this year!
- At Sunrise Ranch: please bring and use your re-fillable water container. Turn the water off when you brush your teeth, just like you do at home. (But please DO brush your teeth!)
- Carbon-footprint of our travel.
 - If you are driving, buy a Tesla, or at least a Prius by the end of this month! Seriously, everything we can do at home, we can do on our trip to/from LOVEland. Car-pool. Drive conservatively.
 - Flying...or driving? What is the carbon-footprint of your travel and what can you do to offset it? Check out a calculator and consider if you can balance your travel impact. (See: <http://www.climatecare.org>) Maybe you can plant trees by becoming a member of TreeSisters. (<https://www.treesisters.org/>)
- Many of our CCC family host events and attend events regularly. You can make a difference at EVERY one of these events! The Climate Reality Project has guidelines to make events more sustainable. If you would like copies of these resource papers for your use with future events, contact Climate Reality Leader Bob Warner at bob@aviationlifestyle.com or Sheila Blake at pogef@comcast.net.
- In summary...this is about our awareness of what we CAN do as individuals and bringing our consciousness to showing our caring by our action - for the future of the planet.

PLANNING & EVENT OPERATION ~

Our Co-Creative "Weaver Planners" ROCK... and they are doing all they can to consider how we can reduce the negative impact of our gathering. They have reviewed the Climate Reality's "Sustainable

Sourcing Checklist" to evaluate a number of changes that can be made in our planning and facilitation of the Convergence that will lower our carbon footprint.

- This includes our "decorating" for the event. For example: This year's decoration planning will include more recycled, up-cycled and re-used materials than years past...and "left-over stuff" from prior years. Is buying more "throw-away" stuff from Dollar General that was made by child labor in China really what we want to support? We also are/will be asking participants to contribute certain items to our decorating desires.
- Each year, the Co-Creators Convergence community makes a donation to a worthy and appropriate cause, movement or organization as a demonstration of our commitment to a future world that serves everyone and honors our Common Home - Spaceship Earth. This contribution is also a symbolic gesture to partially off-set the greenhouse gas footprint of our gathering in LOVEland, Colorado. Our participants are invited to make their own off-set commitments.
- In 2017, we made a CCC contribution of \$555.55 to TreeSisters.org to support their continuing re-forestation programs.
- In 2018, we are making a CCC contribution of \$333.33 to Forum 21, an organization which sponsored the Original Caretakers Ceremonial Visit to the United States in September 2018, as the Indigenous Caretakers blessed multiple sacred waters and sites and represented the cry of Nature at the Global Climate Action Summit in California.

SUNRISE RANCH ~

We would like to honor and appreciate all that Sunrise Ranch has done over the decades and is doing now to support the planet and humans' sustainable behavior. This is, in fact, one of the reasons we were originally attracted to the Ranch and why we continue to return.

Thank you for all you BE, do and will do
for Our Mother Earth and Her Waters...and Our Grandchildren.