

17 Propositions and Premises which make up the Foundation of The IPCR Initiative

- 1) There are countless numbers of “things people can do in the everyday circumstances of their lives” which will contribute to peacebuilding, community revitalization, and ecological sustainability efforts, in their own communities and regions—and in other parts of the world. (As one example of the countless numbers of things people can do, consider the list of “125 Related Fields of Activity”—now accessible in The IPCR Initiative section of www.cpcsp.info).
- 2) Even now, as you are reading this, truly inspiring contributions of genuine goodwill are being generated in a variety of ways—and in a variety of circumstances—by countless numbers of people in communities around the world.
- 3) “There can be no culture without contact with relevant problems.” (J.C. Kumarappa)
- 4) The challenges of our times are not something the experts will resolve while the rest of us are doing something else.
- 5) Everyone is involved when it comes to determining the markets which supply the “ways of earning a living”.
- 6) All of us have important responsibilities associated with resolving a significant number of very serious challenges in the months and years ahead.
- 7) Human morality is not a constant—it is not something which is the same throughout the centuries of human existence; human morality is something which can become degraded or raised up, depending on the leanings of human aspirations.
- 8) The ways we “invest” our time, energy, and money have a direct impact on the “ways of earning a living” that are available.
- 9) People can, one by one, decide to deliberately focus the way they spend their time, energy, and money so that their actions have positive repercussions on many or all of the action plans which emerge from Community Visioning Initiatives.
- 10) The investments of time, energy, and money that each of us make in our everyday circumstances becomes the larger economy.
- 11) Communities of people can deliberately create countless “ways of earning a living” which contribute to the peacebuilding, community revitalization, and ecological sustainability efforts necessary to overcome the challenges of our times.
- 12) The IPCR Initiative is an accumulation of documents, resources, and observations brought together to support the propositions that we-- collectively-- have both the need, and the potential, to be
 - a) much more organized and deliberate about "... bringing to the fore what is often hidden: how many good people there are, how many ways there are to do good, and how much happiness comes to those who extend help, as well as to those who receive it."

- b) much more multi-faceted and participation-friendly in our approaches to peacebuilding, community revitalization, and ecological sustainability
- c) much more resourceful in the use of the storehouses of accumulated wisdom and "embodied energy" which are now accessible to us

13) Confidence will be dimmed by a lack of clarity until there is truthful public discourse on the full dimensions of the critical challenges ahead.

14) Confidence will be built up when people believe that the efforts of everyone working together is a greater force than the challenges they are facing.

15) Faith helps move from "it hardly seems possible" to "it must be possible" (since faith believes love will prevail).

16) The most advanced societies are the ones which are successful at integrating spiritual wisdom into the everyday circumstances of community life.

17) "The function of work should be to practice our ideal of life." (J. C. Kumarappa)