

Friends of SEHN,

In two short months the third Women's Congress for Future Generations will convene in Minneapolis. The Congress is a project of the Science and Environmental Health Network born out of the experience and observation that women were largely missing from policy discussions about how we should live together in the larger community of the Earth. We knew that women have responsibilities, not just a right to be at the policy table. We had questions. How can we care for future generations? Are the prevailing ideas of what government is for sufficient to leave the Earth beautiful and habitable? What does justice look like?

We believe that we need to make wise decisions, not just economically-sound decisions. A good way to source wisdom is to consider the health and well-being of our neighbor's grandchildren. We believe that the gifts and skills necessary for the beloved community to thrive in the midst of the chaos, to become resilient in the face of disasters, arise from the community. We believe that we need young and old, a diversity of cultures and experience to stock the pantry, source wisdom, tend each other and the Earth.

This is why we need you at the Women's Congress.

At this year's Congress we will consider how to DO justice in the face of environmental injustice with its ugly faces of climate change and poor health. We are hosting a number of provocative and insightful speakers who will prime the pump with visionary approaches to the economy (a major cause and expression of injustice), describe struggles against pipelines and extreme energy projects, and facilitate new ideas about law and justice.

In the past Congresses we used caucuses to create a Declaration of the Rights of Future Generations and a Declaration of the Rights of all Waters. This year we will host a Women's Court. The caucuses will determine remedies for injustice in cases of climate change, threats to water so that we can protect the futures of all the children of all beings.

Come prepared to be moved spiritually and intellectually, explore new ideas about justice, find ways to become a guardian of future generations and most important to taste what the beloved community can be.

REGISTER HERE

If you can't attend but would like to support a student, an activist, an elder, an artist to attend the Congress, DONATE HERE

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