Our promise and goal: To restore the order of things, for our event, by starting with the First Nations communities. The collaborators feel strongly that any community events offered must involve the honoring and the naming of the disruption of this order. And to ensure that the proper respects are paid prior to and during this event. We are ready to listen carefully, and to act as requested by those who are willing to provide guidance in the restoration of order, in our small way, in this process, in the name of the greater good of all.

We will adjust and change in response to this guidance. We are committed to doing our own learning during this process, knowing that the work must come from within first. We actively accept the possibility of both the colonizer and colonized in our own ancestral line. We understand that both the oppressor and the oppressed lies within each of us, and that we may all carry the wounds of being disconnected from our ancestry. We are willing to make reparations, we are willing to forgive, and we believe in our shared human connection to the earth.

We are ready to consider using new language, perhaps the oldest language, to help dream forward this community to a future where the healing is less needed. Where the healing is needed for emergencies only, not for the healing of the old ancestral wounds. We dream forward that the true definition of prevention, is to heal the root causes of the wounds, our own unique, inherited historical trauma, that lies before us at our feet.

We honor, also, that the daily traumas, during our lives, and even during our day, may be so significant as to prevent us from being involved in an active way. If this is so, we allow ourselves and each other to define how to safely stay involved. We give ourselves, and each of us, permission to care for that vulnerable part of us that needs our attention during these times. We welcome change in the group facilitators, healers, collaborators and attendees, as we remain open and curious to who may need to be in these circles during this time.

We dream for a future where we can gather in our diverse communities, and tell the story of these old, old harms, to use our bodies and our artistic expression to artfully and deeply tell these stories, to transform and transmute these past harms into our future wisdom, for the greater community to participate by bearing witness and sharing in the voyage, through the process of community reconciliation.