



The IPCR Initiative
Interfaith Peacebuilding
and Community Revitalization

Responding to the challenges of: global warming and reducing carbon emissions; peak oil and reducing dependence on petroleum based products; global inequities and the tragic cycles of malnutrition, disease, and death; an increasing number of people using resources and ecological services indiscriminately; and the need for more proactive and preventative peacebuilding

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Introducing the “1000Communities²ⁿ” Proposal:
“1000Communities²ⁿ” advocates for Community Visioning Initiatives, “Community Teaching and Learning Centers” with ongoing workshops, and “sister community” relationships, as a way of generating an exponential increase in our collective capacity to overcome the challenges of our times

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Expanding the concept of “Community Teaching and Learning Centers” so that these community centers function as resource centers, meeting places, educational centers where workshops are offered, practice sites for the development of “teacher leaders”, and clearinghouses on how residents can deliberately channel their time, energy, and money

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Offering a new definition of job fairs (in “1000Communities²ⁿ”):
“The job fairs which come at the end of the Community Visioning Initiative process provide opportunities for all key stakeholders in the community to demonstrate their upgraded awareness—and their interest in the welfare of the community—by offering and facilitating new employment opportunities...”

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Because it is possible for communities of people to deliberately create countless “ways to earn a living” which contribute to the peacebuilding, community revitalization, and ecological sustainability efforts necessary to overcome the challenges of our times.

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Because one of the most persistent ironies in life is that with so many opportunities to provide real assistance to fellow human beings—and with the potential for such assistance to result in happiness “to those who extend help as well as to those who receive it”—there are still many, many people in this world who cannot find a “way to earn a living” providing such assistance.

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Contributing to the building of “close-knit” communities of people... communities with a healthy appreciation for each others strengths, a well-developed capacity to resolve even the most difficult challenges—and communities which demonstrate a high level of compassion for their fellow human beings.

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Free 161 page “1000Communities²” proposal includes:
A Summary of the Potential of Community Visioning Initiatives
15 Step Outline for Community Visioning Initiatives
15 Suggestions for Preliminary Survey Questions
Comprehensive Section on “Problems That May Arise”
Over 150 quotes and excerpts from relevant sources

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Because an exponential increase in compassion for our fellow human beings is not, currently, widely recognized as an essential and critical element of a truly comprehensive response to the challenges of our times.

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