

The IPCR Journal/Newsletter

Introduction

The IPCR Initiative is an effort to apply the accumulated storehouse of wisdom now accessible to us towards the general goal of integrating spiritual wisdom into the everyday circumstances of community life—and towards the specific goal of generating practical responses to the challenges of our times.

The IPCR Journal/Newsletter is a quarterly publication of The IPCR Initiative.

Note: For a list of all issues of *The IPCR Journal/Newsletter*, see the end of this document

The Difference between The IPCR Journal/Newsletter and The IPCR Community Journal

The IPCR Journal/Newsletter is an effort to provide a quarterly publication with special feature articles and regular “departments”, which appear in each issue. “The IPCR Community Journal” is intended as an ongoing collection of contributions, from posts made at “The IPCR Community Journal” located at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ipcri/> -- or from contributions sent to The IPCR Initiative using the contact information provided below. Highlights from The IPCR Community Journal will be posted in “Highlights of The IPCR Community Journal” section of the IPCR website, at www.ipcri.net , and that section of The IPCR website will be updated on an ongoing basis.

Submitting Material for Future Issues of The IPCR Journal/Newsletter

The IPCR Initiative welcomes suggestions regarding subjects to explore in issues of *The IPCR Journal/Newsletter*—and will consider any information, documents, etc. which are sent as submissions. People who would like to assist the efforts of The IPCR Initiative are encouraged to contribute constructive comments, resource recommendations and links, relevant news, suggestions—and to relate relevant personal experiences which will be helpful to others working along similar lines. The description of “**IPCR Journal/Newsletters**” below, and the “105 Related Fields of Activity” section of this website, should be sufficient to suggest that there is a wide range of activity which can be considered “working along similar lines”.

[Note to Contributors: At this time, The IPCR Initiative may not be able to acknowledge that it has received your submission; however, if any material you sent may be used in an issue of *The IPCR Journal/Newsletter*, you will be contacted regarding permission, and any editorial concerns. Please include a SASE if sending any materials which you would like to be returned.]

Contact Information

To request a copy of previous issues; to submit material for future issues; to send a letter to the editor; or to send any comments, suggestions, etc. — please use the following contact information: Stefan Pasti, Editor The IPCR Journal/Newsletter P.O. Box 163 Leesburg, VA 20178 USA (703) 209-2093 stefanpasti@ipcri.net

The Eighth IPCR Concept

The “IPCR Journal/Newsletter” is one of The Eight IPCR Concepts, and a description of this concept is part of the document “Brief Descriptions of The Eight IPCR Concepts”. That description is included below.

“IPCR Journal/Newsletters”-- A collective effort by even a small community, to apply the seven previously mentioned IPCR concepts, would easily identify, develop, and create enough-- “good news makers;” descriptions of inspirational sharing meetings featuring “good news makers;” examples of questionnaires that help build caring communities; results at various stages of community visioning initiatives; examples of carefully channeling our “investments” of time, energy, and money; examples of how we determine the markets that supply the “ways of earning a living”; statistics associated with ecological footprint analysis; successful practices associated with building ecovillages; practical ways of applying the principles of permaculture; examples and descriptions associated with: energy descent pathways, relocalization efforts and powerdown projects; village support centers; village industries, cottage industries, and home industries; community supported agriculture and community supported manufacturing; community land trusts and co-housing projects; community revolving loans; ecological tipping points; fair trade practices; extended producer responsibility; barter networks and local currencies; energy farms; achieving zero waste; building civic skills and building community; inspiring role models; service-oriented initiatives; right livelihood employment listings; accountability indicators and statistics; model project case studies; apprenticeship programs; workshop and conference information; volunteer work; commentary; essays; letters to the editor; “community journal entries”; resource reviews; and, in general, “things people can do in the everyday circumstances of their lives....” -- and links to useful information and organizations-- to justify a monthly publication of an IPCR Journal/Newsletter... and, by its very nature, such a publication would be an ongoing contribution to the goals of 1) “... 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” 2) increasing our collective capacity to encourage and inspire individuals spiritual formation—with all the beneficial consequences that follow for individuals, communities, regions, etc. 3) building trust among people from different faith communities and cultural traditions 4) increasing our capacity to be responsible “stewards” of our time, energy, and money 5) increasing our capacity to access what is necessary for basic human needs and quality of life through principles and practices of ecological sustainability and permaculture, especially in light of the implications of ecological footprint analysis, global warming, and the “peaking” of oil production 6)

increasing our awareness of the countless number of ‘things people can do in the everyday circumstances of their lives’ which will contribute to peacebuilding, community revitalization, and ecological sustainability efforts, in our own communities and regions—and in other parts of the world 7) reducing the incidence of violence—and all the costs associated with war 8) increasing emergency assistance to people with basic human needs and 9) reflecting an understanding of the value of silence. *Wouldn't you like the opportunity to discuss the contents of such a publication with your family, friends, neighbors, etc.?*

Each person must do his or her part, and trust that the others involved will do their part.

The Writer and Editor of The IPCR Journal/Newsletter

At this point in time, The Interfaith Peacebuilding and Community Revitalization (IPCR) Initiative exists only as the efforts of the founder and outreach coordinator of The IPCR Initiative, and the writer and editor of The IPCR Journal/Newsletter, Stefan Pasti. [This writer gladly and willingly contributes time, energy, and money to make issues of The IPCR Journal/Newsletter (and the IPCR Website at www.ipcri.net) accessible to those people who might benefit from them.]

Accessing or Requesting Issues

Current issues and back issues of *The IPCR Journal/Newsletter* will be posted in this section of The IPCR website, and issues are offered at no cost (free) for download or as an attachment to an e-mail. (Note: The first two issues of *The IPCR Journal/Newsletter* are only available in hard copy). As mentioned in connection with the “All IPCR Resources and Documents” section-- for people with special circumstances, it is also possible that hard copies can be post mailed to any address provided. The IPCR Initiative, however, is currently very limited in its capacity to create hardcopies, and to postmail hardcopies. At this particular point in time, The IPCR Initiative can only respond to a very limited number of requests for hardcopies of documents.]

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Most Recent Issues

Vol. 3, No. 3 Fall 2007 (available in pdf) (see IPCR website homepage)

This issue is an introduction to the new website of The IPCR Initiative, and an effort to provide a summary of what the new website has to offer.

Vol. 3, No. 1 Spring 2007 (available in pdf) (see IPCR website homepage)

Features The IPCR Spring 2007 “Building Caring Communities” Questionnaire (60 Questions)

Back Issues

Vol. 2, No. 1 Winter 2006-2007 (available in pdf) (see IPCR website homepage)

Vol. 1, No. 3 Spring 2005 (available in pdf) (see IPCR website homepage)

[Note: The Spring 2005 issue of The IPCR Journal/Newsletter contains all the information provided by the IPCR website from May 2005 thru December 2007]

Vol. 1, No. 2 Spring 2004 (only available in hard copy)

Vol. 1, No. 1 Winter 2003-2004 (only available in hard copy)