

COMMON SOCIETY GATHERING

St. Louis Missouri
June 26 & 27, 2004

CATALYST LEADERS:

Sharif Abdullah, Director of The Commonway Institute
“Creating a World that Works for All”

James O’Dea, President of The Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS)
“Science, Healing and Spiritual Activism”

The Pathfinding Partnership
Invites You To
“Experience the Experiment”
We invite you to join us in a great undertaking.

In 1804, President Thomas Jefferson dispatched a group of explorers on a quest for the Northwest Passage to the Pacific. This June, exactly 200 years later, a group of Pathfinders will set off on a quest for a “pacific future,” A World that Truly Works for ALL. The journey now as then begins in St. Louis.

Four years ago we held the first Pathfinding Conference here in the “mound city”. Sharif Abdullah invited over 150 participants from over half the states in this country and several foreign countries to begin to Create a World that Works for All. This year we will give you a personal experience of the Commons that makes CSM St. Louis a diverse and unique cultural incubator for the explorers of the 21st Century.

THE COMMONS: An Experiment in Human Ecology

“There are plenty of excuses to be in the Commons, from the coffee to the books to the movies. I may bring my knives to be sharpened, my laundry to be cleaned, my muscles to be exercised, my brain to be stimulated, my heart to be uplifted. I may have come to attend a meeting, spend time at the crafts center, work in one of the many micro enterprises... or go to the Commons Bank, to exchange dollars for Commons Credits. ...the Commons is the place where community develops itself. The Commons is the means by which capital (physical, economic, social, and spiritual) is fed into the community. We don’t exactly know where we are going, but we know that the Commons will help us get there...” from the book CREATING A WORLD THAT WORKS FOR ALL

~SHARIF ABDULLAH

We are not waiting for our future to happen -- we are inventing it as we go along! ☐ Come learn about our efforts in changing the way we think about consciousness, economics and politics. ☐ Come learn with us how to:

- Fund community activities by pooling community resources
- Support local activities by diverting the money that flows to global corporations
- Develop governance structures (local politics) that support personal and community empowerment
- Generate energy at the local level, and create local distribution networks to get "off the Grid"
- Reduce our dependence -- on everything!

We don't have all the answers. □ We do, however, have some tantalizing questions and enticing experiments!

A Common Society is a practical movement to a realistic future.

“We are about to do what has never been done in human history!

We are creating a global human society...

...based on our deepest wisdom traditions and our highest vision for the future...

A COMMON SOCIETY ...an idea whose time has come.”

Common Society Gathering Information:

What: This will be an **interactive gathering** which will encourage you to connect with others from all over the world who are committed to **Creating a World that Works for All by Living an Inclusive life.**

When: **Saturday June 26th and Sunday June 27th**

- Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm with an opportunity for one of many ethnic lunch experiences in the area.
- Sunday 9:00am - 2:00pm with a closing lunch at 12:30pm
(Sunday’s lunch is included in the registration fee)

Where: **St. Louis, Missouri** at the historic Casa Loma Ballroom (*circa 1926*) located just ten minutes from the Gateway Arch and downtown, in a diverse, growing city neighborhood, which is a prototype for a Commons Experience Model. We will also have the opportunity to visit other locations that are examples of what you can do in your community to build a Commons, such as the World Café where the CSM was launched just over one year ago.

Why: To connect personally with Sharif Abdullah and Catalyst Leaders from all over the world to help develop the Common Society Objectives of:

- Relational Economics
- Relational Consciousness
- Relational Power
- Co-Creating The Commons: An Experiment in Human Ecology
- Models of Inclusivity

Registration Information: *Student rates/Senior Rates \$80 due by 4/15/04*

((CSM rates))

4/1/04	Cut off for Advance Registration Discount	\$95		N/A
5/1/04	Cut off for Early Registration Discount	\$145		\$115
6/1/04	Cut off for Registrations and Refunds	\$195	\$165	
6/26/04	Registration fee at the door will be		\$225	N/A

Hotel Information:

This will be a very busy weekend in St. Louis, so although you may stay wherever you prefer we have booked a block of rooms: either two queen sized beds, or one king-sized bed at a great rate of \$95/night at the Holiday Inn Express just 5 minutes from our meeting site. We will be providing two-way transportation on both Saturday and Sunday.

Free Continental Breakfast at the Hotel both days included.

- Hotel contact: Ask for IONS GROUP reservations
Holiday Inn Express
2625 Lafayette
St. Louis, Missouri 63104
UNITED STATES
1-314-773-6500
- Downtown St. Louis: 5 MI/ 8.05 KM

“Once you clearly see that the world can work for all of us, you can partner with life, be a co-creator, and bring hope to the people around you.” Leo Nation

Sharif Abdullah will share with us how, by seeing the “other” as ourselves and changing how we relate to each other, we will develop a New Consciousness, New Economics, and New Power-base through Relationships, and the creation of a Common Society.

“Greater than the tread of many armies is an idea whose time has come.”

~Victor Hugo

What could be more important in these times? “We shall be honored to serve you, delighted to see you, and happy to have you here.”

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Please make all checks payable to: **IONS-Pathfinding Partnership**

Please send registration information and payment to:

Fax: 314-821-4335, Email: greggpg@earthlink.net or

The Pathfinding Partnership - 905 Dougherty Ferry Rd. - St. Louis, MO 63122