**5. How to better collaborate with wisdom from East, West, and Indigenous communities?**

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There were multiple experiences and backgrounds that were represented, including: mindfulness practices, cultural experiences/travels, feng shui, ancient and indigenous teachings, anthroposophy, religious and spirituality backgrounds, Occupy MN, working with specific communities, dance.

There is work going on in the Twin Cities to address this question, an earth summit, our relationship to the earth.

Healing is a key that provides an opening for conversation and interaction. There will be opportunities later this year in Mankato to acknowledge the trauma that occurred with the killing of the Dakota 150 years ago.

We are all indigenous. We are all connected if we are present and aware. We all have cultural differences as well as individual differences. We all need to recognize the cultures around us.

Forgiveness needs to be part of the equation. There needs to be welcoming and inviting of stories between individuals so we understand each other. Sharing our wisdom is key.

In addition to relational levels in addressing the question, are there societal and institutional structures that need to be addressed?

How do we address the hierarchical, patriarchal  structures that affect/dominate this issues and our western culture at this time?

It is best to hold together system change as well as individual, relational, stories for each individual. Hold the dance, balance the polarities, hold the tension.

It is important to do our inner work and connect with others and bring ourselves to the present.

Change one person at a time, how to help people understand? What are ways to support this and get people to be interested? Storytelling is so powerful. Creates languages to learn, trust and respect each other. We can learn from each other.

If we can connect to our source and just "be" and connecting from our heart center, it will bridge the connection between each other.