

Visioning to the Seventh Generation: Questions from attendees **May 21st Gathering with Carolyn Raffensperger and Tom Goldtooth**

These questions were gathered from attendees at the *Visioning to the Seventh Generation* event, St Paul, MN, May 21st, 2015, generated by the ideas presented by Tom Goldtooth (Dine' and Dakota), Executive Director of the Indigenous Environmental Network in Bemidji, MN, and Carolyn Raffensperger, founder of the Women's Congress for Future Generations, Executive Director, Science and Environmental Health Network.

Legal Principles, Laws and Justice, Withdrawing Consent, Commons

How do you translate them into action?

- How do we withdraw consent legally-- what are the concrete steps?
- How do you suggest that we make it known and manifest that we have withdrawn our consent?
- How do we achieve a legal definition of the commons? A universal understanding of the commons is itself powerful. We need to understand its role in the legislative and legal system.
 - How to move us to the Commons if not through law?
 - Steps to protect the commons such as laws to protect parks?
- How do you see that we change the law? Reform the law, alter the law in face of enormous money behind it, and lawyers...and people want to keep the status quo and further harm the world?

Corporate power/Role of Government

- What legal actions can citizens initiate to force corporations to clean up all the toxic waste left behind after mining?
- Can you predict what will happen concerning the legality of fracking...will state law supersede local law, or will this end up in the Supreme Court?
- What power do we have over the regulatory agencies that issue permits, supposedly regulate, supposedly fine if rules are broken? Especially since corporations intimidate them?
- Incorporate the *pollution of constant war* into your re-vision.
- How do you suggest we preserve the tree of life and pass the laws to protect Mother Earth in the face of the legal onslaught of trade agreement such as TPP?
- How do we stop Enbridge?

The Movement

- Do you think we can do this without revolution?
- How do bring about real change? How can we withdraw our votes/support for REAL!!
- What stage are things at with implementation? How do we change the narrative and bring people together in unity for transformation?
- Thinking of children- what fields of study do you think will be most helpful in the work of aligning the law with justice for future generations?
- Our lifestyle is addictive. How could we use treatment theory and modes of healthy living to face the problem?
- Veganism?