

**APPENDIX B. PROPOSAL SUBMITTED APRIL 28, 2018**

**Outline of a Proposal for a Grail International Center and Permaculture Center at  
Cornwall**

*Presented for discussion by Ieva Zadina and Joy Garland on behalf of the New York*

*Grail Climate Action Circle*

**Purpose of the Presentation.** To show the need and viability of a Grail International Center, together with a Permaculture Center at Cornwall, based on the following reasons:

1. The realities of climate change and the increasingly evident unsustainability of late-capitalistic systems are making way for local economic and social systems that mimic natural ecosystems.
2. A new vision and purpose for Cornwall will support the continuance of the Grail by attracting young women and young families who are aware of the dramatic changes affecting the future – their own future and the planet’s future.
3. The Grail vision, mission and history are highly compatible with the ethics, principles and patterns of Permaculture, especially as the latter have been developed as applying to all human domains during the last decade.
4. A growing number of funders choose to donate, or choose “slow money” return on investments, if they see integral commitment focused on survival and thriving of both Earth and people.

*(Laudato Si’)*

**I. Parable of the Old Woman. (See attachment)** Faith statement of the U.S. Grail (1988) that includes vision, mission and history. In reading the Parable, reflect especially on a) repetitions of the organic metaphor of “the web of justice,” and b) “transformation,” as in this segment:

AND MOST PRECIOUS GIFT OF ALL,

THE OLD WOMAN GAVE TO EACH

A PIECE OF THE VISION

OF THE WEB OF JUSTICE,

A VISION OF

“THE RADICAL CALL OF THE GOSPEL FOR

## THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD.”

- a. Metaphors from nature often (maybe always) point to natural systems that humans try to imitate -- as Grail women for nearly a century have done, in creatively, beautifully, persistently weaving a Web of Justice that connects, sustains and regenerates all aspects of life.
- b. Transforming is what nature does. It wastes nothing, not even in death. It is creative, not destructive. Women understand better than most men that the justification for violence and war -- “Creation through destruction” -- is a wasteful and ultimately futile path to progress. Whereas nature’s “Evolution through Transformations” is reflected in the Grail vision as well as in all 12 Permaculture Principles. **(See Chart of the 3 Ethics and 12 Principles of Permaculture in the Appendices, below.)**
- c. Globalization emanating from late capitalism has created a web that to a great extent is not a Web of Justice. Its destructive results, by threatening the natural systems of the planet, need to be transformed by alternative cultural, economic and spiritual systems. Here is where the Grail and Permaculture can continue to help -- by facilitating local, hands-on transformations, guided by a shared Vision that is greatly needed by the world in its present situation.

**II. *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home.*** Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis (2015) that urgently addresses climate change in a world trapped by the webs of runaway capitalism. Throughout his letter to the whole world, Pope Francis brilliantly illustrates the meaning of ***Web of Justice***. Application by the Grail globally was requested last year at the IGA.

In the current Grail study guide on *Laudato Si’*, Patricia Gemmell writes:

*“Having lived with *Laudato Si’* for many months now, I can only reiterate what a magnificent document it is, and how I feel that there can be nothing more important at this crucial time in world history than falling in love with the Earth and doing so to such an extent that we gain the necessary strength and courage to change ourselves and transform our world. We are living on a knife edge of history and the crisis is a spiritual one. **If we in the Grail neglect to act on this, then who will?**”*

And the first question for us (p. 2) reads:

*“Pope Francis’s message, aimed as it is at all living persons on this planet, sounds in many respects like the vision and mission of the Grail as expressed in our official statements. **As Grail members in the world, do we have specific strategies we are using to address environmental matters?**”*

- a. In developing specific strategies, the New York region Grail Climate Action Circle has for several years been meeting monthly, studying and taking action -- working as individuals and as a group to respond to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

- b. As a result, when we learned the surprising news of an intention to sell Cornwall, we felt prepared and obligated to propose a different option for Cornwall's future.

**III. Grail International Training Center at Cornwall.** The present Outline will focus mostly on the Permaculture Center, a more novel idea than the proposal for a complementary International Grail Training Center, which will be founded on decades of rich experience at the various Grail Centers in the U.S. More material for the latter will be presented at a future time. Joy Garland, who is already seeking funding, is in charge of organizing for the International Center, dear to her heart because of her long involvement with the Grail's work with the United Nations.

**III. Personal experience of creating a Permaculture Center.** Photo essay by Ieva, "Transformations at Zadini, Begun during the Permaculture Festival of 2017," about an open permaculture learning farm in Latvia being developed by young people with international backgrounds. **(See attachment.)**

Ieva's testimony: My experience of co-founding an Open Permaculture Learning Farm on my ancestral property in Latvia has emboldened me to take on a similar project here, in a Grail context and with the addition of a Grail mission.

The young people establishing themselves on the farm as a leadership team in Latvia are carrying forward the project, so I feel free to stay here in New York to work on the Cornwall proposal, rather than returning to Latvia this summer.

Thus, I have reason to place great confidence in young people's leadership, creative energy, and the ability to attract other young people to the Work (coming from throughout the European Union, as it turns out). This is why from the start I want to encourage multi-generational and international participation in the Grail Permaculture Center at Cornwall.

Diversity is central to the vision of the Grail, of Permaculture, and of *Laudato Si'*. Upon meeting with Maria Carlos of the ILT when she was in New York recently, Joy and I were advised to include non-Grail members and young families in creating the Permaculture and International Centers at Cornwall. We need as many talents and life-experiences as possible to establish a new paradigm, a new system of sustainability and regeneration.

**IV. *Change Here Now: Permaculture Solutions for Personal and Community Transformation*, by Adam Brock (2017).** This new book compiles in one convenient place the development of Permaculture, most notably during the last decade. It is also a valuable handbook with detailed instructions for applying the best practices of Permaculture, articulated through "Pattern Language" to many domains of human society.

You can read the first 30 pages of this book for free online at the publisher site or on Amazon. You will be impressed and inspired!

People who have not followed the evolution of Permaculture's dialectic of praxis and theory, still associate Permaculture only with gardening. Indeed, Permaculture has been referred to as a "revolution disguised as gardening."

In his book, Adam Brock writes:

*"Less a body of knowledge than a process for **using** knowledge, permaculture attempts to weave together fields as diverse as ecology, geology, history, and indigenous practices into a comprehensive framework for figuring out how humans can live indefinitely on this planet.... Permaculture is at its core, about meeting human needs while restoring ecosystem health – a radical proposition indeed in our hyper-destructive society."*

The growth of Permaculture's applications reflects in abundance the abundance of Nature herself. This is what interests and excites many young people, in particular.

**V. Summary:** Why a permaculture learning center, along with an international training center for young Grail women and girls, is a needed and viable option for the Grail at Cornwall.

Cornwall needs to remain a place where women in community can experience Grail vision, Grail values and wisdom, and each other. A Permaculture Center at Cornwall, grounded in Grail values, would help ensure this opportunity farther into the future, and thereby also support other Grail activities in the region, most importantly in NYC. Adding a permaculture vision and project will attract new energy to Cornwall, and need not detract resources from establishing a city Grail center in Manhattan. In fact, it might inspire donors, and those controlling the house in the Bronx, to see how the Grail is taking up the mission of *Laudato Si'*, concretely living an "integral ecology" – compassion for people and planet.

Additional remarks:

1. The world has a need to explore an alternative to capitalism, especially because of its destructiveness to the environment and its lack of concern for holistic human life.
2. The center would be a place to explore sustainable and productive food production as well as new ways of forming community and local economies.
3. A well defined purpose has the potential to draw in more energy, labor, and resources that had not been as forthcoming before. These sources include:

- a. Grail members who are especially concerned about the environment and can donate labor, money, and teaching for workshops. **A significant number have already stepped up.**
  - b. Members of the permaculture movement who customarily and freely donate labor and practical knowledge. Ieva is reaching out to her permaculture and environmental-justice networks, **and asks to connect to your networks.**
  - c. Young people who are interested in exploring a new way of life.
  - d. People of all ages who are feeling the pressure and concern for climate change and want to help.
  - e. Forward-thinking people who have money to invest.
  - e. The local community of Cornwall-on-Hudson, many of whom are retired and wish to do useful work.
  - f. The international community, who can pay rent both for longer-term residency and for short-term housing for UN and Grail International women delegates, particularly during preparatory periods, before returning to attend sessions in NYC.
4. Some maintenance costs could be allayed by volunteer labor during workshops and other learning experiences offered to young people who are avid for such opportunities. Mary Lu has had to turn away many intern requests at Grailville because no housing has been available.
5. We should note three advantages for community at Cornwall: a) being tax exempt, b) its buildings being in generally good condition, and c) a continual tradition of unrelated people living together – often a very hard permit to get from municipalities.
6. There is potential for some regular income from selling food and crafts, as well as workshops and hospitality utilizing Grail community and volunteers.
7. Leadership and oversight can be provided by those willing to live a simpler life and/or have some supplemental income, requiring no financial support. An additional possibility is to offer live-in leadership positions with a modest stipend for three-year commitments. This might be especially attractive to young people out of college or graduate school who are interested in exploring a different way of life before perhaps moving on to other lifetime goals.

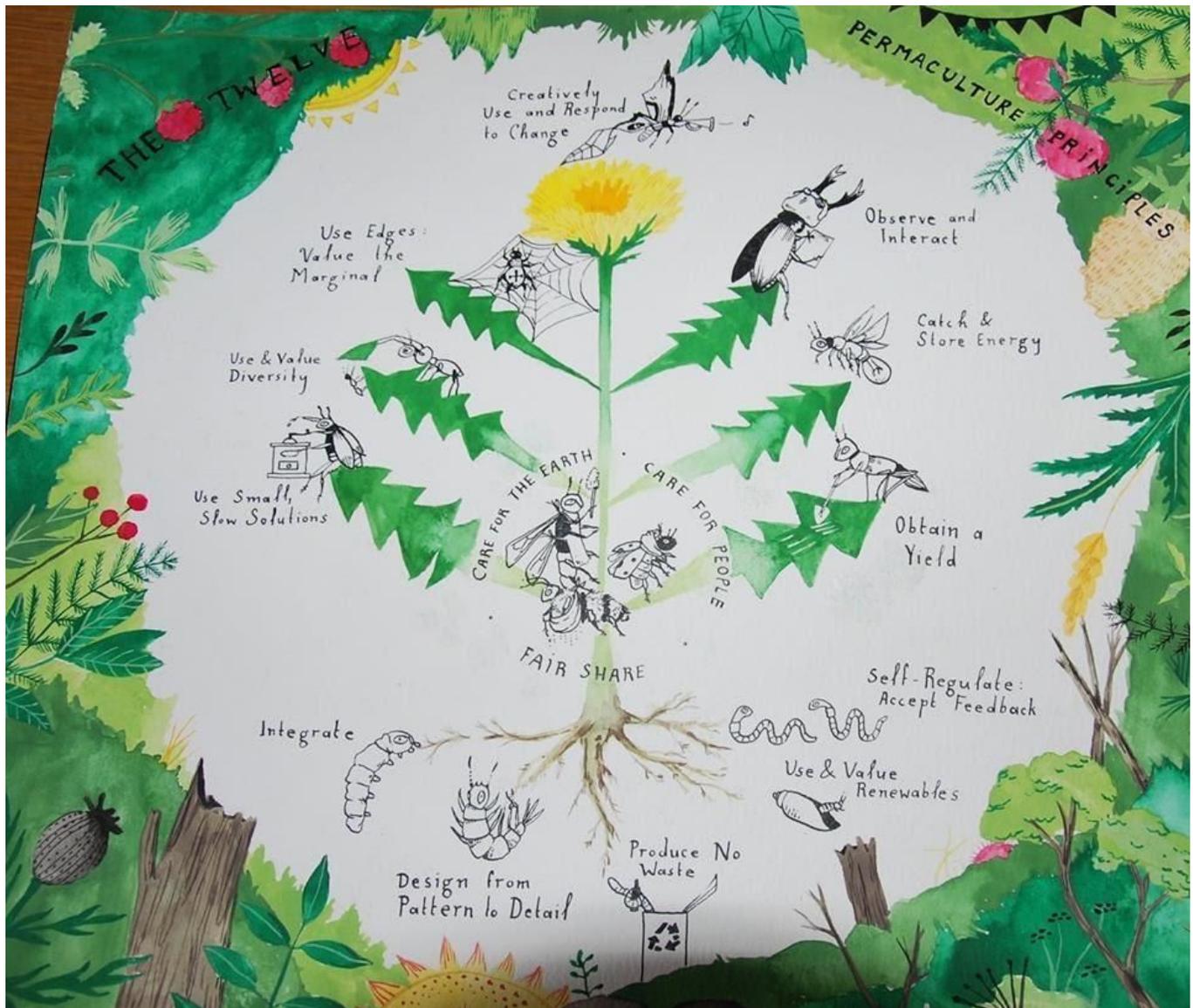
**VI. A Detailed Business Plan** – is in the works! We have studied the Cornwall budget statements on the U.S. Grail website, but do not yet have access to details of the Task Force’s \$50,000 figure for basic maintenance, without staff expenses, of Cornwall.

It is a Permaculture Principle to work from the Pattern to the Details, not the other way around. Or another way to put it: From Vision, to Mission, to strategic Action -- and all with on-going Evaluation. ***The input of all Grail women is invited and necessary in all aspects of this process.*** Please contact Ieva and Joy with your ideas and suggestions. [ieva.zadina42@gmail.com](mailto:ieva.zadina42@gmail.com). [joy.garland@verizon.net](mailto:joy.garland@verizon.net).

APPENDICES – Visuals that Suggest Correlations between Grail and Permaculture Goals and Practices (scroll down)

### The 3 Ethics and 12 Principles of Permaculture

Design by Hanukah Lohrengel, an artist who is living with her young family as part of the leadership team of the Open Permaculture Learning Farm at “Zadini,” in Launkalne, Latvia.



## **The Mission of the Grail in the U.S.A.**

**The Grail is an international women's movement empowering women to work for world transformation. It is committed to spiritual search, social transformation, ecological sustainability, and the release of women's creative energy throughout the world. We are bonded in action, solidarity, and faith, working in 17 countries, as individuals and Grail groups, interconnecting regionally, nationally and internationally.**

**The Grail in the U.S. empowers women to work for world transformation by:**

- building bridges among diverse faith traditions and spiritual paths**
- advancing peace, justice and a world free from military dominance**
  - fostering international exchange and solidarity**
- challenging economic systems that put at risk the most vulnerable, especially women and children**
  - creating communities for a sustainable future**
- celebrating the arts as a means for personal and societal transformation**

# The Permaculture Flower

Starting with ethics and principles focused in the critical domain of land and nature stewardship, permaculture is evolving by progressive application of principles to the integration of all seven domains necessary to sustain humanity through energy descent.

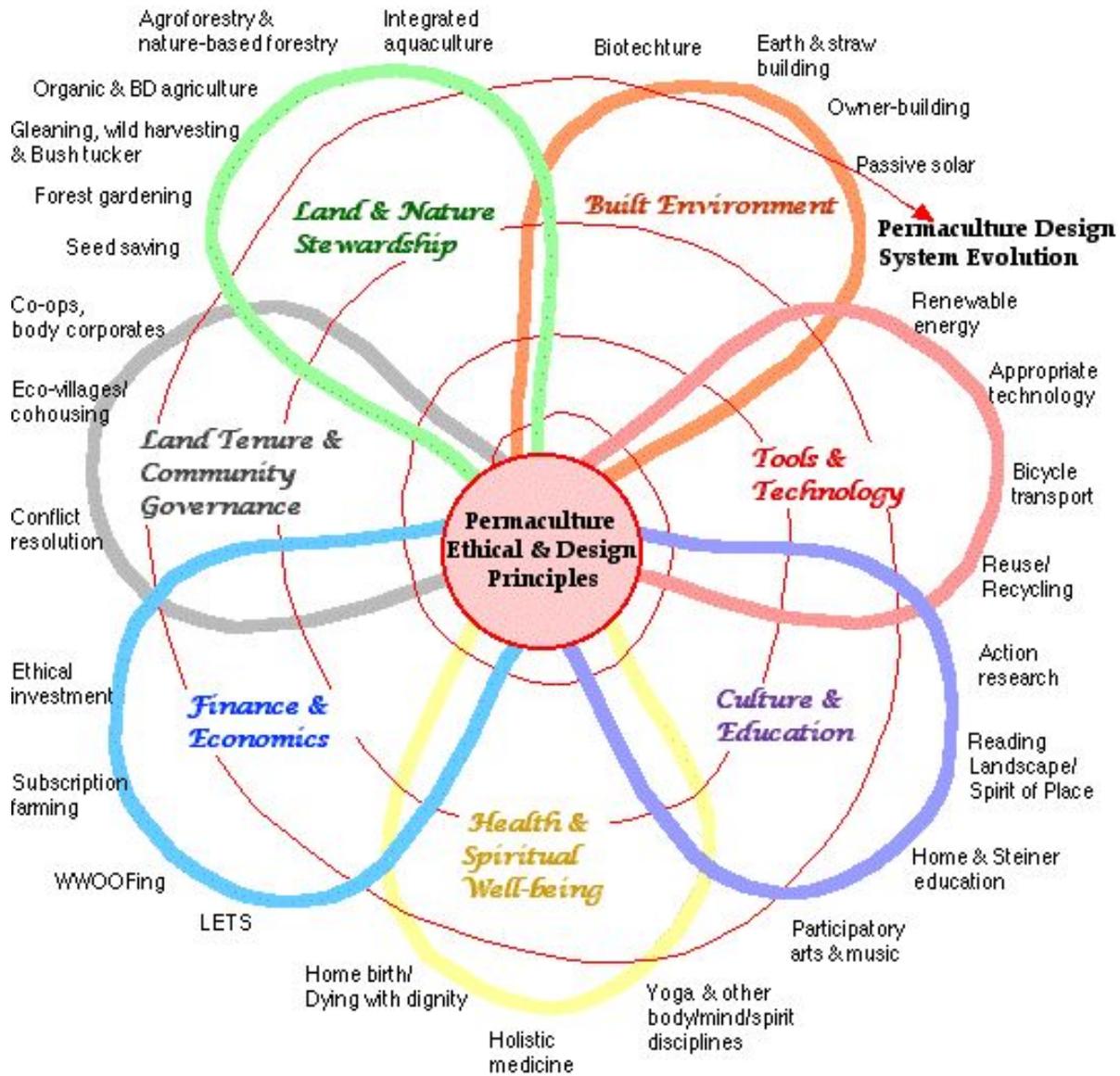
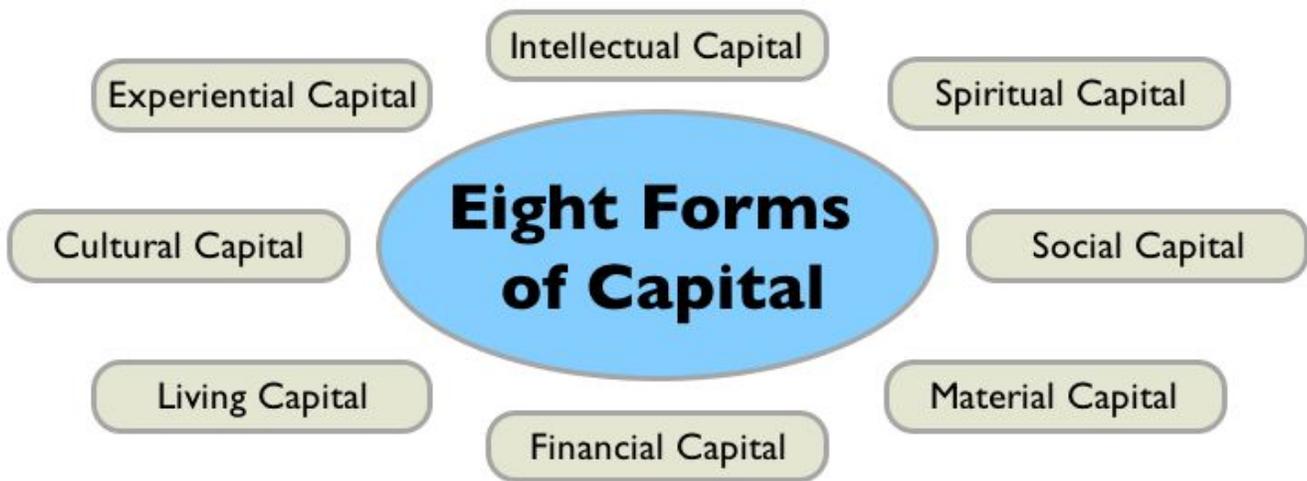


Figure 1 Introduction, *Permaculture: Principles & Pathways Beyond Sustainability* 2002

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## Eight Forms of Currency

Capital	Currency	Complexing to...
Social Capital	<i>Connections</i>	<i>influence, relationships</i>
Material Capital	<i>Materials; "natural" resources</i>	<i>tools, buildings, infrastructure</i>
Financial Capital	<i>Money</i>	<i>financial instruments &amp; securities</i>
Living Capital	<i>Carbon, Nitrogen, Water</i>	<i>soil, living organisms, land, ecosystem services</i>
Intellectual Capital	<i>Ideas, Knowledge</i>	<i>words, images, "intellectual property"</i>
Experiential Capital	<i>Action</i>	<i>embodied experience, wisdom</i>
Spiritual Capital	<i>Prayer, Intention; Faith, Karma</i>	<i>spiritual attainment</i>
Cultural Capital	<i>Song, Story, Ritual</i>	<i>community</i>

## APPENDIX C.

### Progress Report: An [International Grail] Environmental Education Center @ Cornwall (September, 2018, updated October. 2018)

*Climate Solutions.* As an introduction to this progress report, we would like to emphasize the most powerful reality motivating our proposal for an expanded education center at the Cornwall Grail – namely, the world’s climate crisis. This week’s UN IPCC report is yet another dramatic warning of the urgent need for radical transformations in human behavior and for immediate changes in the world’s economies. Climate remediation and adaptation are a *sine qua non* for every other hope and goal, including the Grail’s own future.

The Grail has a history of believing in transformations. Since it is the Earth’s systems that are in peril and that imperil every human system, we believe that an educational center that allows space for learning experientially as well as intellectually from sustainable natural systems is desirable when seeking to reform cultural systems. Hence the Permaculture (“permanent culture”) component of our plan – not for the purpose of training gardeners and farmers (though the ability to grow food may quite soon become a necessity for many) – but to become leaders in co-creating a sustainable world. Hence also the international component, since the Earth teaches the interconnections of all things, globally and locally.

Transformations most often begin with individuals and in local communities. We envision Cornwall as a local model of sustainability and regeneration that could be replicated elsewhere. The site’s proximity to the rich resources of the New York region will facilitate creating the model and making it accessible to a wider public.

*Update on Prospective Partnerships with LESGC and The Middle Project.* We have not budgeted our proposal because so much depends on partnership negotiations. We have not been privy to all the Grail communications with the Lower East Side Girls Club and The Middle Project, but the latest emails to us from Lyn Pentecost of LESGC are encouraging:

Oct. 3: "I am under a tight deadline to pull a grant together for the Hispanic Federation by Friday (which could include money for merger planning) This is the RFP wording:

*7. Collaboration and strategic alliances.*

*This includes efforts to establish partnership agreements, create action plans to collaborate with other agencies, and develop a plan for organizational mergers.*

And I have an appointment Friday morning in Yonkers with the board of the Carvel Foundation to explore the possibility of them funding a purchase or operations grant that would help us obtain / stabilize the Grail...

So stay tuned- I will have a better sense next week of where we stand!

And we love all of your ideas !!!! "

Oct. 6: "We had a productive meeting with the Carvel Foundation yesterday. They seem very interested in the Grail project.

I think our best next steps are to get Jacqui Lewis from Middle Church and a few of the directors of the foundation to Cornwall to see the site.

This week I am super busy with our International Day of the Girl Art exhibit and the Tough Broads Film Festival.

Joy- bring your family by if they have any time. Ieva- you should try to come to the film festival- you will love some of the films and events. And please spread the word to your friends and networks about these two events next week / weekend."

We note that Lyn refers to "merger, collaboration, alliances, and operations grants to obtain/stabilize the Grail." This seems to leave room for real partnership, not a simple buyout.

We are glad to have received the Partnership Proposal composed by Dr. Lyn Pentecost and Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis pertaining to the Grail, the Lower East Side Girls Club and The Middle Project. We agree with these statements, among others, in the Proposal:

"Today the Grail exists within a world ever *more* in need of love, grace, and the model they have developed of living, sharing and standing opposed to the poverty, oppression, militarism, environmental destruction and inequalities that are overwhelming the world.

Today the Grail is also faced with the task of identifying successors, the next generation of activists, advocates, feminists and social justice warriors who will continue down the path they have cleared.

***The Lower Eastside Girls Club of NY and The Middle Project of Middle Collegiate Church, sharing similar social and spiritual values with the Grail, would like to be considered as potential partners in this mission.*** We propose working together with our sisters at The Cornwall Grail to build upon their vision to secure the future of their property and work for future generations by co-developing an international center for girls and women, an environmental education center, and a convening place for social justice focused activities - conferences, retreats and training workshops."

We also agree with the following elaboration in the Proposal:

### **Environmental Education Center**

The Hudson Valley is a historic center of American agriculture. There are many older small independent farmers and orchardists, as well as a rising new farmer movement comprised of young people re-engaging with the land and migrant and immigrant farmers with deep knowledge of the earth. This is a local community that can be engaged in multiple ways: as farmers on Grail land (developing products for kitchen use and sale), farm educators teaching local urban children, partnering with local colleges and universities to offer college level Ag classes for credit, promoting sustainable farming

policies and permaculture practices, hosting meetings of farmers, farmworkers and environmentalists.

In developing the Environmental Education Center at Cornwall, we as Grail will be able to contribute in several distinctive ways.

1) In regard to **Permaculture practices**, mentioned above, we can offer personnel. Mary Lu Lageman has offered to live at Cornwall for several months to help set up Permaculture education. Other Grail women in the region have also taken Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) courses (e.g., Cindy Cheyne, Carolyn Vadala, Trina Paulus, Ieva Zadina), which means that they have connections with wide-spread Permaculture networks, among which there are always people willing to offer help for new endeavors. We will survey the Grail membership and community people for other experienced participants. The authors of two recent books that describe the systemic applications of Permaculture have personal connections to two Grail members of our planning team. a) Joy Garland has assurances of planning assistance from Jono Neiger, author of *The Permaculture Promise: What Permaculture Is and How It Can Help Us Reverse Climate change, Build a More Resilient Future on Earth, Revitalize Our Communities* (2016). b) Trina Paulus serves on the Board of the Rocky Mountain Permaculture Institute, as does her colleague Adam Brock, author of *Change Here Now: Permaculture Solutions for Personal and Community Transformation* (2017).

We are grateful for the following plan offered by Mary Lu Lageman:

“Cornwall Grail Center....a center focused on educating and empowering young women internationally and regionally, building on the principles of Permaculture as a base, in a uniquely Grail way.

In the context of overall design according to Permaculture principles, it seems important that the beginning of this new effort include some concrete project that starts small, engages others, provides a working model, and is something on which to build. What better project to meet these criteria than a garden!

Critical to this project would be a small cadre of young people, perhaps on summer break from school, preferably local, though some could come from the city, who would learn gardening skills by working in the garden. This garden would follow the Permaculture ethics of caring for the planet and for oneself and sharing the surplus in that the young people would be taking home some of what they grow and sharing with others. Perhaps even more important they would learn about global climate change and how they can sequester carbon by the way they grow food. Details would have to be worked out, but would include the need for information resources, possible resource persons, seeds, supplies, tools, and a fence to keep out the deer.

Though a beginning, this would not be a stand-alone project. In addition to being a platform for teaching Permaculture principles, it would be one step toward designing systems for sustainable living at the Center. I would look forward to helping to build the Permaculture network around the Cornwall Center.

I can be available next year for 2 or 3 extended stays at Cornwall Grail Center for the purpose of beginning this project. For myself, I am on Social Security and a small pension and would need to be supplied with room and board at the Center, travel funds, and perhaps some funds for resource materials.”

2) We can help with outreach in the area of **partnering with local colleges and universities to offer college level Ag classes for credit**. Contacts include: Bard College -- near Poughkeepsie, has extensive environmental and farming programs in its curriculum; Iona College – with its Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue; Yale University – with its Teilhard Association, where Joy has been on the Board from its inception; University of Massachusetts/Amherst – where the Permaculture programs were founded by permaculturists known to Ieva; Union theological Seminary — Karina Gore, director of Center for Earth Ethics; University for Peace, Costa Rica — Mirian Vilela, Director of Earth Charter Institute, friend of Joy Garland; The New School for Social Research -- with its BA/BS degrees in environmental studies; New York University – Environmental Studies programs and degrees (Joy has already conferred with leadership there).

3) We can develop collaborations with **New York-region Permaculture teachers and practitioners**. Ieva has been meeting with Permaculture networks in NYC and the Hudson Valley. There is much interest in the Cornwall project, awaiting further developments.

4) Grail members can add a broad and deep perspective for a sustainable and regenerative future by calling on their past associations with far-sighted thinkers such as Dorothy Day, Thomas Berry, Teilhard de Chardin, and Indigenous leaders. This means reflecting on their **understanding of humanity’s place in the universe**, but also enlisting support from people who have carried forward their work. For example, Deirdre Cornell and her family maintain deep roots in the Catholic Worker community; we will encourage them to participate in a new future for Cornwall. We will reach out to Miriam MacGillis at Genesis Farm, to learn from her years-long experience in relating to the spiritual dimensions of the Earth as well as to the practical matters of leading an intentional community. Joy has been on the Board of the Teilhard Association from its inception, and has deep friendships among its members. Joy, Sharon Joslyn and Lillian Wall have been working with a United Nations organization for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We are eager to collaborate with Indigenous groups near Cornwall.

5) We will continue to emphasize **Climate Solutions**. The Environmental Education Center should address the strategically connected areas of Food, Energy, Economy, Democracy, and Education. New systems within all of these will be necessary to confront climate crisis. For this, very useful will be 1) principles and methods developed by Permaculture’s understanding of natural systems and 2) the moral principles expressed in Pope Francis’s encyclical on climate, *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home*.

Denial about climate change is diminishing. The need for climate change **remediation** as well as **adaptation** is being accepted more readily. That’s true of the communities surrounding the Cornwall Grail, too. For example, Lisa Petro, who knows the Cornwall-Newburgh area well, has said that if we offer Permaculture courses, young people would be “breaking down the doors” to participate. Previous

Grail generations at Cornwall have built lasting relationships in the area. To cite just two entities in the near-neighborhood with strong climate interests: the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum and Storm King Art Center. We have noted for future reference the funders who sponsored the recent Storm King exhibition, “Indicators: Artists on Climate Change,” and we will certainly cultivate partnerships with Storm King. We envision exhibitions (and archives) at Cornwall of Grail art, and are pleased to note the interest in the arts of our prospective partners, LESGC and The Middle Project.

**Regarding the Energy component**, Joy Garland has already approached the director of Solar 1 (which she helped establish within Stuyvesant Cove Park) about solar panels for Gaia, which was built to accommodate them. The director said that solarizing all the buildings would be even more economical – with which we certainly agree.

The emphasis on Climate Solutions involves activism in support for the **UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, which in turn include the empowerment of women and girls, and Indigenous rights, with which NY region Grail members have worked for years. In this regard, we are thankful for this statement by Sharon Joslyn:

“This proposal is rooted in the IGA decision for Grail commitment to contribute to the implementation of the Sustainability Goals. We hear Grail echoes in the stated UN objective, "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

We have nurtured allies in this effort through networking with NGOs over many years with Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII), Commission on Social Development (CSocD) and in particular our work with the Working Group on Girls with the coordination internationally being done by Grail Link to the United Nations Network (GLUNN).

Although all the goals are interconnected, this proposal concentrates on the impact especially of SDGs: 4. Quality Education, 5. Gender Equality, 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities, 13 Climate Action, 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, 17. Partnership for the Goals.

In considering the role of permaculture design, we are aware that the original inhabitants of Orange County were the peoples of the Munsee Tribe. This tribe is part of the Lunaape Nation located in Mahwah, N.J. We have acquaintance with Chief Dwaine C. Perry of the Ramapough Lunaape Nation through the UN Committee on Indigenous Rights.

We will consult with him on the incorporation of Ancestral tradition of harmony with Nature and care for the Earth.

We are inspired by the stated commitment of UN Member States of "turning the vision of world transformation into a reality".

We believe The Grail is eminently prepared to do this work as we also see are our newly forming partners , The Lower Eastside Girls Club (LESGC) with the Middle Project of Middle Collegiate Church. Therefore, with your help, we look forward to the development of this proposal.”

There are other local organizations we can collaborate with. Deirdre Cornell recommends the following: The Grail Cornwall Center might serve as a program / retreat space for local groups which do not enjoy the luxury of such a beautiful setting.

*Update on Lisa Petro*, who has joined the planning team for Cornwall. Lisa has a strong attachment to Cornwall because that is where she met the Grail, having visited there from her home in nearby Newburgh, NY. As a younger and highly accomplished Grail member she represents the kind of leadership needed for the ambitious goals we have been advocating for Cornwall. Lisa still has professional and personal commitments in Mexico that require her presence there for a good part of the year, but Newburgh is still her home and she is prepared to devote considerable time to Grail work. Her work schedule in Mexico is somewhat flexible and often computer-based, so she can return to the U.S. for extended intervals as needed. For example, she frees up time every March to participate with the international girls during the Grail CSW programs at the UN. Moreover, it is uncertain how long her contract as a curriculum planner with Mexican schools will extend, so if we succeed in developing partnerships that help fund a girls educational center at Cornwall, it would be possible to offer Lisa a paid position to keep her in the U.S. longer.

You are familiar with Lisa's work with the Boys and Girls Club of Newburgh and bringing those youngsters together with the CSW girls (described in her report dated March 18, 2018), and also with the leadership team in Mozambique this past August. However, we'd like to remind you of her impressive proposal for a "Grail Center for Girls Education" submitted in 2016 but apparently not accepted as feasible by the Cornwall Future Task Force because Lisa could not commit to implementing it personally due to her prolonged stays in Mexico. Joy is attaching a copy of Lisa's proposal to her progress report.

Lisa's vision of the learning center is very similar to Joy's vision of the International Girls Education Center at Cornwall. Even if Lisa's presence at the Center proves to be limited, we believe that her skills as an educator will enable her to train a leadership team for the Center, drawing, among others, upon the many Grail women with experience working at various UN groups. Joy will be focusing on fundraising for the Center. The able young women leaders of the LESGC will also be a source for implementing both components of the project, since LESGC actively promoting Permaculture skills as well as its international programs.

While Lisa's proposal relates more to the International Girls Education Center being developed by Joy, Lisa's basic approach to education will also be valuable for the Permaculture component of the learning center, and for climate change studies generally. A recent essay by Lisa on self-directed, experiential, empowering learning describes an educational approach that reflects the Principles of Permaculture and that will be needed more than ever in a world of climate change

(<https://www.edutopia.org/discussion/how-put-self-directed-learning-work-your-classroom>). Her essay concludes: *"A strong learning community is one that is built by self-directed learners who contribute powerfully to supporting, elevating, and empowering each other. In order to create this level of inclusion and innovation, all learners (students and teachers alike) need to know how to learn and how to collaborate effectively by taking ownership of their own contributions. Self-directed learning will always exist without our trying to force it into the curriculum, but a curriculum that illuminates and seeks intention through self-directed learning will take our communities to the transformative level."*

**Conclusion:** We believe that demonstrating great ambition and radical seriousness regarding Climate Solutions will garner more support — funding and participation — from New York-region institutions and organizations, than would a more limited, half-hearted approach.

Once there is clarity about vision and mission at Cornwall, we believe that many Grail women will come forward in support. We have received substantial offers of financial investment and of participation from Grail women, but uncertainties surrounding acceptance of our plans, or authority in implementing them, have put all such offers on hold. We pray for cooperation among all parties committed to a widely beneficial future at Cornwall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ieva Zadina and Joy Garland

## APPENDIX D

Rough Working Document  
**INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOL AT CORNWALL**  
Example 1 Year Formation Program

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Judith Defour Howard and Joy Garland

To start the discussion I submit the following bullet points as a lead to brainstorming:

### **Earth Citizen's Training Center**

Hospitality House is a three story Victorian Farmhouse which welcomes those who come to participate in the program. It features a full kitchen, dining room, living room, and study-meditation room on the first floor, along with a lovely porch to relax and listen to the birds or look at the stars.

The second floor has four bedrooms, one with a double bed, two singles and one with two twin beds. The third floor is a large open room with three single beds and a double futon bed. A full bathroom with showers can be found on the first two floors.

### **Curriculum**

- \* The past and present Grail
- \* Holy Book Readings
- \*Philosophy of Life
- \* Academic Remedials
- \* Daily and Life Skills
- \* Value of Silence

Units 1: The nature and functions of the Grail (3 months : SEPT -DEC)

Nature: History -Mission Statement -Values -Philosophy

Relationship with the international Community

Structure: Hierarchy - National and International - Teams - Sustainable Projects - National Units

### **Resources:**

Unit 2: Philosophy of Life (3 months: JAN - MAR)

Philosophical Thoughts: traditional and contemporary philosophers - what philosophies are exemplified by the Grail -

Personal Philosophies: Recognize your own - align your own with Philosophers and the Grail - Internalize and recognize life situations for realization

Personal Development: Self - Decision making - Life goals: for your own development and contribution to the Grail

Personal Project: Define the issues that define reality - international and national -Identify a project that you can do in pairs/individually

Unit 3: Action Research (3 months:APR - JUN)

What is Action Research?

How to implement Action Research.

Shape your personal project -

Unit 4: Presentations and Graduation (3months:JUL - AUG )

Timeline and Schedule

## Daily Rituals

Breaking of the Dawn Spirituality Sessions

Breakfast - team preparation

Classroom sessions

Lunch

Siesta Sessions

Activities around the environment

Dinner

Sunset Spiritual Session

We can sure add or subtract from the above.

Modus operandi

Matters that must be considered are:

- \* Length and duration of school semester/term/year
- \* Targeted Population
- \* Targeted Sample: size, criteria,gender etc
- \*Prerequisites
- \* etc.
- \* Preparation

Additionally,

Check your calendar and let us agree on a day and time within the week of 5/20. My preference is Tuesday to Thursday.

Mornings might be the best or do you want to do a Saturday?

Do we have a timeline, target date etc.??

# TOPICS OF INTEREST

LAUDATO SI

JUSTICE OVERCOMING POVERTY

YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

VALUE OF ACTIVIST

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

ACTION RESEARCH

HOW COULD WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD?

..... DO RALLIES WORK? WHAT ARE THE VALUES OF RALLIES? SHOULD WE KNOW OUR CONVICTIONS AND WHY?

RESOURCES

Grail in Brazil National Assembly We were gathered in Belo Horizonte Grail Center from April 28 to 29 in our assembly "Celebrating our history and sowing our dreams". We were glad to welcome a new Grail member, Janda Aparecida, from Buritizeiro, who made her official commitment. Welcome Janda! It was time to start working with the Grail document on Laudato Sí; to work on our Strategic Planning; to promote a panel on Women in Politics, at this delicate moment of Brazilian political situation; to plan our actions, celebrate, dance, enjoy each other's company and thank the Creator for our lives and work! Nádia Villefort

The international school will "Celebrating our history and sowing our dreams". This article also has seeds for curriculum. REREAD JUDITH

International Newsletter

file:///Users/judithdh/Downloads/International%20Newsletter%20May%202018.pdf

## May 16th 2018

Retreat : linked to the ambitions of the participants

Develop an application form which does not only reflect their achievements but their ambitions/desired.