

## Transcending the boundaries

by Diane Williams, participant of the 3<sup>rd</sup> WSF World Spirit Forum

In keeping with the spirit of the theme of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual WSF World Spirit Forum, Collaboration in Consciousness, 120 international participants including members of the World Wisdom Council of the Club of Budapest, the World Spirit Youth Council, members of spiritual organizations and interested individuals from business and society (WSF Friends) came together in the beautiful town of Arosa, in the Swiss Alps.

At this year's World Spirit Forum participants were reminded that modern seekers of spirituality can no longer afford to only meditate on mountaintops but must **step beyond the personal**. A world faced with ecological, military and humanitarian disasters demands a new spiritual activism that not only addresses the inner life but also can be a vehicle for addressing global concerns.

All WSF participants entered into **deep intergenerational dialogue** addressing such issues and questions as:

- the capacity of spirituality to inform our decisions and actions in an interconnective world
- who are we individually and collectively and how can our actions in the future reflect this quality of being
- how can the WSF be the most effective and powerful venue to hold a space for a global structure to develop and bring the highest most powerful resonance among us.

**Van Jones** one of the WSF keynote speakers claimed that "humanity is racing towards ecological disaster under the veil of economic growth and geopolitical positioning." He spoke of two **dangers in the spiritual community**. The first is: "chanting in private versus marching in public." He challenged the participants to move beyond their comfort zones and bring spirituality to where it was needed the most. The second danger he claimed is "burnt-out, charcoaled activists who take their little light of hope and burn it up in the fire of society." And while Mr. Jones sees clearly the two dangers, he said there is also reason for hope. He encouraged the participants of the World Spirit Forum, "to be bold enough to stand in the fire and point at the stars and never lose connection with the masses of people like great leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela."

WSF keynote speakers Van Jones and **Jane Goodall** have both been invited to take part in the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. The WSF participants agreed to support them by sending their good intentions, positive energy and prayers during the days of the World Economic Forum for the success of the meeting.

While **the participants decided not to form a World Parliament of Spirituality**, they did decide that it was necessary to create a sacred space, a home to encounter each other as deeply spiritual beings, a place to reflect upon and communicate common visions and action plans for a

more spiritually awakened, conscious society. The group wished for the **World Spirit Forum to be this home** made up of a synergy of beings wishing to gather together in such a network and forming a new emerging **global spiritual movement that transcends the boundaries** of religion, culture, geography, race and class. Together they will seek to create new forms for unity and find new avenues for solutions to today's most pressing global issues.

Inspired by prophesy told by Eskimo Elder Liberth "Uncle" Angaangaq that stated in order to spiritually evolve, hoops. Circles must form around the world and these circles must join as one. The group agreed to form **World Spirit Circles** around areas such as media, sacred retreats, fundraising, information technology and other groupings to begin to work together with like minded individuals to support the vision and development of the WSF World Spirit Forum.

In an effort to create a unifying field of collective energy and intentions, at the end of the WSF the Arosa Declaration was signed by the participants who committed to creating together a spiritually awakened and conscious network as well as home at the World Spirit Forum and beyond and together recognizing that as spiritual beings we are universal in nature and our common purpose is to foster peace, unity, harmony, love and light.

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