

Responsibility: HOW CAN COORDINATORS HAVE RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR ORGANIZATION, AND TO THE WORLD?

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As we three gathered together under the trees at Stoney Point, we quietly took the concept “responsibility” inside, and waited to see what arose. What does it MEAN to each of us to “take responsibility?”

Responsibility means being willing to wait until something becomes clear.
... checking inside, and behaving with integrity, and respect for self & other
... standing up ... standing in myself ...
... being honest with myself, and then with the other person

Speaking our Truth leads to growing, a sense of expanding energy

We each have responsibility for making and for protecting space for the truth to emerge, both our own and someone else's.

The truth doesn't always come in a “politically correct” way. It is not about being perfect, or even about trying to become “closer to perfect”, or saying things “the right way.” We can get so caught in trying to say things “right” that we abandon what is true for us. We also need to take responsibility for the impact of our words and actions afterwards. All of us can learn from our interactions.

To take responsibility for our own state of being - to care for ourselves, knowing that what is good for us is good for the whole. Not pointing the finger of blame to make somebody else the black sheep

Living with the untruth is not good for the soul.

We found that Focusing on this value together helped it grow roots in our bodies and become more clear. We felt there was great value in this simple exercise. We found ourselves asking “How can we water the roots of responsibility in our Coordinators' group?” and “How do we develop of culture that supports this value and other values that we share?”

We propose doing this simple Focusing on responsibility and on other shared values at our large gatherings, or even at the Weeklong, when new trainers are gathering. How do we encourage “walking the talk” so that we continue to live our Focusing values as we are doing in this Assembly?

This meeting was only the beginning. How do we explore further what the responsibilities of a Coordinator are? What behaviors might arise out of the sense of personal responsibility we describe above?

We mentioned concrete ideas such as asking every Coordinator to volunteer for one year out of every three, in some form of service to our Coordinators' community - whether working on a Functional Whole, serving as a translator, planning a Conference, etc. Also, we mentioned the possibility of requiring new Coordinators to serve on a Functional Whole for their first year as a Coordinator.

We did not have time to explore these or other ideas, and look forward to continuing Focusing/

discussion as a teleconference group. Beverly will be hosting this call, and we will be inviting other interested people from our large CC group to join in.