

# SEEING OURSELVES IN COMMUNITY

1. Community is not primarily made of those with whom I identify, but with those with whom I divide resources (material and affective), with whom I share risk, with whom I persist.
2. Conflict is feedback within any system (organism, relationship, organization, society, etc) that seeks to preserve its state, informing us that something has changed. I am in community with those with whom I am in conflict.
3. Conflict increases its volume to compensate for the perceived distance between those who are party to it. Security increases when we walk towards conflict.

# NURTURING THE RESTORATIVE FLAME OF OUR COMMUNITIES

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*Relationships include an organized response to conflict –  
a justice system, inherited if not consciously chosen.*  
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1. What do we currently do when conflict becomes painful that works well?
2. What do we currently do that doesn't work quite so well?
3. How do we dream it could be?