

## MESA LIFE PROJECT APPLICATION & ALIGNMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

### VISION STATEMENT

*We are a village rooted in ancestral shamanic tradition as brought forth by the universal and sacred spirit of Fire. We embrace a way of life in balance with the land and the natural world, celebrating our connection to each other and the world community.*

Dear Jane,

We are pleased and excited to learn of your interest in the Mesa Life Project. While there can be a wide range of personal elements that make for a good fit with the MLP, we believe that the key aspect is simply the depth or quality of alignment with the vision. This discernment is a process that we hope serves you as much as it does us.

Because the membership process is, at this point, itself being re-imagined and reorganized, we invite you to approach the questions below simply as guidelines. We don't want you to systematically complete answers to all the questions. Instead, we would love to hear what you want to say. What moves you to engage with this project? What would you like to express? What would you like us to know? Share from your heart what MLP ignites in you.

You will naturally have questions as well so please feel free to express those too.

The next step after this preliminary one is arranging for the opportunity to share some time around the fire with you in deeper conversation.

Thank you for participating with us in this collaborative learning as together we move to fulfill the potential for authentic community. We appreciate your interest and look forward to getting to know you better through this process.

Warmly,  
Members of the Mesa Life Project

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **ABOUT YOURSELF**

1. Tell us about yourself.
2. Describe your current living situation.
3. Tell us about your current occupation. What are your aspirations for financially supporting yourself while living in the Mesa Life Project?
4. How do you experience yourself when in conflict? What do you do to resolve it? Please give an example from your past or your current experience.
5. Are you independent, starting projects on your own and finishing them on your own? How would you describe this?
6. Have you done projects that involve group process, the dynamics of a group, and seeing a project through to the end with the group? Give us an example.
7. What makes your heart sing?

### **ABOUT YOUR FAMILY**

1. Please describe your family, including spouse or partner, children, step-children, parents (if they live with you) or others living with you.
2. Please tell us about your children.
3. Tell us about your practices in parenting and educating your children.
4. How do you feel about "It takes a Village to raise a child"?

5. Do you have children living outside of your home and if so, how would you describe your relationship to him/her or each of them?
6. How do you feel about children exploring the land without parental or adult supervision?
7. As honestly as you can, describe how your family or partnership functions as whole?
8. Are there any major illnesses or other concerns or hardships that could make living off the grid and/or in a rural setting a challenge for you or your family members?
9. How do you and your spouse or partner manage conflict? How do you feel about the community being involved in facilitating spousal or familial conflict?

### **ABOUT LIVING IN THE MESA LIFE PROJECT**

1. Describe your vision of daily life living in community around the Fire.
2. What do you think it takes to maintain a cooperative community?
3. Tell us about your gifts that would contribute to this residential community.
4. What kind of activities would nurture you in a village? What kind of activities would you nurture?
5. What fears, doubts, and other resistance do you encounter in contemplating your move into an intentional community?
6. What do you see as the advantages and disadvantages to living off-the-grid? How do you feel about the idea of living off-the-grid?
7. Describe what 'living in harmony' with the land looks like to you.
8. How do you relate to the vision statement?

### **COMMITMENT**

1. Living in community requires a willingness to hold the vision, participate in consensus decision-making, and embrace conflict to learn, grow and develop as

an individual and as a community member. How do you see yourself meeting this commitment?

2. Do you have the financial means to “buy in”, be an owner/shareholder of the Mesa Life, LLC? If not what obstacles stand in your way?
3. Grandfather Fire has given us the vision of this intentional community. Describe your relationship with the Sacred Fire.