

**Integral Ecology** 

Using the Integrated Approach to Mission Effectiveness

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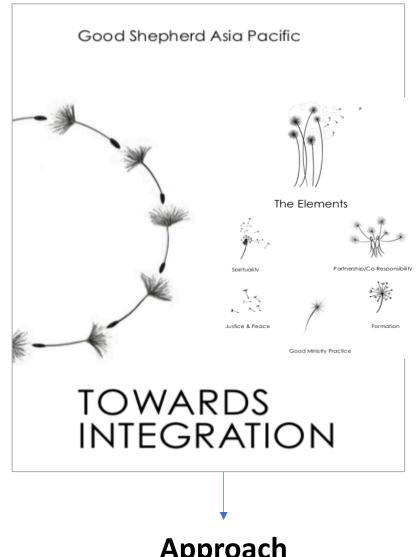


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#### **Introductory Message**

Integration in a sense means coming to a place deep within the self to make a commitment to open one's mind, heart and will to learn, grow, transform and continually evolve. It involves being intentional and open to shift perspectives, challenge attitudes, let go/embrace and change actions that will give life to others. In 2018, the Asia Pacific Integration Committee (APIC) was set up to develop a process that would assist Mission Partners in integrating Spirituality, Justice and Peace with Good Ministry Practice and implementing it within their contexts. Having reflected and gathered insights from across the region, we, the APIC are happy to present a resource tool, the 'Good Shepherd Integration Approach' in the form of a booklet and a website.

We hope that leadership and key personnel who are involved in the different Good Shepherd services will treat this resource as a 'go to' reference and guide when working with Mission Partners. It offers us all a way of assessing ourselves, reviewing our efforts, identifying gaps and urging us forth in the process towards integration. While integration is an ongoing, lifelong and evolving process, it is imperative that we individually and collectively work at it so that Good Shepherd Mission can be sustained into the future.

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Spirituality

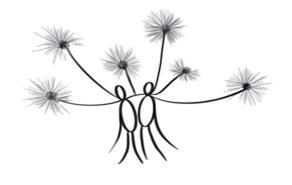


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THE ELEMENTS





Partnership/ Co-responsibility



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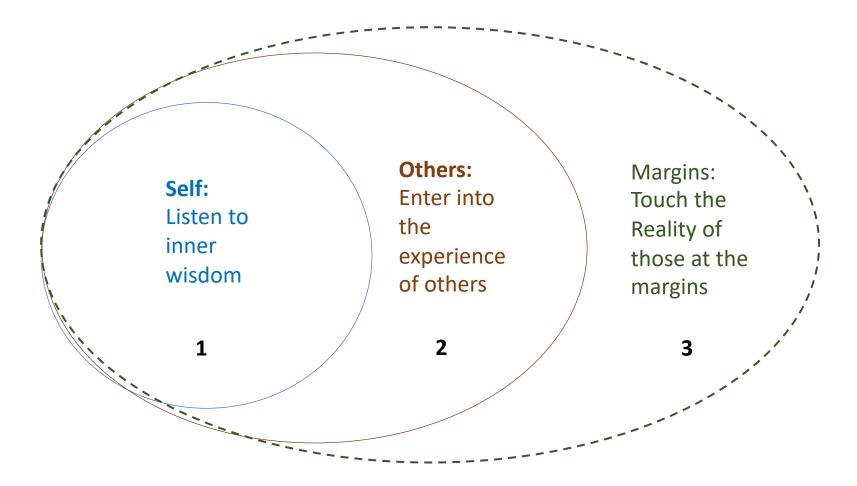
# **Principles**

Integration can only happen when we open ourselves to

- listen to our own inner wisdom
- enter into the experiences of others
- touch the reality of those at the margins
- allow the shift in consciousness to happen within us
- take risks and
- respond daringly and innovatively

"Towards Integration" page 6

#### **The Principles of Integration**



- 4. Allow the shift in consciousness to happen within us
- **5**. Take risks and
- **6.** Respond daringly and innovatively

#### Listen to our own inner wisdom

- Contemplate your own reality... using personal reflection, journaling (p 19)
- What is coming from within me as I contemplate the Position Paper on Integral Ecology? What future am I trying to create?
- Am I complicit to what is happening to the earth?



# **Enter into the experience of others**

- Have generative conversations with each other; Listen to what the other is saying (Four levels of listening, p. 22)
- Have Dialogue Walks... Conversation Circles... (p. 23)
- Activate curiosity; acknowledge what you do not know...



# Touch the reality of those at the margins

- Who are those at the margins?
- Have Sensing Journeys; prepare to visit and experience a place or a program (p. 23)
  - suspend own voice of judgement
  - empathize and sense
  - let go; do nothing
- After the journey is complete, reflect through journaling, dialogue walks (p. 24).
   Let reality talk to you. Co-sense together. Activate Compassion.



# Allow the shift in consciousness to happen within us

- Take courage. Step into the unknown.
  - Crossing through the gates of "Suspending" (our judgement)
    - "Redirecting" our attention to access the "Source"
      - "Letting Go"... and "Letting Come"...



#### Take risks and...

# ...Respond daringly and innovatively

- Activating Action Confidence --> Acting from the Future
- Integral Ecology is the Practice Field safe environment where we can explore the Integrated Approach by doing.



#### **Journey of 11 months**



....February to December 2021....





.... It is a process of lasting change....

....for me, the community and those at the margins...



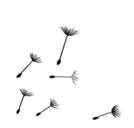






What is the change we want to see in our Units on Integral Ecology?







### THE ELEMENTS

#### Process

Each element is introduced with key excerpts from congregational documents and relevant literature.

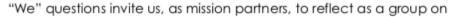
The questions, at the individual and collective level, invite deep listening and generative dialogue that we may see with fresh eyes for the new to emerge. It calls us to open our minds, our hearts and our will to new possibilities for mission effectiveness.



Spirituality

"I" questions invite each one of us to reflect on

- · challenges currently experienced
- · hopes for the future
- · what to let go of and what to learn
- · where to obtain input and / or help



- challenges the ministry / organisation is currently experiencing
- future possibilities for mission effectiveness
- · letting go of what is no longer working
- where to obtain input or help for future possibilities to emerge



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The last section of this booklet offers a variety of processes for deep listening and generative dialogue at the "I" and "We" level.



**Good Ministry Practice** 



Partnership/ Co-responsibility



Formation



"Something different is happening.

We are evolving.

We are shifting from "I" to "WE";

From an ego-system to an eco-system.

The first process for our journey towards integration begins with our individual and group reflections."

- APIC "Towards Integration" Page 7

Poll: How many units have "Integrated Approach to Mission" in their Direction Statement?

**Answer: All units** 



What is the Spirit saying about the work of integration through this image?



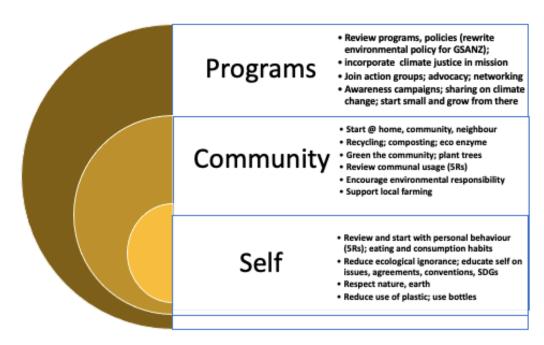


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#### Integral Ecology: What am I going to do about it?



#### **Transformation**

- Our stance can be found in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the position paper on Ecology:
- First response: contemplate reality natural world and groups like women and indigenous communities affected by ecological violence
- Second response: Admit our complicity ....
- Third response: Reconciliation calls for a new consciousness, a new identity, new behaviours centered on the kinship of all creation and the implementation of Human Rights for all without discrimination.

GS Position Paper Integral Ecology, para 4 & 5

#### 6. In responding to Integral Ecology, it is critical to:

- Activate a transformative spirituality that understands earth, science, rights of Mother Earth, insights of cosmology, and knowledge of inclusive and universal rights.
- Engage in critical analysis of one's own culture toward awareness of inherited traditions and the possibility for dynamic participation in new forms of incarnational reality.
- c. Convert individualism and communal behavior from ecological ignorance to environmental responsibility, evaluating uses of energy, technology, water, diet, practices of waste and consumption, economic investment and political policy.
- d. Study Catholic Social Teaching, Do communal study and apply documents such as *Laudato Si*, The Earth Charter, The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, notably Section K on Women and the Environment, and the UN SDGs of the UN Agenda 2030, particularly numbers 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15.
- e. Ensure strategies for empowerment of women and girls in all our programs, including women's participation in decision-making and advocacy. Environmental sustainability ought to be considered in every strategic plan for mission development.
- f. Advocate locally and internationally with positive movements such as the 2015 Paris Climate Accord and the continuing processes of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC.)

- g. Engage in political action led by communities and groups, such as indigenous and women, who have been historically dominated and excluded but who hold ancient and sacred knowledge of the earth.
- h. Evaluate our communities, service projects and programs according to principles of respect for the earth, inclusion of and care for all communities, and reverence for the sustainability of future generations.
- i. Evaluate and adjust personal and communal decisions in areas of consumption, production, and use of natural resources in light of the sustainability of the universe. The common good of all is a guiding principle directing actions such as fair-trade purchasing, avoidance of non-renewable energy and disposable products, support of local agriculture, home composting, low energy production, land ownership etc.
- j. Be politically active on issues such as trade, climate, practices of transnational corporations, harm of military industry and armaments, national energy policies, and sustainable water usage, in order to "eliminate the structural causes of the dysfunction." (Benedict XVI). Any investments held communally require analysis for environmental justice and sustainability.
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What is the *future that is emerging* for us as a *country / unit* on Integral Ecology?

How do we *open ourselves* to the Principles of Integration in our movement from "I" to "WE"?

How are we *engaging the enablers* (formation and partnership/co-responsibility for mission) in the integration of the spirituality, justice peace and good ministry practice?

How can *formation be inclusive* of everyone (sisters, novices, partners, program participants) who participate in GS mission?



As a Unit, discuss...

- What are the steps that you will take from now till 7Apr to envision the change that you want to see in your Units on Integral Ecology?
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What is the change we want to see in our Units on Integral Ecology?



#### **Next steps:**

- Complete the **google form** that will be sent out during Holy Week on "What is change that you want to see in your Units?"
- Facilitators available to journey with Units:
  - Joan Lopez <u>joanlopezgssm@gmail.com</u>
  - o Gendrie Klein-Breteler gendrie.klein-breteler@goodshep.org.au
  - Sashi Natarajan <u>sashi1505@gmail.com</u>
- Integral Ecology Session 2 Thursday, 8 April 2021 @ 11am Malaysian Time



What is the change we want to see in our Units on Integral Ecology?

"Never before have we had, and perhaps never again shall we have, such an opportunity. Let us not allow it to pass, therefore, without making the best use of it."

St John Eudes





What is one word that experience