

2024 Focus Community Curriculum and Important Dates!

Part I: Rooting Down (Feb-May)

Feb 1, 2:30-4:30 ET / 1:30-3:30 CT*: LAUNCH!

**All-community calls (in-blue) will always be at the same time over zoom*

Welcome, onboarding, overview of the year and grounding in intentions.

- *Short assignments begin, including watching two webinar recordings and discussing reflection prompts with your land justice team.*

Mar 19: The Water We Swim In

Together, we will discuss – and grieve – the extent to which colonization and racism form the foundation of our economy and our current climate crisis.

- Teams begin “*Healing Land, Healing Legacies*,” a series of guided modules that will help you explore the history of your land through lenses of colonization, racism, and healing.
- Each team receives an in-depth deed study and “land story” provided by [Intermill Consulting](#).

National Gathering! Racine, Wisconsin: April 22-25, 2024

In learning community, we will reckon with the gravity of these times, teach and learn real skills, envision new possibilities, commit to the call of this work, and celebrate our community.

Part II: Preparing the Soil (June-October)

June 20: Movement-building in your community

How can we sustain one another in the hard work of community discernment and decision-making? Let’s get creative in addressing the barriers to creating change in community.

- Assignments include a short assessment of allies, roadblocks, and opportunities for land justice in your community, and the next module of “*Healing Land, Healing Legacies*.”

Aug 1: Praxis I

Together, we’ll dig in even deeper to real case studies, legal possibilities, creative ideas... all while keeping in mind your charisma, commitments, and values as you move forward!

- Assignments for both Praxis sessions include reading and watching an array of case studies, and concluding the last module of *Healing Land, Healing Legacies*.

Sept 23: Praxis II

A continued exploration of specific options and community contexts, featuring guest speakers and time for small group discussion.

Part III: Branching Out (November-February)

Oct 31: From Solidarity to Trust

How do we find and deepen with potential new stewards? Bring questions, fears, and hopes, as we study how to create transparent, healing, & solidarity-based relationships.

- Assignments include a tailor-made training, *Cultural Competency for Land Collaborations*, and accompanying assessment.

Dec 17: Moving forward

Reflect on the year's learnings and begin workshopping your goals for the year ahead. In small groups, we will listen each other into clarity about what is calling your community next.

- Teams begin to meet with land justice faculty for more tailored support on goals

Feb 4: Recommitment!

We will share our goals and get to work on another year together!