



Emerging Ecology

... promoting a worldview for
the next generations' solutions

2017 Program Report To ICA International

Emerging Ecology's work focuses in two arenas: a) conducting programs designed to help people experience and participate in a cultural transformation adequate to meeting the challenges of the 21st Century and b) providing technical and financial support to ICA India especially to their Adivasi Ashram Shalla at Chikhale Village. Links to further information about these programs is available at the bottom of this report.

Between September 2015 and May 2017, Emerging Ecology held thirteen Worldview Salons. These action-research oriented forums sought to understand and define the magnitude of change in worldview required to respond adequately to the conditions that have arisen in the 21st Century. As a background for these conversations, Emerging Ecology expanded the ICA's historic Social Process Triangles to include the natural world and the interior dimensions.¹ During the sessions, participants worked to clarify ways to understand the new way of looking at the world. They described the Human Adventure² as an unfolding journey of consciousness. Much of this work has evolved from a presentation originally delivered at the 2008 ICA International Conference in Japan. An edited version of this presentation³ is now being published in a journal by the Center for Ecozoic Studies.

In addition to the methodological processes and sociological understandings developed over the past 50 years by ICA, Emerging Ecology has drawn on some of the more contemporary ecological thinkers. Of special importance has been the writings of Thomas Berry. Emerging Ecology developed and distributed a study guide⁴, and excerpted readings, for his most famous book, *The Great Work*, using ICA's seminar and charting method.

In the coming months, Emerging Ecology will continue this avenue of program development through an Action-Research project through a series of 2-hour Think Tanks focused on discerning the key elements of responsible living in the 21st Century⁵. Groups in any location are welcome to join in this project.

Since 2011, Emerging Ecology has been working with the Chikhale School through the Global Classroom⁶, a series of Skype conversations with high school students in North Carolina. In January 2016 and January 2017, groups of college students from Greensboro journeyed to Chikhale as part of their school's cultural awareness curriculum. Emerging Ecology is working to expand these relations in the coming school year.

Organizationally, Emerging Ecology is registered in North Carolina as a tax-exempt, non-profit organization. It's eight-person board meets semi-annually to determine program directions and operational details. Emerging Ecology maintains a website and Facebook page and has an electronic newsletter that is distributed at least semi-annually to about 1,000 people. Currently, all the programming activities and administrative details are conducted by volunteers; the organization has no paid staff. Emerging Ecology is an Associate Member of ICA International.

¹ Available on-line at: <http://www.emergingecology.org/Documents/AllThatIs.pdf>.

² Report available on-line at: <http://www.emergingecology.org/Documents/HumanAdventure.pdf>.

³ Available at: <http://www.emergingecology.org/Documents/AtTheSpeciesLevel.pdf>.

⁴ Downloadable from: www.EmergingEcology.org/TGWStudy.

⁵ Details at: www.EmergingEcology.org/worldviewsalon.html.

⁶ On-line at: www.EmergingEcology.org/global-classroom.html and also in recent ICAI publications.