

The Planetary Health Charter

A Sacred Covenant with All Life

Our Sacred Commitments

To Future Generations

We pledge to safeguard the health and well-being of future generations, ensuring that all decisions honor a seven-generation perspective. We will leave our children a world where the air is clean, the water is pure, the soil is fertile, and governance systems serve the flourishing of all life rather than the accumulation of wealth and power.

To All Living Beings

We recognize that all living systems—plants, animals, ecosystems—possess inherent value and the right to thrive, independent of their utility to humans. Rivers, forests, mountains, and other natural beings are our relatives, our teachers, our partners in the sacred work of creating a world where all life flourishes together.

To the Commons of Life

We declare that health—encompassing air, water, soil, seeds, and ecosystems—is a universal right and a shared commons, never to be commodified or privatized. The essential elements of planetary health belong to all beings and must be protected from extraction and exploitation.

To Sacred Interconnection

We embrace the sacred interconnection of all life, where the health of one is the health of all. This understanding roots us in mutual care, respect, and spiritual relationship with the living world, recognizing that true health emerges from right relationship with all beings.

Our Principles for Planetary Health

One Health, One Planet: Human health, animal health, and ecosystem health are indivisible. All governance decisions must honor this fundamental unity.

Health as Universal Right: The health of any being or ecosystem is a fundamental right that transcends borders, species, and economic systems.

Rights of Nature: Natural systems possess inherent rights to exist, flourish, and maintain their ecological integrity, with legal standing equal to human institutions.

Radical Prevention: We prioritize creating conditions for health and preventing harm at its source rather than treating symptoms after damage is done.

Justice in All Ways of Knowing: We honor diverse knowledge systems—Indigenous wisdom, scientific understanding, community experience, and spiritual insight—as equally valid paths to planetary health.

Intergenerational Equity: The health and well-being of future generations and all species guide every decision we make today.

Health as Sacred Relationship: True health flows from our conscious participation in the web of life, recognizing the spiritual dimension of our connection to the Earth and all beings.

Our Call to Action

This Charter calls us beyond the illusion of separation into the reality of interdependence. It calls us beyond the fantasy of control into the wisdom of participation. It calls us beyond the fear that drives domination into the love that creates collaboration.

We commit to:

- **Transforming governance** from systems that generate crises into systems that generate healing
- **Protecting the commons** of air, water, soil, and biodiversity as sacred inheritance
- **Centering marginalized voices**, especially Indigenous peoples and youth, in all health decisions
- **Measuring true progress** through the health of communities and ecosystems, not economic extraction
- **Building economies** that regenerate rather than exploit the living systems that sustain us
- **Creating institutions** that serve the flourishing of all beings across generations

Our Living Promise

To the Earth: We remember that we are your children, not your masters. We will learn again to live as participants in your cycles, contributors to your health, servants of your wisdom.

To Indigenous Peoples: We will support your sovereignty, protect your territories, honor your knowledge, and follow your leadership in healing the relationships between human communities and the living world.

To All Children: We will build governance systems that bring out the best in human nature, creating conditions for everyone to thrive in harmony with the natural world.

To All Our Relations: We recognize you as our teachers and partners in creating a civilization where governance emerges from wisdom, compassion, and care for the sacred web of life.

The Time is Now

The crises converging upon us—climate breakdown, ecosystem collapse, social fragmentation, spiritual emptiness—are not problems to be solved by more of the same thinking that created them. They are invitations to evolve, to transform, to remember who we truly are and why we are here.

We are the ones we have been waiting for. We are the ancestors future generations will thank for choosing love over fear, cooperation over competition, life over death.

The path is before us. The tools are in our hands. The time is now.

In the spirit of all our relations, for the health of our one planetary home, we pledge our sacred commitment to the flourishing of all life.

Join us in signing this Charter at: [\[planetaryhealthcharter.org\]](https://planetaryhealthcharter.org)

Together, we heal our world. Together, we are the change.

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