

# *Sense of Community*

A surreal painting depicting two identical women standing in a golden field, facing each other and releasing seeds from their hands into the air. The seeds form a large, billowing cloud in the center. Numerous birds are flying around the scene. In the background, there are dark, silhouetted trees under a cloudy sky. Two text boxes are overlaid on the central cloud of seeds.

**EXPLORE  
KEY THEMES**

**EXPLORE  
INTERVIEW  
TRANSCRIPTS**

# Sense of Community

THEME	CONCEPT	DATA/SENTENCE
Pink Theme		
Orange Theme		
Green Theme		
Blue Theme		

**DATA SOURCE**

**CONTEXT OF DATA**

**Question**    *“The Q that the interviewer asked or the data collector was searching sure when the answer was discovered?”*

**Full Answer**    *“This is the sentence before and **the sentence that was selected** and the sentence after the specific conept to give full context to the reader.”*

**Audio: Play**

**What do you think?**

# Sense of Community - Interviews

## INTERVIEWS

Bill

Claire

Dennis

Kelle

Monica

Olivia

Vinnie

Claire

Community Director at Dawn Mountain Temple  
Practitioner of Tibetan Buddhism

I got out of grad school and got a PhD in religious studies. It's surprising that you can get a degree in that field that isn't academic

So, I started practicing Buddhism during undergrad at Rice... 2 communities would meet for evening meditation: First was Thai group and with the Thai group, I was one of the English speakers so I only felt connected to teacher, but people were nice to me but I couldn't understand what they were saying.

So I started practicing in Rice in the 90s. There I had a Kung Fu group with like-minded people and found some social support for it.

In North Texas, a lot of people were along the same lines of religion, so they didn't believe in reincarnation, in non-Christian beliefs. I was raised Christian. Very coercive backwards form of Christianity. Our llamas at Dawn Mountain are both listeners and they're both like "we're not gonna tell you what to do " and the way they approached it was very loose and really gave the authority back to me and it was not like "here's what you have to do to belong".

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receiving & accepting  
unbiased support

being able to  
naturally lean  
on people

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