Toke, seeing the rich conversation about the story of Art of Hosting, asked:

“What is the meta harvest here?
Who can see that pattern within a pattern?

How may it take us, and others, further in our understanding, practice and courage?

good winds of consciousness”

Toke

“A pattern I see here is one in which the Art of Hosting seemed to arise at a particular time for a particular reason. It's interesting to note this, the week after the Nexus for Change conference was held. It seems that in the last 10 years there has been a shift in this work from methodology to practice and that there is a fundamental piece of that practice that is named by the Art of Hosting. Once named, it becomes an operating system upon which the software of methodologies can work. And so, in my own experience, it was through hosting as a practice that I began to deeply explore other methodologies beyond my beloved and well treaded Open Space. I came into Circle, and World Cafe and AI and other pieces THROUGH hosting. Ten years ago, I would have been attending many specific workshops and trainings on the methodologies. It seems now a deeper groove has been scored, a deeper tune is being sung.

There is something about the timing – perhaps it is the millennium, or maybe just an arising in the human consciousness that we have moved beyond the theory of meeting one another differently and into the practice where the names of things disappear and instead we find ourselves gazing across a pregnant centre into one another’s eyes, engaging in the deepest work and questions of our time, focused only on this work in this moment, this relationship, this purpose. All unified in a swirling one.

When we have achieved this moment together what explodes forth is Art of Hosting, From the Four Directions, and the many other communities of practices that are stewarding the emergence of these questions, directed at the extinction level events of our time.
We are finding our way with the capacities of evolving the consciousness we need to live on this planet.

Perhaps I am putting this observation into too grand a scheme of things, but I have a strong sense that something is tipping. People no longer call me with a problems and expect me to have solutions... instead, people call asking for Open Space, World Cafe... looking for hosting. The methods are in the mainstream, the hosting capacity is tipping there too and we are becoming wiser and wiser about self-organization and it's power. There is something about the emergence of AoH that seems intimately linked to this macro-pattern that I just feel is important to name.

With love and gratitude,"

Chris (Corrigan)

“Not too grand, my brother. Thank you. I hear you and feel the same – thanks for letting the words flow through you.”

Tim

“Ho!”
Monica

“And I have gotten drunk on this summary this morning.

As I read and remember, a knowing settles into me. There is so much more to this story. It is the story beyond naming. Who could read all this and not feel the presence of spirit or life force or Gaia or the universe wanting wholeness. We all have been willing and co-creative instruments in this surge of love that says we can and will reimagine the world whole through invitation into deep listening, true speaking, honoring of difference and respect for all material and non-material beings.

I feel deeply honored and blessed to have shared this journey with you, with so many others, and with spirit beyond our imagining.”

Bob (Stilger)
“I loved Chris’ reflections and want to name another macro-pattern/operating system that I think is underneath all of this--including the processes, the practices and the emergence of hosting as a meta-practice that can source and enliven many modalities of engagement.

It’s the meta-pattern, the meta operating system—what we’ve come to call "conversation as a co-evolutionary force (and as a force for conscious evolution)"—that I want to dedicate my own life to making more visible and actionable. The varied methodologies as well as our hosting capacities and practices, in my view, are simply windows into the awareness of and living within this deepest pattern of all that connects us to a common ground together in our lives and work.... beyond all methods and practices, powerful as they may be individually and/or in combination.

I have been deeply touched by Humberto Maturana, the evolutionary biologist's, poignant observation that "our human existence is one in which we can live in whatever world we bring about in our conversations, even if it is a world that finally destroys us as the kind of beings that we are," and that we "bring forth worlds" through our languaging and meaning making with others in networks of conversation.”

Juanita