

CONVERSATION WEEK 2011



Conversation Week—Spring 2011
*Connecting the Voice of the Whole
For the Good of the Whole*

Top-10 Questions

1	What qualities do we need from our leaders, and what ways can we express our civic leadership?
2	What are our personal stereotypes that keep us in "we vs. them"? How does the focus on our differences play out locally and globally?
3	Since much of the media focuses on polarization, sound bites, anger, fear, and duality thinking, how do we assess and respond to editorials, interviews, news reports, and opinion "journalism"?
4	Alfred Whitehead said, "The goal of education should be to make children fall in love with the world." In addition to educating our mind, what would be a curriculum of the heart?
5	In what ways does religion unite and divide us? How can we value our diversity and also our oneness in our shared humanity?
6	How can we move beyond polarization and express our values for the private sector (business), the public sector (government) and the commons (that which belongs to all of us, such as air, water, the oceans, outer space, the internet, the airwaves, etc.)?
7	How can we find career paths that are aligned with our passion and authentic selves, yet sustain ourselves and our families?
8	How do our beliefs about money and our fear of poverty affect our material life and collectively impact the larger economy?
9	How can we create business models and practices founded on principles of sustainability and serving the whole?
10	How much of our personality (our ideas and who we are as an individual) is defined by the times in which we live? Do we have a deeper identity, and if so, how would you describe it?