

INTRODUCTION

The ICA is an intra-global research and development, training and demonstration group concerned with the human factor in community development. We have coordinating centers in six countries and are registered in some 23 nations. Because we are convinced that effective human development must be initiated on the local community level, our staff live and work with local people in planning and actuating socio-economic projects. The projects, located in both rural and urban communities of extreme need, are established for the purpose of demonstrating comprehensive human development. Our work, which is tax-exempt, is supported by private foundations, corporations, concerned individuals, churches and government departments and agencies on the national, state and municipal levels.

THE FIFTH CITY MODEL

- 1 5th City welcome sign
Welcome to a venture in human development. Work with human development began about 15 years ago on the west side of Chicago in a Black ghetto that epitomized the social suffering in America at the time.
- 2 5th City map with red overlay
In the process of creating a model of comprehensive renewal of this 16 block area, 5th City became a kind of laboratory which went far beyond the familiar approaches of community development and tested the basic presuppositions in effecting profound change in hopeless social situations. These presuppositions have become foundational to all this work in human development: (1) For effective change to occur you must deal with a specific delimited geographic community and maintain the integrity of its boundaries throughout the time of the project.
- 3 5th City Jet cottillian with principles on wall
(2) Within that geography you must deal with every aspect of the peoples' lives simultaneously or else you were only putting out brush fires all over the place. (3) At every point in the project you must deal with the depth human problem evident in that community, which in 5th City happened to be the severe image problem of self-depreciation scarred on the lives of the people over 300 years of 2nd class citizenship. (4) The key to human development resides in the creative use of images and symbols that communicate promise and possibility to a people.

THE GLOBAL SCOPE

- 4 GSD Band on world map
As a result of 5th City, communities in over 20 nations have invited the ICA to use these methods in establishing pilot projects. The ability to achieve dramatic signs of socio-economic transformation in the face of overwhelming contradictions is being demonstrated by local residents in 24 such projects across the world.

- 5 Majuro from the air
The first such project launched was in Majuro in the Marshall Islands, a U.S. Trust territory out in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Having faced occupation by a succession of foreign nations throughout the last century, Marshallese found themselves crippled by complete dependence on outside economic forces and faced with a total loss of memory of their cultural heritage.
- 6 Majuro Business School
As a result of the comprehensive social and economic development plan initiated by the local people in 1975, they are now developing their resources to make a significant contribution to the future and are uncovering their ancient gifts and courage to create a signal demonstration for forgotten people like themselves all around the world.
- 7 Kawangware people in front of plaza bulletin board
Kawangware is an urban village outside Nairobi, Kenya, in East Africa. As a transition community characteristic of the African population movement from the rural tribal lands to the new urban centers, Kawangware was marked by 70% unemployment, massive illiteracy and corresponding health and morale crises. As a result of the human development project, the local people have established the structures that give Kawangware (meaning "Place of glory") the possibility now of preparing its citizens to participate in modern African society as full human beings.
- 8 Bayad women at well before the walls of the town
The pilot project in the Middle East is the small farming village of El Bayad, on the east bank of the Nile 120 miles south of Cairo in Egypt. Bilharzia, a water-borne disease, has for years stripped the villagers of the natural energy essential to healthful existence. As a direct result of the project the provision of clean drinking water has eradicated this parasitic disease, empowering the local people to undertake a great venture of reclaiming hundreds of acres of desert in a grand farming enterprise.
- 9 Cano Negro Preschool
Located in one of the most underdeveloped areas of Venezuela, Cano Negro is inhabited by descendants of slaves who make their living by harvesting cacao. The project there has reversed the trend of urban migration in the area by creating an adequate social and economic base to make village life livable. There is now a waiting list of hundreds of people who want to make Cano Negro their home.
- 10 Maliwada girl at well
This practical, local experience has dramatically revealed to us that the critical issue of our times has to do with the serious gap between the haves and have nots of the world, the 15% of us who live like you and I do, and 85% of us (3.4 billion people) who have been bypassed in the march of civilization, who have never experienced the physical vitality you and I take for granted, who have never had the opportunity or power to put their human creativity into the historical process. India perhaps more than any other nation today represents the extreme of this condition. The human development

project in Maliwada, a rural village in the State of Maharashtra, has decisively shown that endless cycles of poverty and degradation can be broken and replaced by a brand new human resolve undergirded by dramatic physical transformation. Based on the progress in Maliwada, over 40 more villages there have initiated projects in the past year. By this time next year 250 villages in Maharashtra will be in this development process as a sign of the feasibility of massive village renewal.

INTRODUCING THE FOUR

- 11 Chicago skyline with 5th City in shadows In America this imbalance is manifested in the existence of a "shadow society" living in sub-human conditions, tucked away in the shade of every developed sector of American life, and by-passed by the flow of goods and services. The contrast between their condition and the affluent sea around them renders their plight as grievous as that of the 85% of the under-developed peoples of the earth and seriously challenges those who care.
- 12 Blue map of the 4 Let me introduce you to the four human development projects in the U.S. which serve as pilot projects for the nation: Fifth City, Chicago; Ivy City, Washington, D.C.; Pace, Mississippi; and Inyan Wakagapi, North Dakota (more commonly called Cannonball).
- 13 Iron Man with kids and bikes Fifth City, Chicago, was the initial attempt to altar a local situation of extreme social suffering. Living as refugees of urban society these people remember their past as "charred by bitterness and pain, by 300 years of slavery, of injustice, fear and shame." But their future is symbolized in this Iron Man, who stands tall in the midst of adversity and assumes responsibility for his community and his nation, and beyond. It is on the strength of this sign that the 5th City vision of human renewal has spread to so many other cities across the world.
- 14 Ivy City view of bus barns across school yard Ivy City, a deteriorating Black ghetto wedged between two major traffic arteries almost in sight of the U.S. Capitol building, experiences itself as isolated from the main flow of commerce and services by a "Berlin Wall" of empty warehouses and bus barns.
- 15 Ivy City street with full trash bags Encouraged by the vision of 5th City and a week-long planning consult, these local people have now initiated their comprehensive programs with a beautification project that has removed the mountains of junk, trash and weeds that once covered the community like a forest. Ivy Citizens now have a new image of themselves as they are greeted by clean streets and walks each day.

- 16 I.W. sparse snow scene with house Another type of community undergoing comprehensive human development is Inyan Wakagapi, located on the Standing Rock Sioux reservation at Cannonball, N.D., about 40 miles south of Bismarck. Here 600 residents are scattered over 20 sq. miles of sparse plains braving bitter winters, high unemployment and limited accessability.
- 17 I.W. Indians erecting signs Once the proud sovereign of the plains and now reduced to a near-extinct remnant, the sons of Sitting Bull have begun to grasp themselves once more as a significant people with new possibilities for the future. Here a party of local people erect street signs "in the middle of nowhere" shaped like peace pipes to identify their community and symbolize their heritage through street names.
- 18 Pace deteriorating house Pace, Mississippi, is a rural cotton town of 650 residents in the delta area of the state near Cleveland. Nearly destroyed by the mechanization of cotton farming and reduced to welfare status, "Delta" Pace, as the project is called, was marked by badly deteriorating town structures and was rapidly becoming a "ghost town".
- 19 Pace laundromat with sign being put up Having suffered the loss of its high school and a large percentage of its businesses, Pace citizens, a traditionally segregated population, have joined in a unified effort through their human development project to care for their entire town, highlighted by the building of this community laundromat.

THE PROGRAMATIC PRESENTATION OF THE FOUR

- 20 I.W. consult The key to effectivity is in releasing the local creative initiative through community participation, beginning with a week-long consultation in which local citizens and outside consultants create a vision of the future for the community, research the underlying contradictions that block their vision,
- 21 I.W. proposals and build proposals which are tactically organized into programs that can be implemented by the local people with the assistance of a small residential auxiliary over a two year period. Pace citizen, Sonya Watkins, commented: "During the consult we realized that we, with a little self initiative, organization and participation, could better this place in which we live; that we ourselves could establish a solution to our problems."
- 22 I.W. agriculture team meeting Carl Larson, an agriculture extension worker from South Dakota, was a consultant at Cannonball. He assisted the agriculture team with truck farm budgeting. Housewives, teachers and businessmen are among those in particular demand as consultants because of their practical experience. The procedures of the consult allow the local people and consultants to quickly form collegiality as they face the community's issues together.

- 23 Nine Program Chart Experience with 24 pilot projects is summarized in the Programmatic Chart, divided into the three dynamics of economic self-sustenance, social self-reliance, and human self-confidence, that make up a comprehensive program in a local community. In the remaining time let us take a brief tour through the four U.S. projects, using this program chart as our map.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- 24 5th City Preschool and rocket In the arena of social development, 5th City pioneered in comprehensive education "from cradle to grave". Using a technique known as imaginal education, the 5th City preschool provides a positive self-image reinforcement for children who otherwise have little chance of surviving the public school system.
- 25 5th City preschool class in red on stage The 5th City preschool has demonstrated that it is possible to break the crippling cycle of self-depreciation that persists from generation to generation of ghetto people. As a by-product, local public school officials point out how the presence of 5th City grads has upgraded the proficiency levels of nearby elementary schools.
- 26 Ivy City preschoolers in green The Ivy City preschool began in a small shack and now occupies a spacious renovated basement in an old elementary school which once was the central focus of the community. When the school was closed several years ago the heart of the community was collapsed and the pulse of Ivy Citizen life slowed to a death beat. Not until as a direct result of the consult did the Board of Education give permission for Ivy Citizens to convert the old school to an all-around community center, and that rent free. This, together with preschool funding from a foundation and several church denominations, has given Ivy City a brand new base for operating as a community with hope and with a future.
- 27 5th City health sign The 5th City Health Center is a welcomed sign in the community. As the first such venture in the community, the health center has influenced the introduction of a variety of new health services, linking a forgotten neighborhood to the vast medical resources of the city of Chicago. This image of accessible medical help has contributed substantially to local self-reliance, in contrast to the former self-defeating image of having to wait in long out-patient lines all day long in a hospital miles from the community.
- 28 5th City health advocates meeting These community health advocates are being trained to help in a preventive health education program throughout 5th City as a part of the work of the Health Guild in the 5th City human development project. This activity represents the extension of a practical health network into the neighborhoods so that health resources do in fact reach down to the local family level.

- 29 Pace health fair And here in Delta Pace is a health fair set up by the community with the help of medical volunteers from Chicago, working with state, and local health officials from Mississippi. Such an event symbolized to the community that it could begin to handle its own health problems and that it was not abandoned by the wider medical resources of the state.
- 30 5th City elders Social demonstration means the engagement of all ages in the recreation of the life of the community. Elders play an impressive role in the implementation of all the programs in the project. This is a specially humanizing function in contrast to confining elders to independent programs of their own.
- 31 Pace woman and girl While in Pace the generation gap is bridged as young and old join together in community planning. How quickly this gap disappears when you have local planning and action that requires the involvement of everyone in the community. Thus, effective community welfare means the structuring of relevant channels of participation for the family and every age group in the community. In this manner the familiar arenas of health, education and welfare take on viable local form and provide a base for the economic reconstruction of the community.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 32 5th City Industrial Center One of the places where the gap between the 15 and 85% is most severe and the shadow society most visibly hit is in the economic arena. Between 1950 and 1974 the number of business/industries in 5th City dropped from 62 to 14, collapsing the base of sustenance, employment and commercial services in the community. As a result of the HDP, the 5th City Industrial Development Center was dedicated in October of 1977 with 6 new light industries employing local residents in furniture making, auto alarm and radio installation, motor parts rebuilding, television repair, tool rental and accounting. Owned and managed by 5th Citizens themselves, this enterprise is an invitation for further industrial development compatible with the capitalization and managerial capacity of the community. Working on their own initiative from 8:30 until midnight, 5th City entrepreneurs talk about the center as "the kind of place to work a man dreams about." Udell Simpson, from the body shop, remarked recently, "This is the first place I've ever left my tools at night and don't lock them up." There is a new morale in 5th City, and the spirit of local community initiative has taken a miraculous turn as a result.
- 33 Pace Worm Farm And when economic resources have been devastated, local man can create something out of nothing if his imagination is sparked. Here in the Pace worm farm $\frac{1}{2}$ million worms are ready to market for the fishing season.

- 34 Ivy City Garden In the meantime agriculture has a new look as urban farming is introduced into 5th City and Ivy City, providing a new source of produce "between the walls" and expanding the imaginations as well as supplementing the food of the local people. Senator Percy, on a scheduled trip to 5th City, visited one of the gardens and helped an elder plant tomatoes. Several months later he dropped in to check on his "own" tomato plants.
- 35 Pace garden In Delta Pace one of the major contradictions was that not only had the cotton growing fallen off considerably but landowners assumed nobody would come and work any other type of crops; so land lay dormant until the consult, when Pace citizens made known they were ready and willing to work vegetables. Thus, in a matter of hours was made possible the recovery of their all but lost agricultural heritage. These family plots also will help cut food prices and supplement diets.
- 36 5th City Shopping Plaza Commercial services such as shopping centers are also an important feature in revitalization of a community, especially when the only convenient one was burned down in 1968. Look what 5th Citizens have done for themselves out of the ashes!
- 37 I.W. store, inside And it is the community store that has become a new unifying factor for the fragmented community of Cannonball, with its laundromat, grocery store, cafe and office. Where there was no informal gathering place previously, the store not only provides access to supplies and services during snowbound periods, but has in the process become the "live theater" of vitality of the local people. Though it has been known for a long time, how astonishing is the result of taking seriously the fact that the key to economic self-sustenance, as with social self-reliance, is in local participation and creativity rather than in impressive economic rehab schemes or welfare programs imposed from the outside.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

- 38 5th City rehabed building on 5th Ave. At the heart of these projects is the local motivity that comes from a central emphasis on the human factor in social development. Of immediate importance, therefore, in any such demonstration, is the reconstruction of the local living environment. The record of inner-city housing is a story of rat-infested firetraps, absentee ownership, high rents, insurance red-lining. Beginning with an inauspicious Community Redevelopment Corp. in 1967, 5th City acquired seed money to do minor repairs to housing. This has now blossomed into a full-blown, locally managed housing program that has achieved over 200 fully rehabed housing units, utilizing federal, state and city housing assistance programs. Another 50 units are in process, including the first new residential construction for private ownership in 50 years, using conventional bank financing. Now the

2300 families in the 2100 living units of 5th City have something to be proud of as residential ownership has increased from 20% to 65% in 10 years and as the waiting list of families desirous of moving into 5th City grows. 5th Citizens, furthermore, are pleased to point out that federal housing agencies now look to their comprehensive community model in setting criteria for government funding of inner city neighborhoods across the nation.

- 39 Pace architectural model of town center In Delta Pace renovated and new building construction is a part of the people's vision for the future. Diane Bradley, a local citizen, visualizes a Pace in the future with the atmosphere of a small town but which provides shopping stores, restaurant, and a movie theater.
- 40 Pace preschool from the street In the meantime Pace residents have wasted on time in refurbishing the old post office building for their preschool, a promising beginning for the beautification of the town center.
- 41 Ivy City task force picking up trash Another direct ingredient of human development is the restoration of essential services where they have long been abandoned. Here in Ivy City this major contradiction is now solved as 100 people removed 4 tons of garbage and trash on one weekend and now have secured regular sanitation service.
- 42 I.W. retaining wall with work party While in Cannonball a retaining wall is constructed in front of the community store to protect against soil erosion. The planting of cottonwood trees engaged the passion of many residents who have seen their heritage of life among the cottonwoods slowly submerged under the adjacent river water.
- 43 Xerox workers on play yard with Pace residents Corporate community work days are a mainstay of human development, as dramatized here in the construction of a novel play yard in the derelict space at the center of town. For this project Xerox employees joined in a company shared-time program to work along side Pace citizens.
- 44 Rainbow over play park And here is the finished product, complete with rainbow for the occasion to mark another new victory in the lives of Pace citizens. The real victory is stated in the words of Pace resident, May Murray: "One of the most important things that has happened is that the citizens of Pace have learned to work together, black and white, rich and poor.
- 45 5th City Congress Sustaining such motivity relies heavily on the kind of corporate patterns that allow local citizens to participate in the on-going planning and decision-making for their community. Here the 5th City Congress meets for community review and consensus as community leaders, auxiliary staff and foreign guests look on.

- 46 I.W. editorial
TF In Cannonball citizen participation includes this task force of youth editing the next issue of the Voice, the community's own newspaper. Younger children eagerly await the task of delivering the finished papers to the residents.
- 47 5th City mural But finally it is symbols that lie at the heart of human development. These might take the form of murals that depict the aspiration of the people, not contracted by outside painters, but done corporately by over 50 novice 5th Citizens young and old.
- 48 Ivy City mural Or on the side of the Ivy City Cooperative Market.
- 49 5th City preschool seated for ritual Or it is in the rituals that open and close the 5th City preschool as children daily respond to the now magic question:
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| Who are you? | I'm the greatest! |
| Where are you? | In the universe! |
| What is your task? | To bend history! |
- 50 5th City dancers Human development is in the dance,
- 51 I.W. poem on wall And in the poetry of a people.
- 52 Pace consult It is in the banners and signs,
- 53 Joyce Ollison leading songs And in the singing of a people: "When iron men go marching in, ther'll be a new day tomorrow, when iron men go marching in."
- 54 Woman in gold, 5th C The result of human development is a face of confidence.
- 55 Black youth-Pace And a face of determination.
- 56 Elder Indian face It is a face of wisdom,
- 57 5th Citizen with baby and radio And of joy.

THE U.S. EXPANSION

- 58 Maliwada elder receiving iron man Now, if 5th City can be taken to the world, and be applicable in the undeveloped nations, as here in Maliwada,
- 59 Lela Moseley presenting iron man in Detroit then why not send 5th City out across America, and put human development within several hours drive from any point in the nation?
- 60 Blue map with circles (300 mi. radius) Such a venture would mean 12 new HDP's out to cover the regional sociological contradictions of the nation. For the shadow society exists not only in the urban ghettos and Native American reservations, but it exists in the remains of old hard-scrapple Appalachian mining towns in the hills of West Virginia or eastern Kentucky, tenaciously clinging to the old homesteads that once upon a time hosted a vital community. It exists just off the main lines of commerce

in a midwest river valley farm town that once supplied laborers for the now mechanized estates. Or in a dilapidated New England village whose once supportive craftsmanship has been swallowed by the major industrial conglomerates. It lives in the once picturesque little lumber towns of the Pacific Northwest clinging precariously at the bottom of eroded timber ranges in the midst of a depressed market. Or at the edge of the vineyards in a California valley, where migrant Latino families scrape for an existence under the relentless sun.

- 61 TM man looking up In local communities the length and breadth of this land are a people with concern, who are wakening to a new resolve, recovering their spirit, capable of taking on responsibility for the future.
- 62 TM 3 people Perhaps it is expressed best in words from a local woman of Delta Pace, Alberta Williams: "History has witnessed another great war, and that war is one that is going on inside of us. We as a nation of people have a deep seated desire for change. That desire has been passed on to us from our forefathers and we are passing it on to offsprings. We must never allow ourselves to become complacent, we must march on until victory is won."
- 63 TM 2 women working at a table This is a moment of destiny for local man.
- 64 TM elders Where his destiny lies so lies the destiny of American society. This is the chance of a lifetime to create a truly human society.
- 65 Iron Man with group Come join with us in the venture of human development.

USA 12 STORY

The pioneer heritage of our nation is held in the image of a pioneer staking a claim and creating from the earth new settlements which are the framework of our life today. Throughout our national history, the drive for a sense of community consciousness has been visible in the midst of great movements for economic stability, such as participation in the Oklahoma Land Rush and the '49 Gold Rush; political organizations such as the grange, and the cultural identity struggles of ethnic and religious groups. The situation of transitional neighborhoods in the city is being shifted by endeavors to build community structures with local pioneering ventures in a new urban life style, especially in depressed, ethnic neighborhoods. The efforts of expanding the frontier have taken America all the way from "Going West", to staking claims, to building the cities, to using their resources of the world to build total community in the smallest neighborhood.

One of the amazing phenomena of the 20th Century has been the migration of the rural to the urban. Man found himself in the midst of an anonymous mass of depersonalized humanity with no structures for human care. Various responses to the situation have emerged. Some returned to the small community. Others remained and, out of their yearning for human personal contact, began the formation of block clubs and localized health care units and to create neighborhood celebrations. It is increasingly clear today that to be a living community, it is necessary to relate beyond the local community - to receive back that which nurtures the local. The sister City concept has been strengthened by this realization.

The future will call forth local communities across this nation to a new time of local resurgence in which neighborhoods and towns take on new responsibilities for the reshaping of human settlements. This reshaping will involve new inventions of regional cooperation and shared services and cultural opportunities; decentralization of government; and greater voluntary participation of the private sector toward building self-sufficient community.

USA 12 SONG

We've seen the country growing
from east to west;
We've seen the people moving,
they never rest.
Communities with vision
that they all share,
Twelve seeds to plant a nation
of total care.

We are a nation striving
to care for all.
We are a people working
from winter to fall.
We've seen the great resurgence
of local man,
With twelve new seedlings growing
'cross the nation's span.

The future now before us
we see the way
One bright morning showing
a bright new day.
A destiny awaiting to build
build the Earth,
Twelve new flowers blooming
their signs of birth.

Tune: I Gave My Love a Cherry

USA 12 Launch

The USA-12 was launched this week when 5 consults in Areas San Francisco and New York began with the opening feast Sunday night, May 28th. Consults in Areas Chicago and Houston will begin on Sunday, June 18th. These will include:

Asherton, Texas
Indiahoma, Oklahoma
Gibson, North Carolina
Mill Shoals, Illinois
Lorimor, Iowa
Kinney, Minnesota
Arizona Indian reservation

Here are some highlights from the 5 USA projects currently launched:

STARKS, MAINE

In Starks, Maine 120 places were set for the opening feast, but 250 arrived so that 10 additional tables had to be set. The community residents were both surprised and proud of the large turn out. Every household had been visited before the feast and large, solid cedar posts had been erected with Welcome to Starks greetings engraved on them. Other pre-consult events included a community baseball game and a bike-a-thon headed up by the Starks fire truck bearing a large sign announcing the consult. In addition poster contests were held for selecting the best models for larger signs describing the Consult. As consultants came from around the country, they were also greeted by a huge banner stretched across main street welcoming them to the Starks Human Development Project. State Senator Redman gave the opening talk.

CHARLOTTEVILLE, NEW YORK

Charlotteville, New York had 145 people for the opening feast of its Human Development Project. A huge banner proclaiming "Charlotteville: a great past and a great future" was stretched across the street to greet the many consultants and vivitors. One of the notable pre-consult events was the renovation of an abandoned building into the town museum complete with old photos and a model of the town in 1905.

Among the consultants joining in the adults from the community at the feast were representatives from Ivy City, Isle of Dogs, and El Bayad HDP's. Russell Wesley, from Ivy City, presented the people of Charlotteville with an Ivy City T-shirt. Speakers at the feast included a state assemblyman, the county clerk, and representatives from various agencies outside the town.

WIDEN, WEST VIRGINIA

Thirty-four people came home from afar to be a part of the 150 gathered at the opening feast of the Widen HDP consultation, while others came from only a few blocks away. It is easy to see that eyes are on Widen, and the community already sees the possibility of being the demonstration that is needed. Before the feast, community residents paneled the community center (not used in 7 years), restored and painted a playground, built a bridge over the creek by the gym,

mowed the ball diamond, and prevailed upon the county to send a crew to black-top holes in the roads.

The impact of the globe and Widen's new role as a demonstration community is illustrated in the story about a guardian doing enablement who was stopped by an excited local resident who remarked that he had just seen a lady from India on Nickolas Street. "Never has Nickolas Street had anyone on it from India before".

Actuation is happening during the consult as a huge yellow and green Widen HDP sign went up yesterday. Colors were coordinated with the green and yellow playground painted before the consult. Wednesday saw a large number of consultants coming from agencies from the surrounding area.

RICHGROVE, CALIFORNIA

Nearly 850 people participated in the opening feast of the Richgrove Human Development Project, after 40-50 residents spent all day cleaning up the community and making Philippino and Mexican decor. Welcome signs decorated with grapes and flowers were placed throughout the town.

At the feast itself 12 different groups provided entertainment, including the Philippino bamboo pole dance and the Mexican hat dance, complete with costumes. A pot-luck dinner was served, including a multitude of Mexican and Philippino specialties. Local dignitaries gave opening talks translated into Spanish by a resident teacher.

Many residents remarked that it was unusual to see Mexicans, Philipinos and White growers all in the same room having a great time. Almost 100-150 of these residents returned on Monday and Tuesday evenings to participate in the team sessions.

CUSICK, WASHINGTON

The opening feast at Cusick, Washington was attended by 250 people in a school auditorium filled with fresh lilacs. Like Widen, this event was seen as a good reason to "go home" to Cusick by many past residents. The three featured speakers (a state representative, a state senator, and a county commissioner) all stressed the cruciality of community participation. Coal from Tairgwaith, Wales and a T-shirt from Inyan Wagakapi were gratefully recieved, and are now displayed--the T-shirt on the mayor. During the evening, the senior citizens entertained. The next morning 20 townspeople, including a retired senator, joined consultants and auxiliary for breakfast.

