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Town Meeting concepts deal with, first of all, the apathetic engagement of people who experience not being able to do anything that will mean anything. Secondly, it pushes people to ask themselves corporately when they begin to see they can trust their intuitions.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to awaken people to the possibility that they can significantly engage in the creation of their own destiny.

The happening of Town Meetings is bound endlessly to recreation of space and time, honoring and exploding each individual's creative insight in the corporate gaze of the local neighbor. Town Meeting is waking people up to the fact that these are resurgent times in which local men and women are capable, willing and uniquely gifted to create new form and structures that care for the whole society and its' many people.

The profound function of Town Meeting as the precursor of Global Community Forum is to create a way for the resurgence happening on the local level in our time to be articulated, realized sociologically, and begin to permeate upwards into the structures and institutions of society--in order that what is now possible as new human community--global, futuric, and caring--may be given form and consciousness.

The function of Town Meeting is to emancipate the creative potential of individuals through deep interaction with others to create a new world greater than the sum of its parts.

The profound function of GCF is that the participants are able to confront themselves and realize that they can be and are direct participants in the creation of the future, and that each one's contribution is totally significant and required.

The profound function of Town Meeting is the release of human passion and stored up selfhood for the creation of one's destiny. It gives life and affirmation -- it breaks open the floodgate of possibility. It creates new men.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to impact a community with a methodology and with a happening which releases new hope and possibility.

Town Meeting is a glimpse of a new practical vision of society which gives permission for a new level of primal community to be created in people's lives and which motivates concrete social engagement in structures of local responsibility.

The profound function of the CFC is to offer a way for every person to be engaged in the forum dynamic, which is not just getting one's insight or creativity out on the table, but is the way in which men and women participate (always have and always will) in building the new consensus that always happens when historical trends take a major turn.

The profound function of a town meeting is a vehicle that allows for objective discussion of a problem, and also allows people to look at options rather than strictly being for or against an issue.

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One's life becomes profound at a Town Meeting because one's own individual life becomes part of the destiny of a people -- one's nation as it struggles to move within history. One now sees himself part of history itself, related to those heroes of the past -- Washington, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Mother Elizabeth Seton. And it all comes out of work -- hard work -- wrestling with real live issues in one's own neighborhood. The challenge is immediate present. And then, when a person doing hard work becomes an historical being -- he becomes a member of the community again -- his own and the whole human community. He can authentically celebrate -- his life, his community and all of his life.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to take the consciousness already present in each person, rehearse the journey of that consciousness through the past images that gave him that consciousness and turn that consciousness into a positive relationship to his new future and thereby all mankind's new future giving him back a new-world vision.

Town Meeting gives each participant a demonstration of his possibility of participating in creating the future of the nation, the community and his new future as one freed to act out his care, and who is responsible for his community and has practical ways of shaping it.

Town Meeting is an awakening happening. It is awakening to the consciousness of: the whole picture, the group's creativity, each person, possibility for effectivity, the consciousness of possibility to make a difference, the consciousness of standing at and being in charge of an historical destined moment. It is awakening to the consciousness of the pain which has been covered up but which can be lived, consciousness of the power of corporate thinking, organization and action, and consciousness of Global Community.

The profound function of town meeting is to enable all people to appropriate their individual and collective heritage, gifts and insights and to experience the fulfilling happening of seeing that heritage and those gifts and insights being held up in a form to direct the future of their community, nation and world. The profound function of Town Meeting is for people to experience affirmation and possibility.

Town Meeting '76 serves as a means for celebrating the Bicentennial in a form which is national in scope and local executive. It allows local citizens to discover their individual wisdom and corporate power, and to direct that energy into significant planning for the future -- holding the global and national challenges before local man for immediate tactical implementation.

Objective of town Meeting -- to break loose a profound awareness of every one participating, the life meaning of their role in a community and global happening. The profound function of a Town Meeting is that it enables people to demonstrate to themselves that they have the possibility of acting out their cares, in the very concrete local situation in which they show up. They can move beyond simply trying to prepare their children for the world to preparing the world for their children.

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At 9:00 one Saturday morning an old man shuffled into an elementary school gymnasium stooped and leaning on his cane.

At lunchtime he went home to get his wife.

At 4:30 he stood up before all assembled and read his group's proposals. He left his cane at his chair.

As he left he said something about having his "orders for the day" tucked under his arm. Incidentally, he stayed afterwards to help clean up.

TM is a community event which re-ignites the spark of community pride in its sense of accomplishment and focuses the direction of that newfound pride toward the future.

1. People get to think that they have to plan their own future.
2. People find commonness among themselves which they are unaware of, being preoccupied.
3. Old and young participating together severs their barrier of age and differences do to age.
4. People get to feel global needs and are urged to share

TM provides a common method for the great diversity of opinions and life styles of people. It enables them to participate together by dealing seriously with the problems of our times. It is an experience that gives them a way of dealing with their own destiny and gives them a greater hope for influencing their community life. The story, symbol, and song gives them a new vision of the future.

The Town Meeting releases people to discover their care in concretions; challenges and proposals and thereby awakens them to the depth of their own lives and the depths of common humanity. No longer is escape or superficiality necessary because there is hope. Not naive and baseless hope, but mature, sober hope that is nevertheless experienced with exhilaration. One then is freed to act out of one's care rather than to hide from it.

1. To enable people who have felt that they could not have any part in affecting change to know that they can do so.
2. To awaken people's interest in finding answers to social problems--not just complaints.
3. To offer structures as a model for people to use in finding answers and to identify the problems.
4. To help the participants to utilize the consensus method as distinguished from the traditional voting method of solving differences by number instead of by wisdom.

--Corporateness,--style,--image,--enablement,--acting out life story,--initiating a network for future action,--creating and raising a symbol.

TM'76 serves as a vehicle to enable meaningful conversation between individuals and groups with diverse interests. Through this conversation, emerges issues and proposals which demand action. Awakening the grassroots of America to possibility will effect dramatic changes in the years ahead. We will have participated meaningfully in this amazing transformation.

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The profound function of the community forum program is to release the freedom of everyman to participate in creating decisions affecting his life and thus destiny of mankind.

Town Meeting recreates a sense of community where every member has a way of participating. It provides a way of identifying the demon that paralyze us, creating a new vision of possibility for the future and celebrating the being of the community.

The Profound Function of Town Meeting involves the awakening of human spirit, that is to say that it enables each participant to say 'yes' to the greatness which is lost within our own being.

If we are able to grasp our own self worth and see at the same time that our worth is inextricably bound to the corporate well being. Town meeting is Community in action. It is a gift that each of us can give to one another.

Profound Function of Town Meeting is that the very foundation of society is shifted. The foundation has rested on a few making decisions for the many. The shift is to literally everyman directly having a hand in shaping his and society's future. Everyman sees that his voice can and does make a difference. He sees diversity of opinion focused on common steps to build the future. He operates in relationship to new found colleagues in the task of global responsibility.

The profound function of the town meeting is to awaken in the consciousness of a community a sense of practical vision that stems from standing in a situation where people experience that all is good and the future is open.

The profound function of a Town Meeting is to allow the sense of community to recapture the imagination of the general public.

The profound function of a Town Meeting is to alter and enliven an individual's relationship to himself, his neighbor, his nation, his world and to the Mystery itself.

Town Meeting is a profound happening in which a community with diverse people and background can come together and experience that it is possible to deal with their problems and just demonstrate their care for the world.

The profound function of Community Forum is to release local people to have permission to stand in the complexity of their existence, while at the same time providing them with tools, and a practical vision of how to live and work in their community as it is renewed before their eyes.

Profound function of Town Meeting is to permit people to see themselves participate in articulating the consensus of the community's needs and new directions.

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Town Meeting is out to signal to the world the commitment of our lives, fortunes, resources toward the new order relative to the world society; in short, to dare to struggle, dare to be a demonstration nation.

Town Meeting reveals consensus, thereby releasing the possibility of practical, concrete action by which men may self-consciously direct their destinies -- not for the sake of their own lives but for the sake of the total journey of humanness.

The profound function of Town Meeting is making grassroots people realize that they can control their destiny and care for their neighbor. This happens as the process of the day demonstrates the methods that release creativity they might not have realized they had, and organizes it into effective proposals that can be implemented.

Profound function of Town Meeting is to arouse consciousness by engagement in a method that awakens the care that is every man's and puts him responsible for assuming that care through the possibilities that he sees in the positive proposals that he creates.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to release the resurgence of hope in the world which will then enable the care of every human.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to bring to awareness in each individual the fact that he has a unique heritage and gift to get into history and that he can shape the future which will call today history.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to open the possibilities for the future for community participants. It gives them hope for the future, amid the frustration of trying (and often failing) to get human tasks accomplished through established structures. It releases a renewed sense of community and possibility for cooperation.

The profound function of Town Meeting:
Mixing all ages, all ideas, all problems . . . all of Life.
Naming it . . . calling it good or bad or whatever, but daring to look at it.
Planning the future and naming it.
Celebrating all of this as the gift of the past and the gift of the future.
A Town Meeting . . . yes, a meeting of the town.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to give everyman the possibility of actually making a difference in his entire future. It is the method for carrying out his dreams and creating new ones for the kind of society he wants to live in. It is the beginning step for anyone who seriously wishes to change his situation and that of the world.

Town Meeting '76 demonstrates to local persons the method, atmosphere and setting necessary for creative and unifying decision-making.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to embrace the past and comprehensive reality of life, celebrate life and to allow people to participate in engaging life through creating the future on behalf of all.

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The profound function of the TM is to initiate the process of creating the images that will inform a community as to its future as a global community and initiate the process of the necessary practical actions that must be taken in order to become a global community. The process itself is far more critical than the products of the day.

The profound function of Town Meeting has to do with its releasing of a very caring human spirit to freedom---it invites man to responsibility for his future and those of other human beings and man is ready to say yes to that.

Profound function of Town Meeting--

To remove the excuses people have used to trap themselves in an impotent stance toward the problems they see enabling them to answer the call they hear to care for the earth. It begins the journey toward caring for the globe and the local--not having to choose, not being paralyzed.

To catalyse corporate and individual happening in the lives of people whereby they articulate a consensus about the issues and practical steps for dealing with those issues.

The part after the election
The making of the chosen
Getting your toes froze off for a new day
Having the rivers open for you
Writing on the tablets.

The profound function of TM'76 is the spirit it awakens, allowing a group to turn from cynicism and despair to the possibilities of the future.

When one's capacity to create his own future seems lost or severely limited he experiences apathy and/or despair which is the root of social malaise. TM removes the limits on one's creativity, permitting significant engagement and opening up worlds of possibility. One's freedom is restored and he experiences new life. This individual happening when rendered corporate can rebuild the society of the globe.

Town Meeting 76 is a gift/vehicle offered to communities which allows local man the possibility of catching his significant role in his situation and his world. Also, it allows the emerging new leadership for collapsed structures in our present cities and towns.

The profound function of the Community Forum event has to do with demonstrating an authentic response to the demands of our times. It is done in Town Meeting in light of another turning point in history which took place 200 years ago. The methods of the forum enable every man to take a personal relationship to the future of all mankind by taking on the challenge of his local situation.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to demonstrate a process which allows people to get impact into the decision making process--that local man's voice is important--and that local issues are also national and world issues--broader vision.

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Profound function of TM/GCF:

Restors faith where there has been cynicism, recreates the historical foundation for a nation, creates the framework for working together, structures ideas for action.

Town Meeting 76 releases the creativity of common man to deal with the complexities in 20th Century life in a positive way through group dynamics, corporate consensusmaking such that he can be jarred out of his apathy and complacency and reengage in society.

The Town Meeting is a happening which enables the participant to see a demonstration of the way people enjoy being effective in dealing with the serious issues which affect the quality of life of every man on the globe today. A town meeting is on day journey into the satisfaction of the real "good life."

Awakens people--they become aware, conscious that they still care deeply about fellow human beings and gives them a way to concretely move toward dealing with the innocent suffering in their community.

The TM format almost forces local man (each participant) to think and express himself from this activity and the feedback shows him his care and his ability to do more than be thought possible. TM also reveals to each person the care of the other. TM is a beginning in wiping out cynicism and returning to faith.

One of the functions of TM76 is to give those who plan and 'pull off' that event the Experience of possibility in action rather than that of ineffectivity and hopelessness.

Town Meeting is a day in the life of a community when local citizens are 'given back' their community as it is with all its problems and gifts, with themselves at the center of it with all their creativity and prayers, to take care of and to create it in a fresh and exciting 20th Century context, with all its complexity and urgency.

We've come thru a 'knowing' time with RSI's and a full Academy curriculum and a LENS course. Now we are in a time of 'doing our knowing', thus the Town Meeting does in one day what our entire curriculum teaches. Its profound function is to give a form to the world through which groups can make decisions about living in community. After this big 'do' there will be a time for more knowing to give a rational framework through which to appreciate the experience.

Permit individual persons to find means for participating and expressing feelings and opinions in living in a society group. Encourage further feeling of being responsible for his actions in that group.

Provides a time when people of all beliefs, cultures, and other differences get together over a common table and through the workshop methods are lead beyond their individuality into corporate decision making which opens up the radical possibility for dealing with the now and the future.

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The profound function of GCF is to give authentic voice to local man which not only deals with his cynicism but lays squarely on his shoulders the responsibility of creating community.

Town Meeting exposes a person's universal care, his unlimited relationship and practical responsibility. He senses that history is a creative act and not a deterministic response. Never again can he experience discussion of issues without being reminded of the process that enabled his wisdom to be honored, forged and refined.

The profound function of a Town Meeting is to expose the possibilities within a community for care and engagement and to demonstrate that consensus is a workable reality that will release the new self stories and roles for every citizen.

The Will to be One: one people, one community is what lies underneath Global Community Forum. If people have not decided that the social separation they experience needs to be named and cut over against, they will not do a GCF. That is why the Sponsors' group - the Steering Committee, is so important. They become the believers, the evangelists, as they work together to set up a Forum.

To alter images from that of victims and non-participants to that of we can creatively and concretely care.

It is the occasion in which local people dramatically symbolize what they intuitively know: Local man will build the new earth by using what he's got with whom he's got, starting right here in his own community - otherwise there will be no new earth created.

To create in the minds of the participants and others involved a vision of hope for their future and the future of their community and the world.

The profound function of TM is its ability to awaken participants to their inner and often unrecognized self. It provides a method for caring; rekindles hope.

To recreate the possibility in each man's mind that he himself can live his own life significantly and that he can decide for himself his own destiny. This is done by the "happening" dynamics of the TM (CFC) rather than by anything that comes out at the end of the day's forum, i.e., proposals. That is to say, the symbol is more important than the practical.

To deliver to society the realization that each of its elements, down to the single participant in Town Meeting, can engage actively in the construction of a new cooperative society. This is the profound function of Town Meeting.

Re-introduce the possibility of grassroots involvement in creating the new structures that will emerge from our impending economic collapse.

The Town Meeting preferably awakens a diverse gathering of people to the depth meaning of their own lives as contributors to community. People are brought together to affirm the community's past through stories, song, and symbols. They are given the opportunity to objectively look at their situation or challenges and articulate hope - a way to carve out the future. Hence they experience themselves as "those who care".

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A pastor of a large downtown church told of this incident. After a Sunday service, a middle-aged woman extended her hand to him at an exit and said, "I just love your sermons, but the church is not friendly. This is my third Sunday to come here and no one has spoken to me." The pastor said to her, "If you've been here three Sundays, you're an old-timer. Stand here and join me in greeting the people passing through." Town Meeting brings out this kind of decision. Do we keep complaining because no one does anything or do we do something for the community?

Town Meeting is an initial step toward the transformation of the form of political engagement. It cuts across the huge, impersonal, over-bureaucratic systems which are stifling individual efforts to participate in the social process. It allows grass-roots creativity to be released, to the benefit of the whole society.

Town Meeting is a demonstration of the possibility of the grassroots citizen making a positive and creative contribution to this community through simple methods that honor his thinking, enable him to reach a new depth in his perception of his situation and its potentials, effectively synthesize and harmonize varying viewpoints and free the intuitive wisdom of the local citizen.

To demonstrate to a community the reality that they can effectively consense on and practically deal with the issues facing them. This engenders a sense of confiding in the group, begins to build a feeling of community and a willingness to develop a positive vision of the future.

The profound function of a Town Meeting is to enable all the citizens of a specific area to draw together, discuss community and personal problems as these effect everyone; this decided through consensus and the means for doing same.

The profound function of the Town Meeting '76 is to catalyze grassroots engagement in the social processes. Fulfilled engagement is set free by using the social process triangles to structure human spirit.

Town Meeting '76 releases the innate capacity of persons to experience the depth consciousness of their own lives and their fellow human beings, by focussing on the situation rather than the problems of human existence.

Town Meeting is a divisive force: it separates the sheep from the goats, the talkers from the doers, the ones who think they care and have always been doing something from the ones who know they care and have always wanted to do something but didn't know how.

When "Mr. Anyman" attends a meeting that conveys a total apprehensive feeling of what that meeting is probably about to a new found interest and leadership in the community, we have Town Meeting in action.

The most profound result from a Town Meeting is the knowledge gained by local men that they can be "experts", that structures are available for them to systematically analyze and begin to solve problems in their community that are important to them; that they have the knowledge and expertise sufficient for a grassroots problem-solving sort of democracy to work in their community; and finally that the resources exist in every community to best solve their own problems locally.

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The profound function of Town Meeting is to allow individuals to struggle with its common life situation and dramatize the common understanding and action required.

The profound function of community forum is to deepen (make deeper) the dialogue among the persons and groups in our society. To create face to face situations in which various divergent groups and persons can interact. To give a person a feeling of participation in decision making through plan formulation.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to glorify God by expressing our love and concern and by rising our abilities to shape the world and work together as brothers and sisters.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to reveal the humanness of individuals and society, the future possibilities of all mankind, a way to shake off ancient prejudices. To give people simple methods (aptitude) to approach the life situation.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to plant the seed spontaneously through-out the U.S.A. of what the New-American dream is all about. That being to rebuild the earth through local community and local man being the one set free to create the destiny of his community, with the latest edge tools equipping him and his fellow-man, so that we can better deal with the suffering of the total globe. As we assign ourselves there, training begins at home.

The releasing of people and giving of permission to decide what the issues are and what needs to be done about them, then making specific plans to implement those decisions is the profound function of community forum. In the process of doing the above, also releasing each individual to live his life meaningfully and purposefully.

The profound function of Town Meeting '76 is to allow different facets of a community to come together and to provide them with the tools and methods to define their problems and to offer solutions; but more than that it is showing them that each individual is responsible for working with others to improve the quality of human life for all.

The profound function of the Town Meeting, when it truly comes off as an authentic event in a community,, is that it demonstrates in an understandable way to those who participate that every local man can become significantly engaged in creating the future for himself, his nation and the world. In doing this, Town Meeting releases people to be "Those Who Care" in their particular situation.

The Town Meeting dynamic enables participants to transcend the particularity, partisanship and separation which characterizes both private and corporate functioning and releases the hope and joy which have been imprisoned.

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The profound function of a town meeting is to disclose the facticity of the statement that everyman cares by allowing the participant to articulate both the locus of their concern and their vision of the renewal of human community.

The event of Town Meeting '76, which includes the weeks of set-up and the day itself, is a sign of hope in a cynical society. People experience themselves working together to build a common vision and to ground that vision in practical proposals. Sociologically, the dynamics of TM-76 are creatively activating the 9 pressure points of the social process like no other event yet in existence.

The profound function of TM is to pronounce absolution on the past mistakes and the present situation and to thus allow a corporate building of a consensus as to the future direction of local and national creativity.

The profound function of a Town Meeting is to allow a majority of a people to create the structures and the style of life they will be living in the future. Town Meeting allows all people to participate in this creativity, not just the rich, the rulers, and the elite.

The profound function of the Town Meeting, of Global Community Forum, is to provide a vehicle and opportunity for every participant to experience resurrection/renewal/rebirth, for those who engage fully will see, will die to themselves and to the group and be born again...sometime between 3 and 5 PM!

What is the profound function of a Town Meeting? To enable a group of individuals to move from cynicism to a community of people that see hope in the future and for their lives.

What is the profound function of TM '76? To break down the images people operate out of that do not enable them to see that they are responsible for how their lives are spent in relationship with others in enabling humanness.

To give to every man, woman and child a chance to shape tomorrow. To take a step backwards in history, when what people thought was important...

The profound function of Town Meeting is to awaken every local citizen and community to the fact that he can act out his care and participate in today's social situation in an effective, responsible way with his brothers across the world, and have a good time doing it.

The profound function of a Town Meeting is to allow every local man to get his concerns into history. People who have never before had the opportunity, now can say what needs to be done in their community.

The profound function of a T/M is to place participants in the self-consciousness of the human situation which is in a tension between freedom from life and obedience to life; thereby making them aware of themselves as potentially responsible entities the ultimate of humanness. That's why they finally like it.

Town Meeting is the discontinuous happening of primal community. It is an event so constructed that it may be an occasion of grace for each participant should he choose to receive it. Individual blocks and issues are transformed into the common struggle of the community and for some into the transparency of the journey of meaning.

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The profound function of a Town Meeting is one of awakening for a community of people to care is possible. That there is untouched ideas dormant and need to be expressed. The Town Meeting helps to take the gifts of our past and put a new thrust into the future of that community if they decide.

Town Meeting has had the effect of creating a vehicle for persons to evolve their own participation in determining their future. It also has clearly demonstrated how much can be accomplished within a short period of time if the correct methods and personal commitment is made.

TM provides a community happening that allows the participants to discover there are those who care and a vehicle that will enable them to practically act out that care collectively.

Town Meeting demonstrates to participants that people care, that community "adversaries" can work together on problems; that solutions can be found; and, finally, that people are not powerless.

It awakens in the participants, enabler and planners the possibility and means for every one regardless of the differences they have, to participate in discerning and planning their own future as creators of that future rather than the victims who are bounced around by fate.

To provide a vehicle through which the corporate wisdom of local man can be implemented to help shape his own destiny.

I would see the profound function in a Town Meeting to show people a positive sign of how corporateness and consensus can function. The other possibility it gives to people are insights on national issues which possibly they had never considered. Lastly, those who show signs of enthusiasm and interest, are potential RS-1 recruits because it seems not everyone is that potential an RS-1 recruit.

A corporate event experience which awakens one out of individual cynicism into a common excitement over the future, and an awareness that no one person or community need every be victim to any system or circumstance; but, indeed, can carry out its God-given responsibility to its people, its nation, and the world.

The function of a Town Meeting is to bring together those people who care for community/world and equip them with the necessary tools to express that care corporately and individually.

A town meeting is an opportunity to bring together a community in a way which possibly is unique to them. For at least this one occasion, all the factions and organizations discover a common concern - the future of their community and nation. It allows persons to expend their area of thinking and acting.

TM demonstrates trust and confidence in humanity, attaining tools for the solution of community perceived problems, thus establishing hope for the future.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to allow the sense of community and corporateness to become visible and viable. This same sense then becomes a facet of reflection for each participant.

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1. To enable a disparate group to work together for a common goal.
2. To provide a basis upon which a community can enter the 3rd century of American Independence.
3. To unlock the thoughts of a community as the possible tasks confronting it:

The profound function of a Town Meeting is 2-fold: First of all it brings about a deeper awareness of their local community and their relationship to it. Secondly it offers a vision for their future--and for the future of civilization -- bringing about new hope.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to enable people, as a corporate group, to see that they are responsible and can make decisions that affect the future of their community, city, nation, and world.

Profound function of TM is to allow a body of people to name the indicative (their situation), then decide how to relate to this situation ('how to change it') and then to celebrate their situation and their hope for the future.

The Town Meeting allows the unheard members of society to illustrate their wisdom to the total community as well as to themselves.

TM'76 gets many existing groups planning together for bringing off a happening in their community for the whole community. Participating in the day's events yields new corporate methods and products within a new framework of existing caring groups. Individuals relate unique concerns and find their concerns and cares can be shared by all.

...the release of common wisdom
...the recognition of the contribution offered up by every man
...the realization that every life is unique and that as part of a whole body the journey of one man is the journey of all men.

The format is a vehicle which allows local citizens to discover that their concerns are not uniquely their own but point to a universal care in everyone. Similarly that people with like concerns can propose practical actions to meet challenges which do not have to depend on experts for implementation. Local man gets a glimpse of the latent, emerging power of the grassroots.

The profound function of Town Meeting is mass awakening. Within this mass awakening the structure of the Town Meeting transforms people's lives through a balanced process of knowing, doing, and being. The spins are the knowing dimension, the workshops the doing or action component and the interlude, plenary, and singing throughout the day are the celebrational or being dimension. The workshop structures of challenge, proposal, and corporate response, provide ontological healing to people's lives through rehearsal of life limits, possibilities, and free creation of the future. Town Meeting is a peek into the embryonic form and style of the new social vehicle. Town Meeting is a dramatization of the fact that mankind shapes his own future.

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A secular demonstration of everyman meaningful participation in a comprehensive plan to meet man's needs and. . .

A religious demonstration of the "greatest commandment" to love the comprehensive God, your every neighbor across the globe and your every self through corporate care to enable men to transcend his situation and live his life creatively.

The Town Meeting is a tool for mass awakening to a global context. Persons throughout the globe are called to operate out of their freedom to be responsible for their local actions as these relate to the globe. Local men and women are finding a forum for their ideas, their dreams, their creative response to the challenges of life today.

Global Community Forum is that activity whereby a group which has previously thought of itself as separated individuals, discovers that they are in fact a community of colleagues, each with their own vision, but corporately there with the power to forge a creative future.

In the initial phases, before the actual event, there is an invitation to say yes to trusting in the possibility of corporately consenting on how it is we can recover strength in the social fabric. On the day itself there is that healing experience that allows renewal of human spirit. In the ensuing days there is that opportunity for reflection that allows for the reinforcement of hope in present life and in the future.

The profound function of the Town Meeting is to bring people together. The participants bring with them all their individual hopes for the present and future, all born out of their individual past histories. Not only do they see those hopes related to a larger hope for mankind. The Town Meeting experience develops a common mind.

The Town Meeting actually demonstrates corporate decision making and effective social engagement thereby addressing the underlying paralysis, cynicism or victimism prevalent in our time. One finds the blocks to creativity removed--he finds he IS a creative human being.

T.M. is a vehicle born of human struggle to invent a way to grasp the significance of living with neighbor. The vehicle pushes one into the crunch of confrontation with the possibility of emerging free men reborn with that insight and awareness that all of life is called to be lived in that intensity. TM demonstrates that life is a mystery to be lived and not a problem to be solved.

The profound function of the Town Meeting is to recreate the structural dynamics of polity across the world and to do so in whatever sociological forms these are acted out so that a new form of human community may begin to arise, one which transcends ideological and cultural differences and returns to every man an authentic sense of excitement about his grounding in the local situation and his responsibility for the globe.

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The profound function of Town Meeting is to allow people at all levels to feel that they are important, that they are getting their contribution into shaping the future of their country. This makes them feel worthwhile in a way that their jobs can't satisfy or their families.

The profound function of Town Meeting is to awaken within people an awareness of the gifts they have been given and of the possibilities their lives contain to enhance the lives of others.