

PANCHAYAT WORKING NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1. 1978-79 commissioning was to visit every House around the globe.
2. The greatness of the visits
  - claimed and shining space
  - global decor functioning as global glue
  - youth clusters
  - everyone looked great
3. Sings of danger
  - paranoia as tendency to capitulate to the standpoint of critics
  - sequentialism as doing one thing after another rather than a swirl
  - lots of being that was other than the intensification of knowing and doing
  - Daily Office with forgotten rubrics

I. THE THREE AMAZEMENTS

1. The Local Constituency Around the World

- readiness at the local level
- nothing to do with us
- readiness for methods

e.g. Walking in village of Chikale, India, saw on an open patio a collegium table and blackboard.

Two women from Gibson were overheard saying, "Gibson won't be done until we deal with the sub-standard housing in this town"

The Question: How to transmit spirit prowess to keep the vision alive and resolve firm?

2. The World Frame

- necessary to do all levels
- need to find ways to deepen the frame constantly, such as July 25 event
- frame is umbrella, not a parachute
- key clout on extended trips is a tremendous tactic

e.g. Visit to Minister of Health, Australia to pick up grant check. He had one of our internal self-support documents on his desk. He commented, "I did not know you had a project in Siberia!" Later that week we made an appointment to see him. In a matter of hours Sir Roger Darvell flew from Melbourne to Canberra to accompany us on that call as the authorization needed to release that grant.

Mrs Eleanor Beddell, whose husband is a US Congressman, accompanied the Panchayat on a portion of the India visitation trip and subsequently has set up a GWF in Washington DC, September 18.

The Question: In the midst of documentation, how articulate the human factor?

3. The Global Movement

- our guardians are ready for a more disciplined engagement with us
  - we have a grassroots ecumenism that perhaps we are the only ones around the world who have the privilege to participate in.
  - constitutes a "problem" for us but the best problem we have ever had
  - we do need common spirit methods; that does not mean that an abstract liturgical approach is the answer.
- e.g. 27 guardians accompanied the Panchayat and many more were present at movemental events  
letters arrive daily with people offering their services  
volunteers are showing up everywhere  
600 in auxiliaries in India and the Philippines

The Question: What is the vessel that will care for the totality of who we are?

II. WHAT WE NEED TO DO --- FUTURIC INTENTS

1. Where we are going

- we are learning how to give form to villages and urban communities around the world, but tools, methods and programs for doing every village have not yet emerged...
  - Replication: breakthrough in training, organization and actuation
  - HDTs/3-week training schools
  - Cluster experiments around Sudtonggan and Langub--no resident auxiliary
- continue to expand on what is clear--maintain the deliberate perceptual gap between our vision and current programs
- a replication project in each sphere seems likely, perhaps Kenya or Zambia

2. Towards presence in 54 areas

- we operate out of our own picture of the world--revolutionary
- we need to look seriously at our grids--particularly Europe, SEAPAC, and it has been suggested, North America
- first criteria for expansion is area coverage
- what does strategic expansion look like?
- what projects are we going to "leave"?

3. Towards strategic permeation of the Established Structures

- go in depth with Town Meeting/GWF/CYF/LENS in the areas
- GWF in national capitals where we are to awaken 15% women
- CYF in education structures
- LENS with corporations
- transrational planning with global calendar as corporate glue

4. Towards Re-empowering/Reconstituting the Religious House

- Religious House has come back in style as wayside inn.
- Image: Sacred Ground
- Religious House is our future, would be a mistake to close any down
- Religious Houses are the demonstration, the presence that calls forth service
- we need seasoned priorship; there are people in many places ready to move into priorship roles

5. Towards a New Form of Global Resource Distribution

- intentionalize assignments relative to training and exposure:
  - 2 years in a House; 2 years in a HDP; 2 years in centrum;
  - 2 years as a permeator
- deal with the Trust/Task funds
- look at the global stipend construct; who does that?
- six year experiment of Student House at an end; what is its role?
- what is the future of the Youth Clusters in the projects?

6. Towards Articulation of the Global Myth Factor

- myths and fables spring up out of the local situation
- the articulation of these relates to the New Human Story

III. BALLOONS

1. 1980 Council

- think through the practices of holding Global Order Council in Mexico City, Caracas or somewhere with low visibility
- as we approach the Third Millennium we might choose to write a new Manifesto

2. Assignment Fruit Basket

- we have gotten into a "climbing-the-ladder" mentality
- every assignment is of equal weight in our mission
- first among equals in one Centrum at Chicago Nexus a woman
- there is no such thing as noble and ignoble work for us

3. Nexus Rationale

- time to decrease the number assigned to Chicago Nexus--perhaps to 120
- increase the number assigned to the other Nexus to 12

4. Global 6pm Prayers

- might think about creating a global prayer room
- the form of 6 o'clock prayers would be such that anyone could lead them

5. Replication Model

- the southern sphere will most likely be the next to do replication
- in the continent of Africa both Zambia and Kenya are ready.

6. Convergence

- convergence will be a reality next year with HDPs doing TM and TM producing demonstration (not HDP) communities

7. Urban Probes

- the time is right to move on the urban, there were significant probes last year

8. Panchayat Presence

- this is the year for the Panchayat to devise methods and screens for learning how to keep on top of the task globally
- three members of the Panchayat need to be in the cubicle in Chicago Nexus at all times
- in the next two years a four-year rotation for visiting the Houses will be formed
- recommendation for this year is that the Panchayat visit areas in Quarter III; not an area council, but a meeting with representatives from each of the Houses to brood on the total mission.