Elder-Corps™

A Life-Learning & World-Wide Service Initiative







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solutions for people who weren't born yesterday

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Vision

Elder-Corps™ rekindles the inspiration of the Kennedy years. It calls upon the generation who came of age then to re-fire their lives and reinvest their talents and re-build bridges of collaboration with younger generations. President John F. Kennedy inspired us with his call: "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." In this spirit, Elder-Corps™ now challenges all of us: "Ask not what the Earth can do for you. Ask what you can do for Earth and humanity at this critical time in our history."



Mission

The Elder-Corps™ is an idea whose time has come. It builds on the sense of purpose and meaning that birthed the great social movements of the mid-20th century, movements that sought solutions to the challenges of human rights, civil rights, woman's rights, hunger, economic disparity, addiction and environmental degradation.

It is dedicated to carrying these initiatives forward using the skills and experience of the Second Half of Life generations at this time when so many social advancements are now being called into question. The Second Half of Life generations have a crucial role yet to play.

a future worthy of our true humanity



Elder-Corps is . . .

an international educational and service organization dedicated to:

• Providing GenXers, Boomers, Elders and members of younger generations with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and invest their wisdom, experience and talents in global projects that can contribute to a world of greater peace, prosperity and sustainability, as well as for their own well-being.

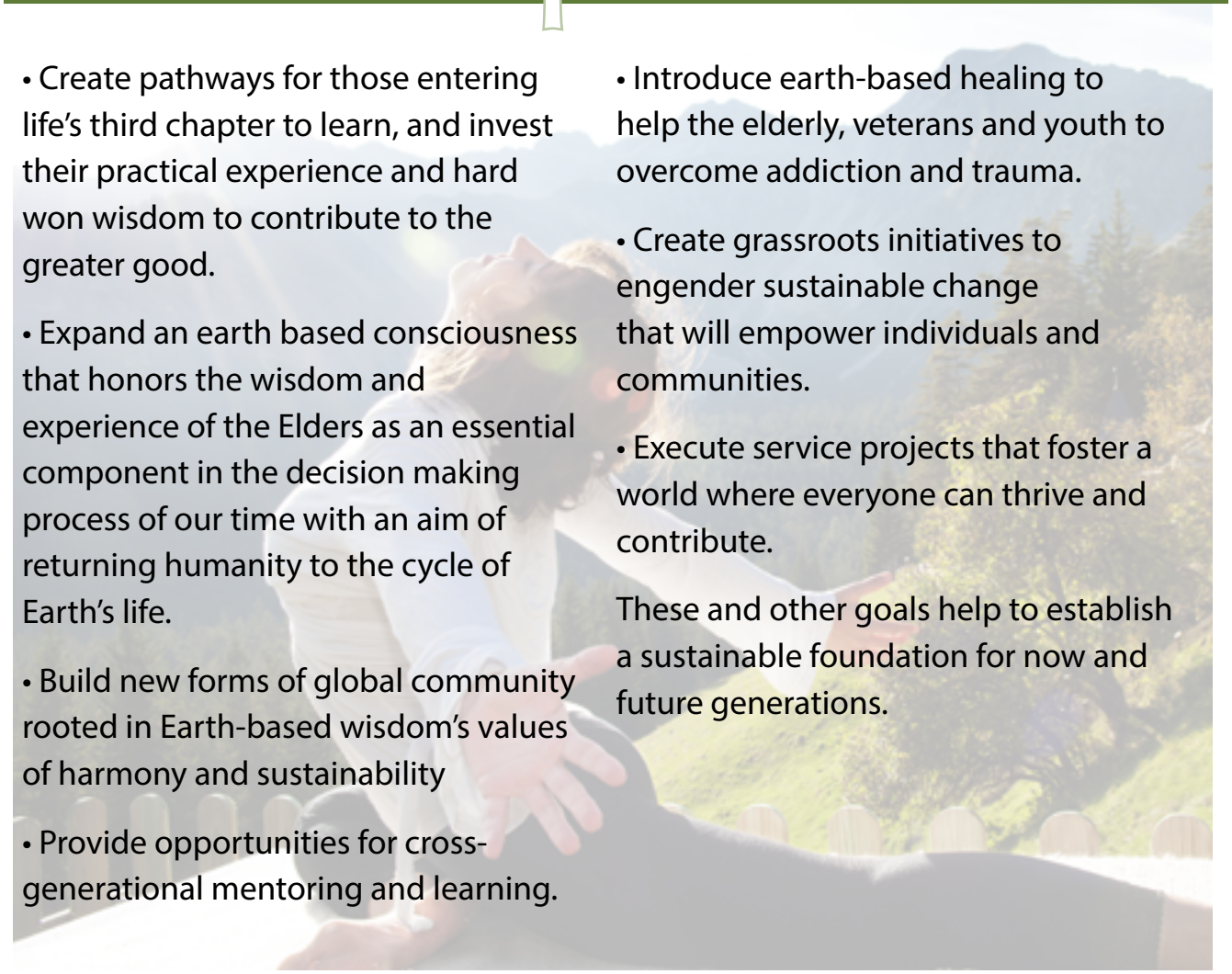
• Creating an age-friendly world committed to expanding an earth based consciousness that honors the wisdom and experience of the elders and include this as an essential component in the decision making process of our time.

• Building bridges of understanding and collaboration between the generations through the execution of projects and initiatives that help to ensure the evolution of a world in which everyone thrives and has the opportunity to live the dreams they have come here to contribute.

• Contributing to the common good by informing, educating, inspiring and engaging its staff, ambassadors, and volunteers in a wide range of work/study projects that contribute to uncovering practical and achievable solutions that meet the needs and enrich and empower people everywhere.

• Participating in continuous learning, honoring the diverse cultural traditions of the people they support, practicing the tenets of conscious living and wise aging, and demonstrating the responsibilities and values of the new global consciousness and citizenship which celebrate and promote conscious living and wise aging.

Elder-Corps™ Goals



- Create pathways for those entering life's third chapter to learn, and invest their practical experience and hard won wisdom to contribute to the greater good.
- Expand an earth based consciousness that honors the wisdom and experience of the Elders as an essential component in the decision making process of our time with an aim of returning humanity to the cycle of Earth's life.
- Build new forms of global community rooted in Earth-based wisdom's values of harmony and sustainability
- Provide opportunities for cross-generational mentoring and learning.
- Introduce earth-based healing to help the elderly, veterans and youth to overcome addiction and trauma.
- Create grassroots initiatives to engender sustainable change that will empower individuals and communities.
- Execute service projects that foster a world where everyone can thrive and contribute.

These and other goals help to establish a sustainable foundation for now and future generations.

Primary Areas of Study and Project Focus

Education/Mentorship

Elder-Corps offers quality education that provides traditional content carefully integrated with psychological and earth based consciousness. This is a great challenge here in the US and in many countries around the world today especially in this time that has been called 'the great forgetting." For this reason, the Elder-Corps and its faculty will focus on assisting individuals and communities around the world to regain this depth of educational focus. It will do so by using new educational models that blend content with consciousness, new forms of information delivery and new models of cross-generational collaboration.

This program also offers practical work/ study projects that build greater levels of community, empowerment, and sustainability.

Elder Development

In the near future, for the first time ever, 50% of people in the industrialized nations will be aged 50 and over. Meanwhile, in most parts of the industrialized world the elderly are largely being marginalized and their wisdom and experience sadly disregarded. An increasing number of Boomers/Seniors, while aging chronologically, remain vibrant intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. At the same time others risk aging chronologically but not necessarily in other areas.

Therefore a central tenet in the Elder-Corps mission is to provide older Americans with the opportunity to re-engage in learning, reconnect with a greater sense of meaning and purpose, and rejoin those who are called 'elders' and who are aging with greater consciousness. Our vision is to create an initiatory pathway in our time that will re-activate the ancient sense of what it meant to be an 'elder.'

Primary Areas of Study & Project Focus

Well Being – Addiction Recovery

Enhancing the physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual well-being of those who participate in and will be served by Elder-Corps is a primary goal. It involves creating and implementing new strategies to support and heal those who suffer from the many forms of addiction that impact life today. It includes veterans of past wars, individuals currently on active duty who suffer from addictions related to undiagnosed and untreated conditions, older Americans who have become addicted to prescriptions drugs (one of the fastest growing segments of addiction), youth at risk, and individuals in economically challenged urban environments.

New Earth Consciousness

The challenges facing our planet are substantial. Many have been exacerbated during the time that older GenXers and Boomers have been at the helm. It is only appropriate that the Elder-Corps should proactively help these generations to understand the environmental dynamics at play, deepen their appreciation for a 'new earth consciousness,' and explore alternative life strategies and steps to a sane and sustainable future. Birthing a new earth consciousness happens when we submit to the wisdom of the circle of life. Such a return is a central task of the initiated elder.

Civic Engagement/Community Development Global Citizenship

The Elder-Corps encourages and prepares students, staff and volunteers to participate in on-the-ground projects to perform their assignments based on new strategies of constructive civic engagement, community development, individual empowerment, and conscious global citizenship.

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Life Transitions

The dawning demographic revolution dramatically shifts the number of world citizens aged 50 and older alive today. It requires an equally dramatic shift in the way we view all life's transitions, especially those in the second half of life and our departure from the physical plane. The Elder-Corps™ initiative will explore new forms of second half of life initiations, and alternative strategies to assist individuals, organizations and cultures to make these transitions with greater ease and consciousness.

Legacy Development

The Elder-Corps™ initiative will evolve new legacies derived from cultural traditions, stories, oral and written histories. It defines the wisdom of elders within various traditions to help transmit information, wisdom and experience to future generations.



Elder-Corps™ Divisions

Elder Studies World-Wide Educational Curriculum: One of the primary pillars of the Elder-Corps is its deep commitment to providing continuing educations programs – both degrees and life-long learning – for all participants.

This curriculum will be presented by the adjunct faculty of Wisdom Graduate School, Ubiquity University, and by members of AgeNation's World Council of Wisdom Keepers, including some of the leading experts, authors and wisdom keepers of our time. It is committed to delivering new forms of education that integrate rigorous intellectual content with earth-based consciousness.

Elder-Corps Travel/Study Programs™: a series of programs that provide both degree and non-degree students as well as members of the general public with the opportunity to travel to unique destinations and sacred sites, immerse themselves in new cultural traditions, and participate in unique work/study projects.

Elder-Corps World-Wide Service Projects Program™: executed in collaboration with a number of national and international partners, these projects provide practical opportunities for both degree and non-degree students to invest their current skills, talents and life experience and to develop new skills that will make a positive difference in their own lives and in the lives of others. These projects may also offer opportunities for paid employment as well as volunteer engagement.

With the aim of preparing staff, champions and volunteers to successfully execute their responsibilities in Elder-Corps service

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projects, Elder Corps Training Academy™ will offer retreat experiences that focus on cultural and language orientation and the development of practical vision-driven values-based leadership skills, strategic and operational planning skills, communications and negotiation skills and more. Training will also be provided through ongoing digital programs offered by AgeNation, The Wisdom Graduate School, Ubiquity University, and other strategic partners.

The Elder-Corps Institute™ is a critical component in the Elder-Corps™ mission. The Institute will design and execute a series of symposia, conferences, retreats and workshops that bring leaders from the public, private, academic, non-profit and media sectors together with leading expert and wisdom keepers of our time to engage in unique dialogues and interactive, experiential sessions designed to identify and formulate solutions and strategies to meet the critical issues of our time.

A second mission of the Institute will be the **Elder-Corps Media Initiative™**, designed to develop a variety of media pathways that allow participants in Elder-Corps™ as well as wisdom keepers and other experts who serve as regular and adjunct faculty in the educational programs, to provide sagacious and non-partisan commentary and perspective to the general public on current events.

Blogs, digital newsletters and magazines, podcasts, social media strategies and web-TV and other forms of traditional broadcast programming and short form series for mobile applications will be among the pathways utilized.

The Elder-Corps™ Structure:
A Unique Model of Collaboration

Elder-Corps™ has been established through a unique collaboration between AgeNation, Ubiquity University's Wisdom School of Graduate Studies, The Earth Tribe, and The Age of Empowerment.

And this is only the beginning.

These organizations and other strategic partners are committed to assisting the world's aging population to write a new Third Act for humanity. The scope of the challenges as well as the opportunities being driven by the demographic revolution require new forms of public/private/academic/media and non-profit collaborations, and hence this is a fundamental focus of the Elder-Corps ™.



About
The Founding Partners

AgeNation

AgeNation is committed to assisting older GenXers, Boomers and Elders and conscious young people to live more consciously, age wisely, find solutions to the many challenges they face. We contribute to creating a more sane and sustainable world.

AgeNation serves the fastest growing audience in the world, as well as the organizations that support it and younger generations who will soon inherit responsibility for our world.

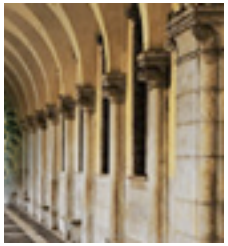
It provides relevant, trustworthy news and information; a range of innovative entertainment and educational programs; a data/resource center to help them to better navigate the future; economic and engagement opportunities; products and services; and consulting and coaching support to help them prosper in the brave new world that lies ahead.

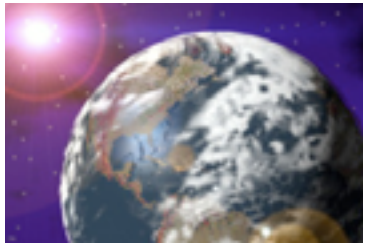
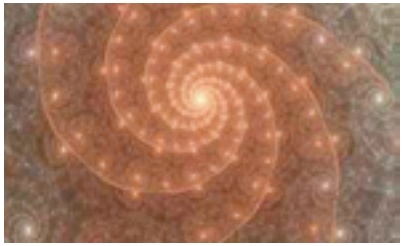
AgeNation's has five operating verticals: AgeNation.com , AgeNation Radio Network; AgeNation Publishing; NEXT, a national digital magazine; AgeNation Live; and AgeNation Consulting.

Ubiquity University

Ubiquity University has been established as a global education and technology platform company dedicated to establishing a new standard of excellence in education. Its mission is to provide whole brain/whole system learning at radically affordable prices worldwide. Ubiquity currently offers graduate degrees through its Wisdom School of Graduate Studies and plans to initiate its BA and MBA programs for the

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2015 academic year. It is designed as a global university and will launch its full complement of undergraduate and graduate programs with country partnerships in Asia, European Union, Africa, Russia, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East.

The Wisdom School of Graduate Studies

The Wisdom School of Graduate Studies within Ubiquity University is dedicated to catalyzing personal and professional renewal within the context of granting academic degrees. The Wisdom School offers Masters and Doctoral programs, and welcomes wisdom seekers everywhere who seek graduate degrees or simply wish to audit its courses. Its programs are designed to enable students to explore the deeper dimensions of themselves within the living universe in which all of us breathe and have our being.

The Wisdom School's uniqueness lies in the way it combines intellectual discernment, creative expression, and personal development in the pursuit of wisdom in its many forms as a way of life. It is in this spirit that it is honored to work with Age Nation and others to establish the Elder Corps.

How You Can Participate

As Individuals

Receive advance information on the Elder Studies Curriculum, Travel Study Programs, Related conferences and on-line offerings and World-Wide Service Projects.

As Potential Strategic Partners

Learn about ways your organization can become part of the Elder-Corps network, support various programs and projects and help design new programs and projects.

As Corporate and Private Donors

If you or your organization catches the spirit of the innovative, world-wide initiative and are interested in sponsoring or underwriting programs, endowing academic chairs, providing scholarships or helping the Elder-Corps Institute accomplish its multi-pronged mission.



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What is Distinctive
About the Elder Corps






Numerous initiatives and organizations are dedicated to empowering people as they enter their full maturity.

All are important in their own way. Too long the world has wondered through chaos without the benefit of our elder wisdom keepers.

We are committed to renewing the ancient practice of entering council with seasoned wise people to shine a light of awareness on, and to take action in, critical areas of common concern.

What is distinctive about the Elder-Corps™ is that we are grounded in an earth-based approach to living and healing. Our vision begins with understanding that humanity is not distinct from but part of the web of life. Our pathway to Eldership involves aligning ourselves with natural systems and rhythms and reconnecting with the unique mission that each of us is born to contribute.

Our empowerment will not come if we simply continue to ask what the Earth can do for us. It will come only when we ask what we can do for the Earth.

2015 Launch Elements

Elder-Corps International Digital Summit – March 28-29, 2015

A free, two day on-line summit that will introduce the Elder-Corps Program and many of the Wisdom Keepers who will be serving as both core and adjunct faculty.

Each will each participate in a 30 to 45 minute interview or deliver a talk of similar length on a primary theme or subject area related to the curriculum.

Elder-Corps International Webinar Series – April 7-May 12, 2015

The Elder-Corps Webinar Series will be offered on a bi-weekly basis. Each month will focus on a major topic or theme that will be a part of the Elder Studies Curriculum. Each webinar will feature one or more of the wisdom keepers.

International Elder-Corps Annual Conference – October 2,3,4, 2015

This innovative 3-day event will feature a number of the Wisdom Keepers who serve as core and adjunct faculty for the Elder-Corps Studies Program. There will be special opening and closing events (entertainment, special receptions, media events, etc) as well as key notes at major meals, meditation, yoga, exercise sessions both morning and evening, films, panels, cross generational dialogues and events, open forums and much more. Degree credit and CEUs will be available to all participants. Additional details, location, etc will be determined during the pre-production and planning period. The conference will be offered for

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academic credit by the Wisdom Graduate School at Ubiquity University.

Winter Elder-Corps Studies Retreats (Teotihuacan, Mexico & Other Destinations) - Oct 2015

A minimum of three 4-to-5 day programs will be offered by Wisdom University/AgeNation core and adjunct faculty and staff on site in Teotihuacan.

These programs will leverage AgeNation's and Wisdom's relationship with the Dreaming House and Teotihuacan site, as well as other destination locations of particular merit and appeal.

These programs will be offered for degree credit and CEUs. These programs can be expanded to other locations and other seasons in 2016 and beyond.

Quarterly Elder-Corps Institute Leadership Gatherings - Mar/July/ Sept/Dec 2015-2016

A unique aspect of the Elder-Corp Program will be an annual series of quarterly Leadership Gatherings. These gatherings will bring wisdom keepers together with key leaders and decision-makers from the private, public, academic, media and non-profit sectors at unique locations that are conducive to quality dialogue and interaction.

During these gatherings, key wisdom keepers will deliver talks and serve as moderators, observers and participants on formal and informal panels and strategic dialogues. These gatherings will allow participants to identify the challenges of our time, alternative solutions and practical

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implementation plans, with specific focus on their areas of interest and responsibility.

Each of the quarterly gatherings will be videotaped. White papers and video summaries will be prepared and distributed to include **next steps**, **alternative scenarios**, **projected costs**, **milestones**, and **roles and responsibilities**.

Initial list of Wisdom Keepers/ Regular and Adjunct Faculty who will be invited to participate in the launch of The Elder-Corps

Jean Houston, Gregg Braden, Deepak Chopra, Raymond Moody, Stanislav Grof, Mark Nepo, Michael Meade, Paul Ray, Hazel Henderson, Thomas Moore, Caroline Myss, Sonia Choquette, David Whyte, Andrew Harvey, Roshi Joan Halifax, Ervin Lazlo, David Suzuki, Natalie Goldberg, Jack Kornfield, Pema Chodron, Larry Dossey, Robert Thurman, Gladys McGarey, Lee McCormick, Gary Zukav & Linda Francis, Marianne Williamson, and Jean Shinoda Bolen.

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