



Emerging Ecology

Program Report to ICA International

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Emerging Ecology's work focuses on developing ways to ensure that the ICA's long tradition remains relevant and effective in the 21st Century.

For several years we conducted research seminars to understand the unique characteristics of the current situation. When we considered the special importance of ecological concerns today, we realized the need to expand the Social Process Triangles to include both the Environment and the Interior Disciplines. We also realized that the human species is on a journey from living in villages to living in a global urbanized community. This work led us to the understanding that the task today involves building local communities that live in a mutually enhancing relationship between Planet and People. Much of this contextual work is available on our website at www.EmergingEcology.org/worldviewssalons.

One practical way that Emerging Ecology fosters the journey into a global community has been through our partnership with ICA India's Adivasi Ashram Shalla in Chikhale Village. We have provided some financial support for maintaining their facility. We also conduct regular interchanges between high school students in North Carolina and students in Chikhale. Last year's conversations were primarily done using WhatsApp since many of the students at both schools have smartphones. We especially celebrate Chikhale Village's first female university-level engineering graduate, Nilam Mahale. She did all her primary education at Chikhale, participated in the first rounds of the global classroom and has now completed her university education at Mumbai University. You can find out more about the global classroom at www.EmergingEcology.org/globalclassroom.

In late 2018, Emerging Ecology arranged a grant from the Fulbright Foundation to support a curriculum consultant to spend 40 days working with the Chikhale school faculty to develop ways to enhance the employability of the school's graduates. He completed his work and the report will be available soon.

This year we have begun a project called Enlivening Neighborhoods. This will involve six demonstration neighborhoods using ICA methods to create signs of hope in Guilford County. More information about this project is available on our website at www.EmergingEcology.org/neighborhoods. We are also working actively with the ICA Global Archives project to make historic wisdom available on-line and to provide up-to-date contexts that help contemporary users benefit from ICA's long and productive history. Emerging Ecology is building on 50 years of ICA-related activity in our state. We are documenting how these various programs and perspectives have led to building the team of committed and motivated people we are working with today.

Our 7-member board meets annually in the spring and fall, we maintain our tax-exempt status and have money in the bank for future programs. An executive committee coordinates our all-volunteer staff.

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