

# FirebirdSpirit.org

HOPE GENERATOR for people and churches

MISSION



Helping people and groups find hope through the movement of the Firebird Spirit

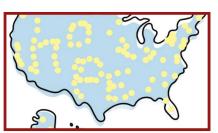
A Network of Faith, Hope & Love in the 21st Century

METHOD



Living the creative, supportive, inclusive and hope-filled relationships of early faith communities in our world today

MODEL



Connecting individuals and Acts of Faith as an Evolving Way of transformative life

### OUR GOAL ...

... is to be a transformational hope generator working both with individuals and with groups to create the Beloved Community as a 21st-century evolutionary Way of the Spirit.





For all Progressively Minded Seekers!

Connecting individuals and resourcing existing churches seeking to become hope generators in the model of Jesus and the first-century church.

## **OUR PRINCIPLES ...**

(for a more fulsome expansion of these, please visit our website)

#1 ::: All people are beloved of a Universal Presence (called by many different names) whose essence is within each of us and which longs to be in relationship with humanity and all of Creation.

#2::: As we grow in that relationship, we become more aware of the Oneness connecting every living thing. We refer to this as the Beloved Community.

**#3** ::: The Creator's Presence is another name for Love, and Love wins in the end.

#4 ::: The Beloved Community is connected by the movement of the Spirit calling us to act with compassion as we work for just and equitable standards for all.

**#5 :::** The Way of Jesus began with a collection of people from different cultures and communities. Our Firebird Community is a version of the 1<sup>st</sup>-century church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**#6 :::** We are committed to *seeing* each other, *respecting* each other, *listening*, and *being present* to each other. People of good faith can disagree without being disagreeable.

**#7**::: The Spirit is always present, inviting (but not forcing) us to be our best selves through constantly seeking, learning, adjusting and growing.

#8::: Jesus and others came to show us the Ways/Paths to be in relationship with Spirit and to grow along our spiritual journey in the Beloved Community.

## WE ARE ...

- ♦ A COMMUNITY OF HOPE
- ♦ AUTHENTIC
- **♦ JUSTICE-LOVE SEEKERS**

## YOU MIGHT BE ONE OF US IF YOU

- ✓ Answer "none of the above" when asked your religion;
- ✓ Like Jesus but are tired of judgment and fear sermons;
- ✓ Believe that questions are good things;
- Don't necessarily identify as
   Christian but appreciate that
   Jesus was counter-cultural;
   OR You love Jesus but
   people around you don't seem
   to be acquainted with the
   same Jesus that you are;
- Are tired of how things are, and believe in the power of Hope to bring new life and new possibilities.

# JOIN US FOR ONLINE CONVERSATIONS, CLASSES, WORSHIP, COMMUNITY and GROWTH.

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A first century model of the Beloved Community for the twenty-first century world!



CONTACT US TO EXPLORE WITH YOU WHERE THE FIREBIRD IS LEADING YOU.

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Firebird Spirit is not necessarily a replacement for your faith practices, or current community but we are open to a new definition and model for how we are called to live the Way in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

#### FIREBIRD SPIRIT ...

A creative and nurturing web for (r)evolutionary, inclusive seekers, connected as we travel on our spiritual journeys. Blending scholarship with 21<sup>st</sup> century life, we are learning, growing and supporting each other by developing and creating programs and platforms that respond to the needs and interests of our participants.

#### Building a network of Hope Generators.

As we grow, our connection with each other enhances the Beloved Community.