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## Water Conference Written Statement

Water has divine qualities that demands honor. Water is omnipresent, water has so many nexuses identified. The usual way to break things down to address global challenges does not work for water. Water has the capability to change us, to nurture: purify, teach, and lead a path that flows through life, like no other resource seen in form.

Without water, none would exist. The interconnected symphony of life support systems needs the innovation of diversity of age, the plurality of gender, geographical and location culture. To flow together beyond all that usually divides us. Coming together is integrated in World Team Now's experiential educational Ocean curricula. The motivation to give to prioritize small islands states (SIDS) or Large Ocean States (LOS) and least developed countries (LDC) regions need support.

As this next generations scales to capacity to truly serve the earth, one another, and discover what is Divine in all, especially "Living Water," what kind of life or future will be created by conscious choice? This consciousness can choose to mandate action, transboundary regulation, standards, and mandates for clean water, to drink to bath, to clean, to be Rainwater harvested ideally with equality and for greater independence.

Action is needed on the true understanding of the value and right use of power and water. The power and water nexus.

Education and teaming up to share to exchange nature base solutions, resources, for innovative resiliency is needed transformation. Starting local and going out together, pairing opposites, we can learn from the two leading regions of the UN Water Conference. Regions are leading together with the kind of resiliency that all on the planet could access learning from local watersheds Rainwater harvesting catchment to renew building code standards, which all could be universal.

Policy is key that truly benefits the public at large and with consideration of all as we embrace and integrate technology towards preservation and conservation of nature. Equality globally in a merit of waves could breed to support those who have, to freely give to those who need...

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Wisdom of a Watershed's path to the Ocean is more than merely a resource, it is a living legacy in need of protection.

Developed regions may have access to water distributed but the chemicals, and antiquated infrastructure for distribution allow pollutants and remove Water's (capitalized intentionally) nature based purity. Often water is not even noticed, and rarely valued as one of the most precious resources. LDC's challenge is often resource access distribution costing much time in collecting primarily by women and girls, knowing the value but associated negatively with tasks. Fortunately, tribal communities and regions have ritual to enforce Water's sacred value. Water policy standards and laws barring the pain of foreign, non-local or native origin.

All religions bring attention to the sacredness of Water, as transforming consciousness. Water is, a path to greater freedom, for all world cultures. How to address water issues can be informed by the spiritual aspects water plays in indigenous cultures. Let's learn the wisdom of these cultures.

Source to Ocean is capturing one huge interconnection of water. The island states are influenced by this interconnection and calls our collective attention. World Team Now is focused on Source to Ocean issues on islands. At the forefront are clean water and wastewater coastline challenges on islands like Hawaii.

Water flows, can we learn from that? Our rigid structures to address water issues does not flow. Water optimizes its flow – can we do the same? Water flow challenges man-imposed boarders and boundaries. Humanity has to be truly united to address the world's water issues.

Water calls us to adopt a share mentality. This includes the (big) data and modeling aspects of water.

Capacity development beyond boarders to collaborate for sustainable stewardship could be a mission critical part of our future. When people organized in different sectors team-up to quench one another's thirst, but by sharing what one needs-- we move collectively into a paradigm of transformation.

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