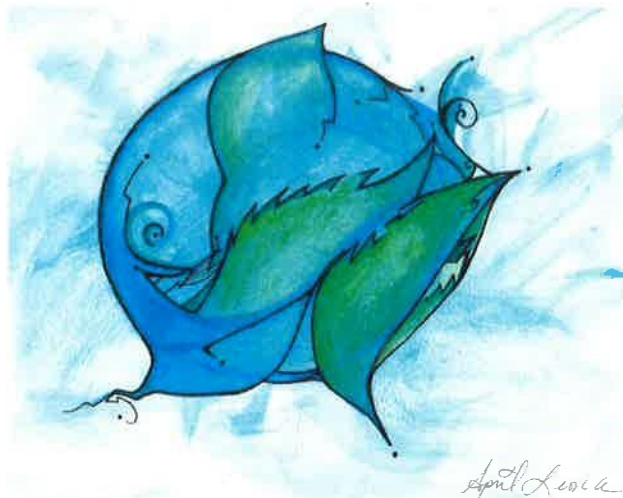


Presidents' Letter

Forward in Unity

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As we approach the five-year mark since fire changed the landscape of Harmony Grove, we reflect on who we are as a community...where we have come from, who we are now, and how Spirit will help us thrive and evolve in the coming months and years.

In May 2014, we blinked, and most of what we knew as Harmony Grove was gone. Our community was scattered, and many of those who had called these sacred grounds "home" have since crossed over.

Others needed to move on and find a place to root their lives, as it became clear that it would be a long road ahead to rebuild our physical structures.

And yet, quite literally rising from the ashes, we find ourselves still here, with a new sense of community, an evolving sense of purpose, a contingent of former residents still eager to rebuild their homes, and a membership and congregation that perhaps looks different from several years ago but is unified around a love for Harmony Grove, our principles, and individual and collective spiritual growth.

So much has changed, and yet so much remains the same.

I have been blessed to have a front-row seat to watch Harmony Grove move through many seasons in the past five years. It has been a time of healing for all of us. A time of growth, hard work, reflection, visioning and imagining our path ahead. A time of patiently waiting for our next steps to open up.

In 2019, we stand fully grounded in the present, at the precise juncture between past and future, excited for what comes next. It has been a long five years of planning, engineering, and navigating the County approval process so we may begin rebuilding physical structures to provide the scaffolding for our future. We are nearing that moment of transformation into our next phase.

Numerologically, 2019 reduces to 3, the number of the creative child. This indeed is our moment to burst forth creatively, with individual and collective purpose. The number 3 reminds us of that spark of Divinity that created us in our human form. It is a number of change, of imagination, with an eye toward growth and manifestation.

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In keeping with the number 3, this year's President's letter is a collaboration by the three of us in office since May 2014. Rev. April Cunningham led with love and compassion during and immediately after the fire; Rev. Coy Johnston led with her strength and fiery determination beginning in the summer of 2014; both laid the groundwork for me to pick up the torch in Fall 2015, and I will remain forever grateful to them and to Spirit for lighting the way forward.

With gratitude to those who came before and those who will follow,

Rev. Annette Cavender