

## Tamera Report Spring 2016

Global Love School, Turtle Island Dreaming, World Council, Walking Water

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Gigi Coyle first had contact with the project that would become Tamera in the 90's, when she brought a group of inter-species communicators and allies to 'Kairos' – a dolphin research ship in the Canary Islands. Since then, she has continued to respond to and offer invitations for collaboration.

In 2009, during the Beyond Boundaries (BB) pilgrimage, she and her partner Win, brought a group of active and engaged young people to Tamera. Since this time, there have been multiple reasons to journey across the ocean. From co-creative projects to youth rites of passage, the web between BB and Tamera has grown stronger. Seven years later, each responding to their own call, five of the original pilgrims (Will, Shay, Siri, Gigi and Krystyna) and two new young Beyond Boundarians (Tara and Justine) returned to Tamera to participate in the 2016 Global Love School.

There, we joined a global village for the largest Global Love School gathering to date and the first gathering of the World Council. As individuals we heard the call of community, to dive into personal and collective stories of love and sexuality, and to come together in the question of a new story of emergence. We responded to a sense that "something is happening here to be explored, you are part of it, you are wanted..." We came as curious young adults, middlers and young elders, researching human wholeness and carrying stories of our own hearts broken open by beauty and pain. The work we did together will ripple, through our own lives and in our walks in the world... and the incorporation has just begun.

### Global Love School

The Global Love School (GLS) was initiated by Tamera in 2012, and since that time it has been a gathering point for many of Tamera's global partners to come together each May. BB has been part of this since the beginning, with Siri and Shay as through lines. Through continuity and a strongly held field, a depth of trust and solidarity continues to be cultivated. The focus of the GLS is the same as the project of Tamera, namely, to work to create a



morphogenetic field where love can be free from fear. In Tamera, love and sexuality are seen as an integral part of global peace work, and the love school offers opportunity for those actively engaged in work on a global scale to come together and dive deeply into issues related to love, intimacy and power.

While this program welcomes people from all over the planet, this year there was a special invitation to many in the extended Beyond Boundaries network to come be part of the dreaming of a healing biotope in North America.

Gigi was invited to co-facilitate a sub-group focused on this possibility together with beloved Tameran partners of BB and Walking Water, Benjamin von Mendelsohn, director of the Grace Foundation, Vera Kleinhammes, co-founder of the Global Campus. This group of 32 became fondly known as “Turtle Island Dreaming,” a name offered by Shay that emerged in the community conversations in the Bay Area during the months following a series of shared events last autumn. Participants in the group – many already allies and friends – came from California, Oregon, Salt Spring Island, Canada, Holland, Germany, England and Tamera, each of whom felt called to be part of the listening for the vision of a Healing Biotope in North America.

We came together every day in Tamera’s Solar Test Village, a sub-project of the community focused on becoming a model for self-sufficiency in food, energy and water, autonomy and innovation. We spent the days in a mixture of forum, council, constellation work, karma yoga, dream sharing, nature connection and many other practices, which allowed the group to see one another, deepen our relationships, and come into a shared dreaming for what may be called into being through us.

Again and again we heard a clear message to listen. This group is in continuing dialogue since the GLS, and next steps and places under consideration are beginning to emerge.



At the closing in the Stone Circle, our group spontaneously gathers in prayer and song around the stone for the Transformation of America, initiated by BB in 2009.

--All Photos by Ian Mackenzie

## World Council

For some of us, the time at Tamera continued after the GLS with the World Council, an invitation to participate in the formation of a world council to support the emergence of a global healing biotope plan. There were about sixty participants who were divided into three groups: the Grace Foundation (with the focus of healing money), Water, and Information/Media.

Gigi, Krystyna, Justine and Tara were all in the Grace Foundation group, along with many who had been part of the Turtle Island Dreaming contingent. Despite the larger field of urgency and excitement that permeated the World Council, the Grace Foundation group had the gift of radically slowing down. Under the facilitation of Benjamin and Johannes, with support from Gigi, the group spent the first two days bearing witness to each participant's story with money. People spoke and were asked questions, taking a range of five to forty-five minutes to share their story. Each session began and ended with an offering of fire and water. Our first two days concluded with moving to the ocean as a group, offering some of the water from our center to the sea and making a silent prayer, individually and together, for a healed relationship with money. It was a moving convergence, and one that allowed significant time to bear witness to the energy and possibility for many to be with money in a new way focused on healing and transformation.

## Water

During the World Council, Siri became our BB 'delegate' in the Water Symposium, a group that brought together Tamera's Bernd Muller, Michal Kravcik of Slovakia, and Rajendra Singh, Stockholm Water Prize winner affectionately known as the 'Water Man of India', who participated in Walking Water last fall. Much of the content in their group focused on regenerating the small water cycle and local restorative measures. During the symposium, Michal said, "It is not about storing water, it is about bringing the rain back." Rajendra brought a proposal to do an event for peace on the Euphrates River in Syria: "We think the war in Syria is religious. It's not – it is a water war."



Rajendra Singh with water.

Another highlight in relation to water was a slideshow of Walking Water that was presented by Gigi on the final day of the Global Love School. Gigi, together with Shay and at least 15 other walkers (and cooks and coordinators), presented stories, including images and song from Walking Water, to both the Tameran and global community attending. Many in the crowd were touched, seeing similarities between the Owens Valley and the situation in their own watersheds.

In the following days, and throughout the World council, the prayer of Walking Water was deeply present in the field. Rajendra and others confirmed their participation this year in California. Gigi was called to speak to a group at Tamera, focused on regional autonomy and healing of water, who now have the dream with Berndt and Sabine of a 'Walking Water Portugal.' Together with Siri, she bore witness to their intention to walk and listen with the land of the Alentejo region, offered questions and mirrors, and created links of partnership and

support with the young people who feel called to participate in the walk.

## Continuation

In our last day together in the Love School we collected best practices for incorporation. We asked ourselves, is something more needed now, do we need to name a core group, leadership, next steps? It seemed like the oldest way of council when decisions are in the story and there is no need to say more. It was time to walk away and see what we meet, where we are called and what we each need to do. Each pilgrim returns with a deep experience of community, research questions and edges to explore over the next year, along with a deep listening practice. We ended in gratitude, celebration and harvest.

Already invitations and visions shared for 2017 include a 3 month group experiment in Hawaii, meetings in the Bay area, a gathering in Salt Spring, a special Nature of Council offering, and a community Vision Fast. This fall Tamerans will return to California for Walking Water and other events. Each of us will continue to listen for where we are to be, how we are to serve. And there is a sense that Turtle Island is dreaming us into healing and next steps as much as we are dreaming up our own. We thank all who participated in a variety of ways—from sending support, to holding base camps in the US for those making this journey—for being part of the emergence.



*“As a young one, I overflow with gratitude knowing that the work for a healed world is happening and that I am a part of it... Grateful for those who came before and those of all generations and cultures around the world who continue to work for healing. Grateful for the opportunity to deepen into Tamera’s way, to realize that my own prayer for healing in love and sexuality is the same prayer that I carry for the whole world — that my journey towards embodying the wholeness of who I am in voice, power, and gift is a gateway for all beings to do the same. Grateful to understand money as a form of energy that we as humans have the responsibility to redefine and heal alongside. And that I need not do this work alone! Grateful for the o’hana of pilgrims who make a common prayer for Turtle Island and a shared commitment to listening for what wants to be born here that stands in accordance with the healing of all Life. Grateful for the experience of community in my cells & for the ways in which I do not yet know that I am changed. Grateful to be more deeply committed and inspired to do my part in service of a more beautiful world. Thank you!” - Justine Epstein*

