





Respect

"Sell a country?! Why not sell the air, the great sea, as well as the earth? Did not the Great Spirit make them all for the use of his children?"

Shawnee Chief Tecumseh, Vincennes, Indiana, 1810

"The Earth is our Mother. She feeds, sustains, heals, and teaches. She receives and transforms us when we pass on. We must caress her face with our bare feet"

Mexica Oral Tradition, Central Mexico



Ask permission, aim for balance, listen

Connection

- Each seed holds the knowledge, tradition and hope of generations of loving hands
- Corn: 8-10 thousand years ago in the Americas
- Seed keeping saving sharing
 past present future
- Stories, ask questions!
- Keep records, share what you know



Gratitude

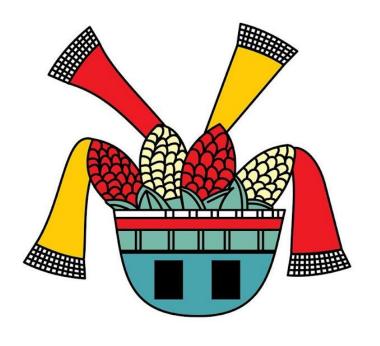
- Many things happen beyond our control, say "thank you" no matter the outcome
- Give something back: offering, time, compost, intentions
- Land is not a commodity, it is not capital
- What the land produces is a GIFT, it is not entitled, it is not revenue





Community

- Tekio (Nahuatl) Mink'a
 (Quechua): Collective, non-paid
 work that everyone in the
 community does for the good of
 the community
- Building relationships
- Sharing resources
- Celebration
- Food!



THANK YOU!

• Questions?

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