

DEFEND  
THE SACRED

JOIN THE  
GLOBAL ALLIANCE!

# Defend the Sacred Manifesto

In August 2017, activists from around the world – indigenous elders and youth from North America, (including initiators from Standing Rock), Colombia, Israel, Palestine, Brazil, Kenya, the Philippines, Europe and 35 countries in total – gathered in Tamera Peace Research and Education Center in Portugal to collaborate and envision a global alliance to defend the sacred.

**This manifesto sums up the key points we collectively agree on as a foundation for a global alliance to “Defend the Sacred”.**

- ✓ Building upon the peaceful opposition seeded during the resistance against the Dakota Access Pipeline at Standing Rock in 2016, we work on building a globally unified alliance that transcends cultures, borders and beliefs.
- ✓ We unite as a planetary community to midwife a transition to a world where we humans no longer dominate but cooperate with the sacred alliance of life.
- ✓ Evoking our indigenous wisdom, we work to acknowledge the rights of the Earth and live in communion with Nature and all beings, embracing this planet as one interdependent family.
- ✓ We acknowledge that our collective trauma keeps us in a cycle of continued violence and separation and work to consciously address and heal it. Healing the wounds of the past is essential to creating a culture of peace.
- ✓ To catalyze a global system change and create a culture of peace, we develop social and ecological systems aligned with the matrix of life that unify and interconnect all that lives.
- ✓ We support the emergence of regenerative models, like Healing Biomes and a network of interconnected, autonomous communities of trust, to contribute to global peace.
- ✓ We commit to defending the sacred – for the water, the earth, the air, for our children and all generations that will come after us. Mni Wiconi – water is life. Life is sacred. It is this sacredness that we defend.