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# #WEGOVERN IN PRACTICE: CLAIMING GOVERNANCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

11 AM-12:30 PM PT/2 PM-3:30 PM ET



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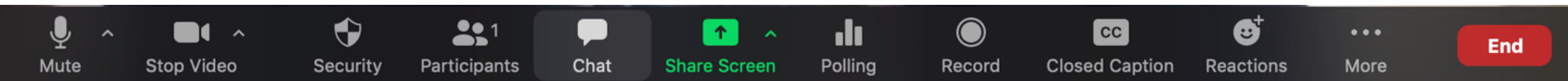
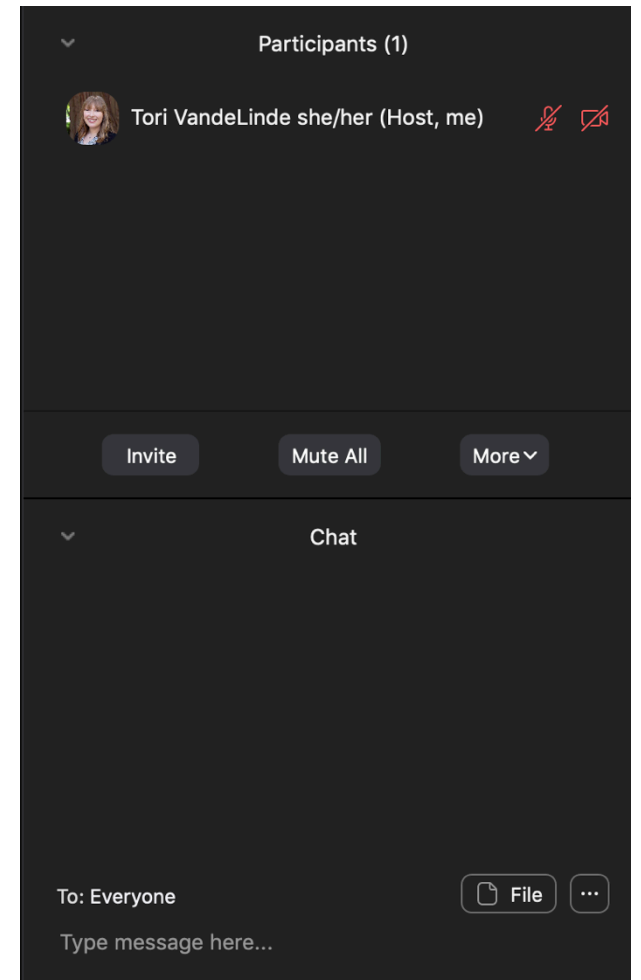
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- ▶ Web Conference Guidelines



# PreventConnect

- ▶ Domestic violence/intimate partner violence
- ▶ Sexual violence
- ▶ Violence across the lifespan, including child sexual abuse
- ▶ Prevent before violence starts
- ▶ Connect to other forms of violence and oppression
- ▶ Connect to other prevention practitioners



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# Past conferences/resources



<http://www.preventconnect.org/2019/06/experimenting-learning-and-moving-to-a-world-without-violence-an-introduction-to-the-resonance-network/>



<http://www.preventconnect.org/2019/09/reimagining-gender-for-a-world-without-violence-art-and-storytelling-led-by-black-organizers/>

# Past conferences/resources



<http://www.preventconnect.org/2020/01/planting-the-seeds-to-build-communities-stories-of-healing-connection-and-prevention/>



<http://www.nationalsexualassaultconference.org/2020/07/25/reimagining-a-world-without-sexual-violence/>

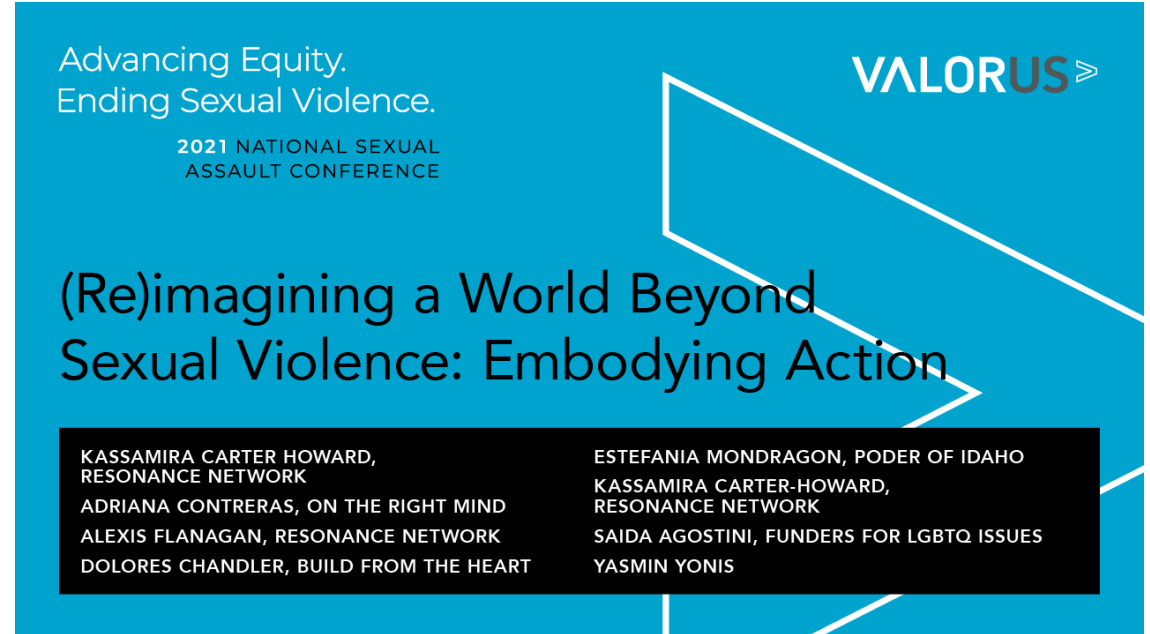
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**#WEGOVERN:**  
HOW DO WE GO FROM IMAGINING A WORLD WITHOUT VIOLENCE TO BUILDING IT?  
TUES. DECEMBER 8, 2020  
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<http://www.preventconnect.org/2020/11/wegovern-how-do-we-go-from-imagining-a-world-without-violence-to-building-it/>



Advancing Equity.  
Ending Sexual Violence.  
2021 NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT CONFERENCE

VALORUS >

(Re)imagining a World Beyond Sexual Violence: Embodying Action

KASSAMIRA CARTER HOWARD, RESONANCE NETWORK  
ADRIANA CONTRERAS, ON THE RIGHT MIND  
ALEXIS FLANAGAN, RESONANCE NETWORK  
DOLORES CHANDLER, BUILD FROM THE HEART

ESTEFANIA MONDRAGON, PODER OF IDAHO  
KASSAMIRA CARTER-HOWARD, RESONANCE NETWORK  
SAIDA AGOSTINI, FUNDERS FOR LGBTQ ISSUES  
YASMIN YONIS

<http://www.nationalsexualassaultconference.org/2021/06/27/reimagining-a-world-without-sexual-violence-embodying-action/>

# Objectives

- ▶ Describe how a commitment to the WeGovern agreements can transform governance, and shape a work beyond violence
- ▶ Identify where you are already in practice with liberatory governance in your own lives, families, and communities
- ▶ Discuss opportunities to build a world where all beings can thrive, drawing on inspiration from storytellers and ourselves for re-imagining and claiming governance for a world beyond violence

# What is your vision for a world beyond violence?

Text Chat Question



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TO BE TOGETHER  
IS HOW

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# GOVERNANCE IS THE PROCESS BY WHICH PEOPLE DETERMINE THE NORMS AND RULES THAT GUIDE PEOPLE'S EVERYDAY LIFE AND BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING:

- How we choose to live together,
- How we choose to recognize and uphold each other's well-being and freedom,
- How we choose to use our resources together,
- How we choose to build systems and structures that reflect our shared values, and
- How we choose to care for the land, which provides us everything we need.



# #WEGOVERN CORE BELIEFS

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**THE WORLD WE ENVISION IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF WE OPERATE FROM MUTUAL CARE, BASED ON THE BELIEFS THAT:**

- 1. THE WELL-BEING, DIGNITY, RESPECT, AND AGENCY OF THE MOST VULNERABLE ARE INDICATORS OF THE SUCCESS OF A COMMUNITY AND ITS GOVERNANCE.**
- 2. EACH GENERATION SHARES IN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CARE AND WELL-BEING OF GENERATIONS BEFORE AND AFTER, OUR ELDERS AND OUR CHILDREN.**
- 3. ALL BEINGS ARE CONNECTED, INCLUDING MOTHER EARTH.**

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# WE GOVERN TOGETHER

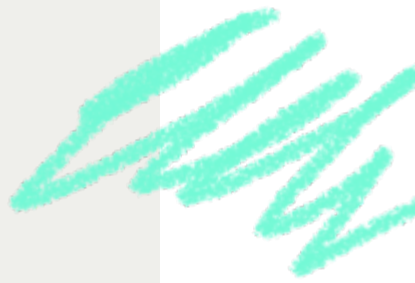
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1. Each person sees every other person as a fellow human being with the same value, rights, and worth as themselves.
2. All human beings have inherent value, even when they cause harm and are not yet able to hold themselves accountable.
3. We honor the presence of everyone, and ensure all labor is seen, valued, and recognized.
4. All people have the right, opportunity, responsibility, and authority to participate in governance.
5. Our governance is decentralized so that decisions are made in and with community.



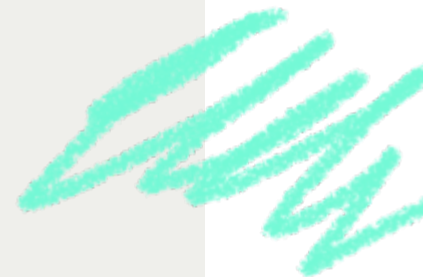
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# WE KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE



6. We keep ourselves safe, and we hold ourselves and each other accountable.
7. Our health and safety arise from mutual care, a just society, and the interruption of violence before it harms others.
8. We end cycles of harm and violence by using care in seeking justice with those who have been harmed.
9. We mend our past and current wrongs, so that the reconciliation between people can create a more harmonious and thriving future.

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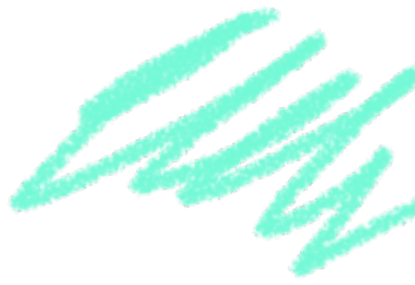
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# WE THRIVE TOGETHER

10. We share our resources in consistent, fair, and just ways.
11. We strive for the well-being of all people as the foundation for a thriving community.
12. People have what they need and share what they have--adequate and nutritious food, housing, quality education, reliable healthcare, meaningful work, and time with family and friends.
13. We affirm that the earth sustains us, and that the natural world has rights.
14. Lands, waters, natural resources are part of our collective cultural heritage, and we steward them for all beings and future generations.



# What comes to mind when you think of governance?

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# Meet Our Guests



**Karen Tronsgard-Scott**

Executive Director, Vermont Network Against  
Domestic and Sexual Violence  
She/they



**Jonathan Paik (JP)**

Executive Director, Orange County Civic  
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he/him

Where do you see  
the WeGovern  
principles come to  
life in your life?

Text Chat Question

**We Govern Principles:**  
We govern together.  
We keep each other safe.  
We thrive together.



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How can you grow into the WeGovern principles in your life, outside of your formal employment/work within the movement?

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# WeGovern Agreements Discussion



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What is one action  
you can take today to  
re-imagine, claim, and  
embody governance?

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