

Welcome: Applying Futures Studies to Collaborative Partnership Work



Chat Roll Call

In the chat, please share your:

- Name
- Organization, and
- In one or two words, a change you have seen in your community in the past year that is surprising and/or you did not see coming.

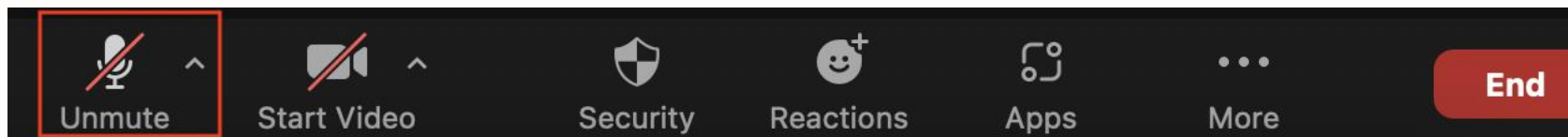


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Applying Futures Studies to Collaborative Partnership Work

Community Health Solutions Series

July 9, 2026



A photograph of two women sitting on a couch, looking at a laptop. The woman on the left is wearing a green sweater and glasses, smiling. The woman on the right is wearing a light blue shirt and glasses, looking at the laptop. A rainbow sticker is on the wall behind them. The image has a teal overlay.

**Our mission at the Population Health
Innovation Lab is to create opportunities to
experiment, share learning, and
lead lasting change.**



Land Acknowledgment

The Population Health Innovation Lab team respectfully acknowledges that we live and operate on the unceded land of Indigenous peoples throughout the U.S.

We acknowledge the land and country we are on today as the traditional and treaty territory of the Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Tribal nations who have lived here and cared for the Land since time immemorial. We further acknowledge the role Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Tribal nations have today in taking care of these lands, as well as the sacrifices they have endured to survive to this day.



Community Health Solutions

A dialogue series highlighting innovative approaches to pressing community health issues.



Solution 1

Showcase breakthrough approaches currently operating in the community health field at large



Solution 2

Bridge traditional Community Health expertise with innovations and cross-sector solutions



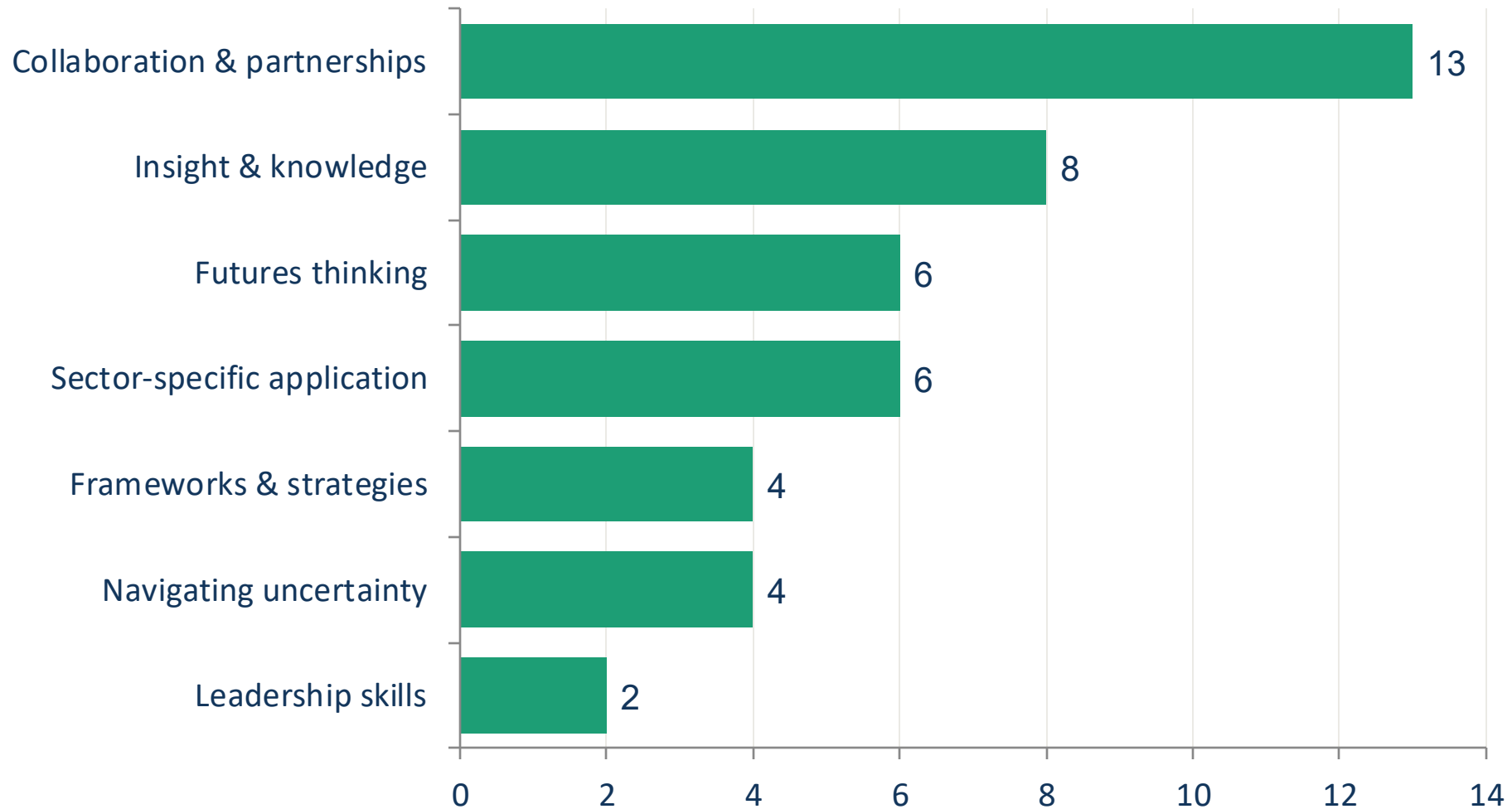
Solution 3

Provide practical pathways and guidance for participants to implement locally



What You Want From Today

Themes identified from pre-event survey responses





Meet Our Speakers



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Futures thinking for systems transformation

Aubrey Morgan Yee, PhD

futures committed to life
centered in love and
cultures of care

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**you cannot change a system
unless you transform consciousness**

**you cannot transform consciousness
unless you help a system see itself as a system**

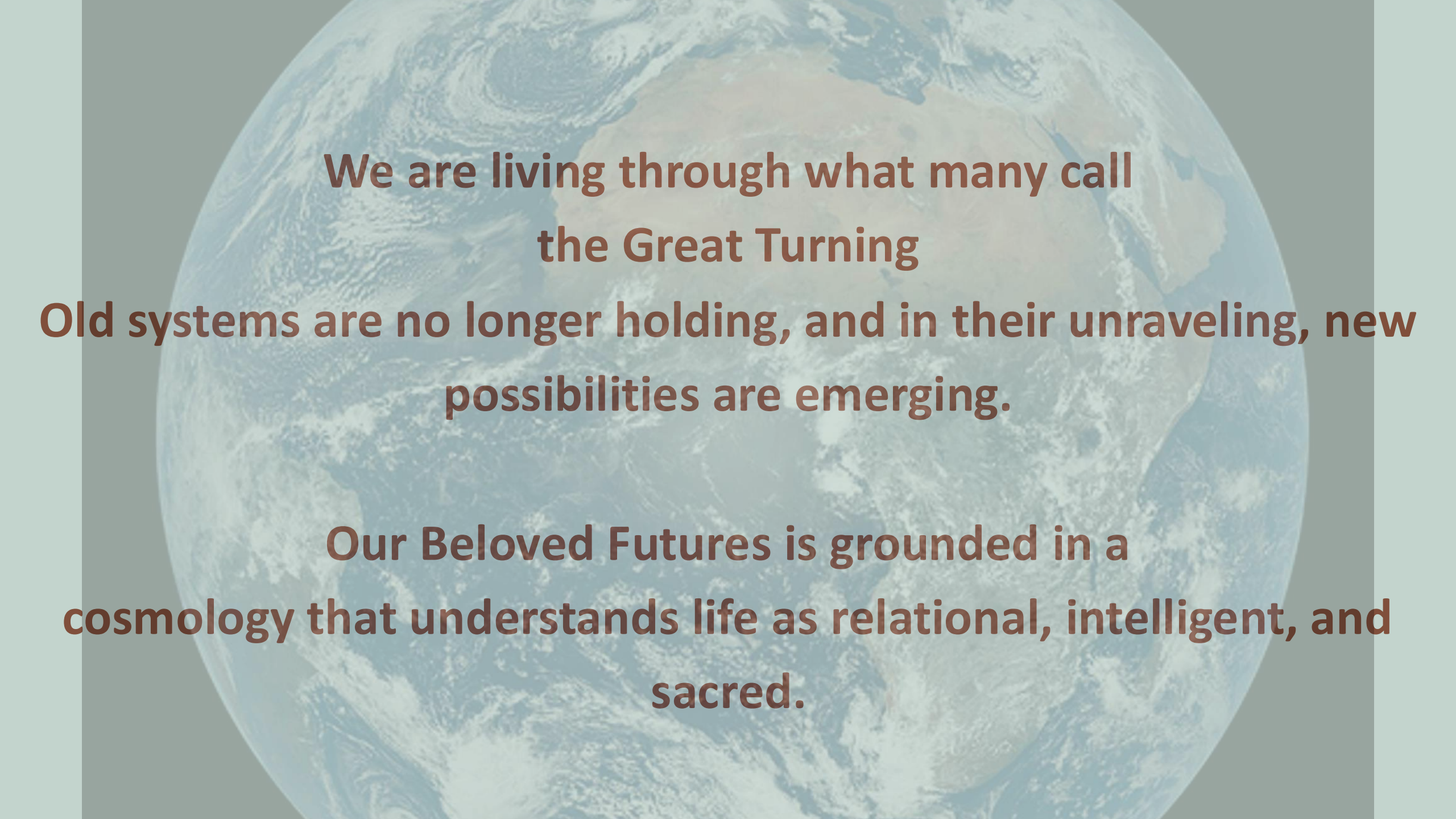
**you cannot lead systems transformation
unless you sense & support the futures wanting to emerge**

THE FUTURES
DO NOT EXIST

images of the futures do...

A grayscale photograph of a vintage computer room. The room is filled with rows of large, floor-to-ceiling computer cabinets. In the foreground, there are several control panels with numerous buttons, switches, and dials. A date stamp on one of the panels reads "JUNE 30 51". The overall atmosphere is one of a mid-20th-century technological environment.

**any useful idea about the futures
should at first
appear to be ridiculous**



**We are living through what many call
the Great Turning**

**Old systems are no longer holding, and in their unraveling, new
possibilities are emerging.**

**Our Beloved Futures is grounded in a
cosmology that understands life as relational, intelligent, and
sacred.**

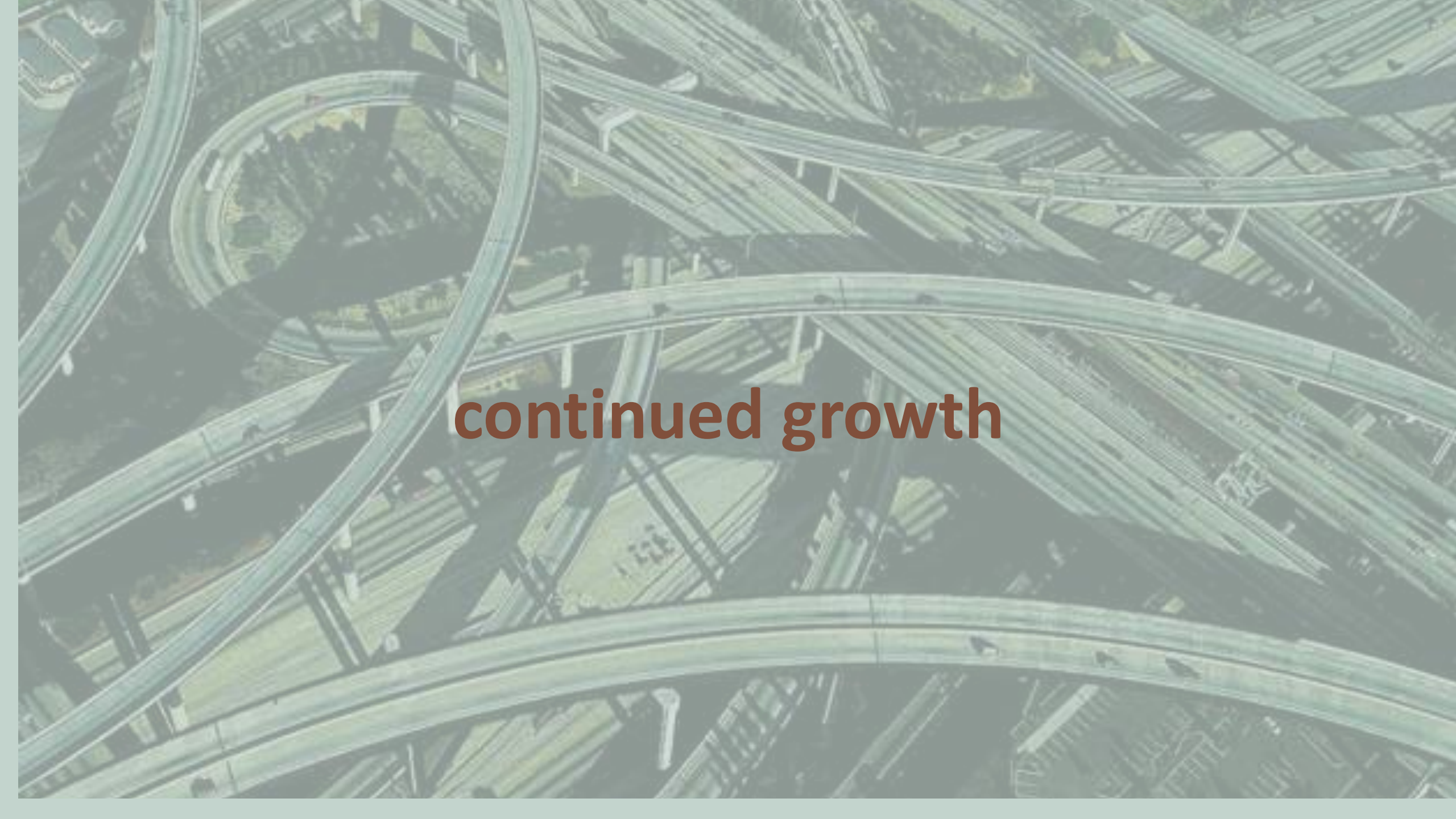
we cannot predict futures,

we can forecast possibilities

we can transform consciousness

we can empower communities

Imagining alternative futures
4 archetypal images of the future



continued growth

A stylized, high-contrast illustration in shades of teal, brown, and orange. In the center, a person stands on a rectangular pedestal with their arms raised in a gesture of triumph or achievement. The background is filled with large, interlocking gears, suggesting a complex system or machinery. Above the person, several birds are depicted in flight, arranged in a vertical line. The overall composition is symmetrical and dynamic, with strong geometric lines and a sense of upward movement.

discipline

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, completely submerged in water. The skyscrapers of Lower Manhattan are visible, surrounded by a vast expanse of blue water that has replaced the city's streets and surrounding areas. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The word "collapse" is superimposed in the center of the image.

collapse

A woman with dark, curly hair is shown in profile, looking towards a man. The man is wearing a large, ornate, circular headpiece that resembles a traditional African or African-inspired headdress. The background is a light, textured surface. The word "transformation" is overlaid in the center in a bold, brown font.

transformation



The Great Turning

The Polycrisis/Metacrisis

The Chrysalis

collapse/continued growth ~ discipline ~ transformation

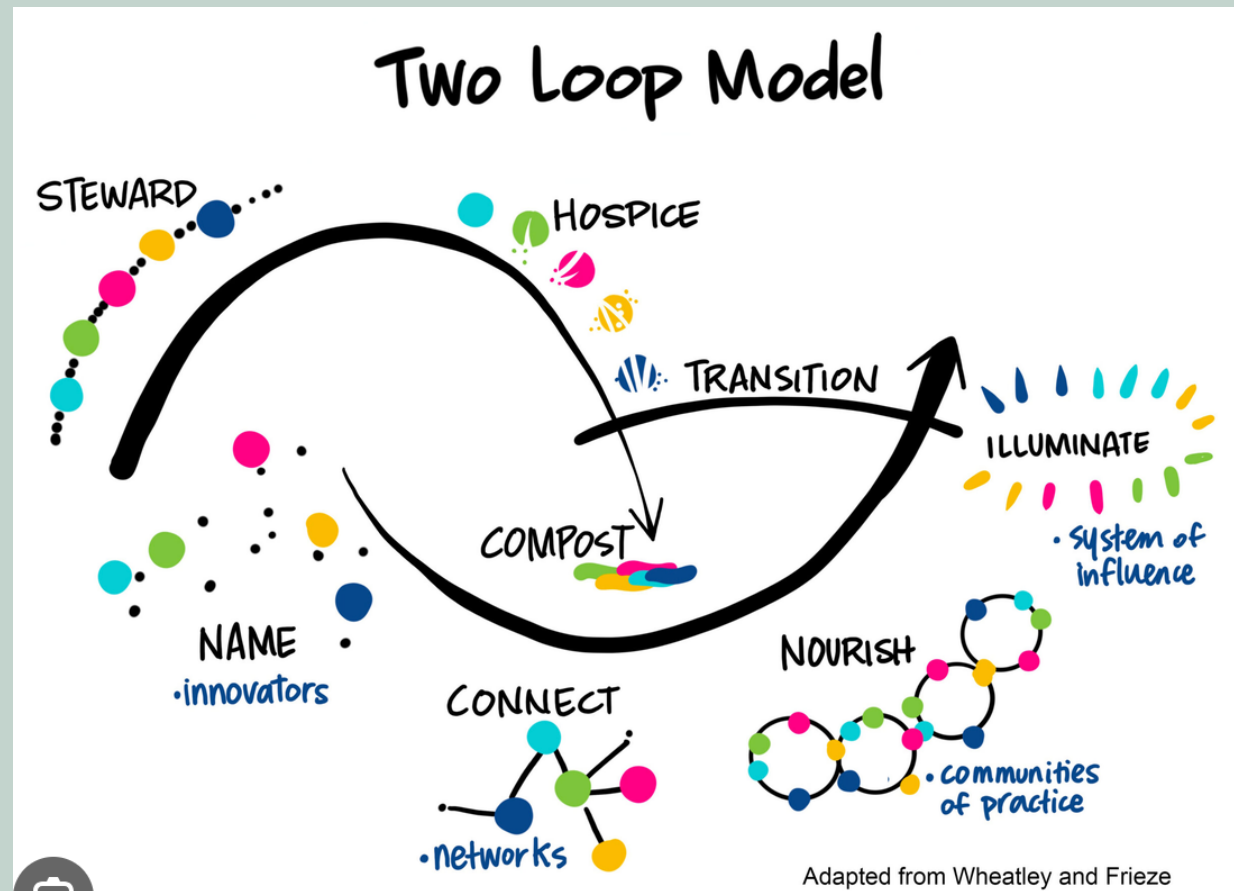
Full Futures Process

- theory of social change
 - major driving forces
 - history of these forces
- present condition - clear eyed assesement of WHAT IS
 - dominant trends
 - dominant emerging issues
- creation of four alternative futures
 - futures visioning workshop(s)
- creation of one or more preferred futures
- strategic plan/sector plans based on preferred future(s)
 - personnel, policies, and funds for the plans
 - day-to-day decisions based on the plans
 - commitment to futures research
 - evaluate, iterate and repeat

locate yourself on the systems change map

pay attention to the fringes

collaborate with unlikely allies

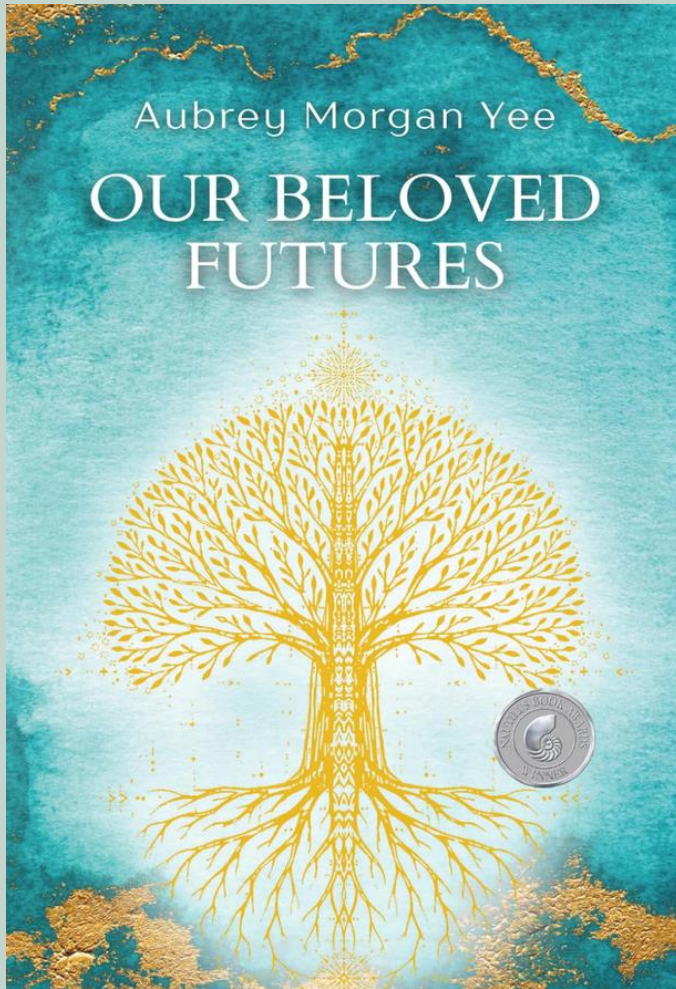


locate yourself appropriately in the transformation

disrupt at a rate that can be absorbed

marathon not a sprint

cultures of care - as within so without



"the ultimate, hidden truth of the world is that it is something that we make, and could just as easily make differently."

you are a co-creator of the futures... the futures are waiting for your specific genius



Q&A



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