

In the spring SPEC Elders will offer a learning opportunity called RESOW, Responsible Elders Sharing Our Wisdom, with the aim of reclaiming elder wisdom in service to the greater community. RESOW is based on the work of environmentalist, elder and Buddhist teacher Joanna Macy, and we will use her workbook “Coming Back To Life” as a guide.

Many of us are distressed at reports of how unstable the future is for millions of species --plant, animal and human -- who live on Earth. Meanwhile, government and corporate leaders continue the economic model that demands growth and accelerates the current climate emergency. Little communication, trust or respect exists between polarized sides of this crisis: denial vs. deep concern.

Macy has spent 40 years creating and teaching The Work That Reconnects, which helps us to accept that we are inseparable from all life on Earth and must embrace inclusivity for mutual survival.

It is these ideas that SPEC Elders want to engage with. We invite elders of all ages to share our wisdom, face our concerns for the world, and find our own best actions to support ‘youngers’ who are courageously demanding a future for themselves and their children.

If this project sparks your interest, please email <elders@spec.bc.ca> and put your email address in your email. We’ll contact you once we have a start date.