

# SOJOURNERING NEWS

## CCA HERMITAGE PROGRAM

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### SMALL GROUP SOJOURNS

The global issues we face are a collective challenge; we need to seek solutions in community, in simplicity, with imagination, and with the natural world.

Our current priority is to welcome small groups interested in sojourning in this desert environment to reflect on possibilities and transformation.

### SABBATICAL GATHERINGS

In February 2021, we initiated monthly "Sabbatical Gatherings" on the land we steward. The idea grew from a felt need for a deeper grounding as a Hermitage Program "community" of stewards and sojourners. We set aside the **VHFRQG 6DWXUGD\ RtoHDFK P** take time to walk the land. These 2-hour gatherings are not meetings; there is no goal or agenda. Rather, they serve as a grounding time where interested folks gather for a few hours as a community and listen to the land and each other. We read aloud the Saguaro-Juniper preamble to the Covenant and Land Bill of Rights for remembrance, sometimes we take a hike, sometimes we spend individual time in attentive stillness, sometimes we eat our sack-lunches together and share our history on this land and our visions for the future our earth and all life upon it. Everyone and anyone are welcome to participate!

### NEW CARAVAN HERMITAGE

We will have a new hermitage for sojourners to stay in this fall -- the Caravan Hermitage! Designed and built by our local craftsmen Erik Revere and David Omick, with help from Andrew Volz and others, the Caravan's unique appearance is inspired by sheep herder trailers and gypsy wagons. Its mobile nature allowed it to be built off site to minimize disturbance to the land. The basic structure is complete, and we are currently working on furnishings. It will be towed to its location on hermitage land this fall, and we expect to have it ready for individual sojourners by the end of November. This simple, beautiful structure will provide many years of service for the Hermitage Program, sheltering people seeking inner contemplation and a deeper connection with the land.

### OPEN HOUSE & FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars and plan to participate with us in a full-day event on **6 D W X U GRDY H P E H W** Activities will include a commemoration ceremony at the Straw Bale Legacy Site, and a tour of the Caravan Hermitage. Light refreshments will be available at the Corbett Center. Be on the lookout for an invitation as the date approaches.

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