

# The WorthPlace Collective | Our Pledge

## Preamble

*The WorthPlace Collective is a society of practioners who share an ethically serious camraderie around our appreciation of the place worth plays in work. While the human affairs of economies, marketplaces and homelife requirements may require we labor for remunerated rewards, we are adamant to never equate work with worth. Worth derives as an essential endowment of our humanity. Dignity is indivisible to being human. We are stewards of this dignity, even when we may not control others' appreciation of it. We dignify work by engaging it; it has no capability to dignify nor damn us. We will be watchful and weighing the balance of this as we welcome life and aliveness in our livelihoods. We have no fight with economies, marketplaces nor anyone, but to offer a place of inquiry and rest when these go awry from our own terms. We may always be a mere few who are convicted so. We welcome all who want to take up this inquiry with us, to do so, bringing their reciprocal wisdoms to our table as respected friends, colleagues and worth practitioners.*

- I am on journey to discover, appreciate and transact from my worth as the foundational vocation of my life.
- My vocation must never be conflate with the vissitudes\* of marketplaces, economic circumstances nor wages.
- Dignity demands that I live within congruence with my worth.
- When practicable, the minimal requirments of my homellfe most inform the economic expression of my worth.
- I must never confuse my worth with their wages.
- Although worth and work may not always be in balance, the measure of my expectations remain with me, not external standards.
- When my market-serving work is completed, often at the end of a day or a night or a week or remunerated reward, I will not fail return to the works that give life, meaning, delight and aliveness to me, even if none will ever remunerate nor reward.
- When able, I will derive rewards from the work of my dignity, design and delight.
- I cannot control the circumstance of my livelihood at all times, but when it is practicable, I will always return to my worthplace.
- My worthplace is distinct to me, an interior reference that shapes the terms of my participation, even when I cannot always explain, control nor acheive its ideals.
- Journeying toward, returning to and living in my worthplace is and shall be a guiding aspirational quest for me.

\*Vissitudes | Natural change or mutation visible in nature or in human affairs.

\*\*Practicable | Capable of being effected, done or put into practice; feasible, made possible by effort

