This new offering is born out of an older way of being in community that wove ceremony into the everyday and ever changing seasons of our lives. It is our prayer and intention that what may be seeded in our time together can culminate in the flowering of ongoing ceremonies, amongst the places you call home, and/or through the growth of future work together as a more fully matured and seasoned community.

The call to ceremony can be fueled by commitment and the desire to answer it through community. Collaboration, caring, and compassion can create a container through which to navigate uncertain times. We ask those who are considering joining the ceremonial immersion to listen to the call through the individual lenses of each of the four shields. If you are not familiar with these, let us know so we can assist with that. Take into consideration the practical, inspirational and emotional opportunities as well as the shadow of this immersion. What difficulties could arise? What gifts? In between ceremonies there will be video conferencing and councils to which you must also commit. We will work with everyone’s needs/schedules accordingly.

After considering the four shields of your participation, feel free to write to us your thoughts, feelings, questions or concerns. The guides will then arrange a phone call with prospective participants...Or you can just forget this crazy notion ever entered your head!

**Going Forward: Formalizing of Commitment**

First, after deeper reflection and with a strong “yes” still present we ask that you then write a more detailed letter of intent including your wishes and wildest desires for what you imagine giving and receiving from these two years together.

Second, **due to the nature of this ceremonial immersion spots cannot be filled if you decide to drop out.** We ask then that your commitment is solidified by paying all fees ahead of time. Special circumstances may be an option for those more stretched financially to make two installments and payment plans and scholarships. Contact the School administration for more information regarding these arrangements. Note that payment plans awarded will still require a balance paid in full whether or not all gatherings are attended. Though having to miss a gathering is not ideal this has happened in previous groups and participants have been graciously received and seamlessly woven back into the next zoom call/gathering.

The drafting of a more formal agreement has not been an easy decision as we want this to be available to all and we also understand how life can be. **However, we are now realizing the hard reality, that for this unique offering to continue on, depends upon a financial soundness that ensures guides’ livelihoods are not compromised.** It is our hope then that a more tangible commitment can also assist with countering fears and easier exit strategies thus strengthening the holding environment being generated personally and collectively.
Much additional time and energy has been expended for the first two installments of the Ceremonial Immersion and this is to be expected with any new offering. However, with this more clear agreement in place it is our hope that the guides can offer more of themselves to the group and the ceremony and expend less energy towards financial uncertainties and their consequences.

Of course doubts may arise with making such a big commitment which is normal. Therefore in addition to your letter of intent and before reserving your spot, we encourage making space for these uncertainties and taking specific questions to the land such as: *is this the right calling and the right time to answer it? Can I commit to the financial expectations set forth and be with the edge, in a good way, of not knowing what the next 2 years may bring?* Querants are also welcome to reach out to current group members of cohort one which formally ends this summer or group two which will finish in January of 2024. Just let us know and we will be happy to provide their contact information. And of course feel free to reach out to the guides at any time with questions/concerns regarding this agreement or other questions you might have.