

On sheets of lined paper (we suggest one page per question to allow for additional thoughts to be added as you go), or on your computer, write your responses to these questions:

1. What are you really good at?

2. What do you really love to do?

3. What Are Your Concerns For Future Generations:

In your family:

In your community:

In your nation, world:

4. Your Vision(s) For Future Generations: What possibilities can you envision that would make a big difference for future generations?

In your family:

In your community:

In your nation, world:

5. Your Elder Mission Possibilities: If you were liberated from all fear, and were open to all the power available to you in the web of life, what possible projects, actions, goals can you imagine taking on that would make a big difference for future generations?

In your family:

In your community:

In your nation, world:

6. Your Elder Mission Statement: Of all the ideas you generated in answering question 5, which of those have a WOW factor for you, which really excites you? Now take key words and concepts from what you have written on the previous sheets, and create an expansive mission statement(s) for yourself:

7. Your resources: What resources, inner and outer do you have now that will help you do that? Inner resources include specific strengths of character, and relevant experience, knowledge, skills you have acquired. External resources include relationships, contacts, and networks on which you can draw.

8. Resources you'll need. Now what resources, inner and outer, will you need to acquire? To do what you want to do, what will you need to learn and to obtain?

9. Obstacles. How might you stop yourself? What obstacles might you throw in the way of fulfilling your goals?

10. How will you overcome these obstacles? Draw upon your past experience in dealing with these self-imposed obstacles, and perhaps some new ways of moving around them will occur to you.

11. Support: Going it alone is not a good way to have maximum impact. Who will you ask to be on your Mission Council? Your Mission Council may be a group who offers moral support and encouragement, helps generate ideas, holds you accountable. Your Mission Council might become a group of partners, taking on important tasks to move the effort further. Either way, develop your own Mission Council. Who might you ask to be on your Mission Council?

12. Next steps. What can you do in the next month, no matter how small the step, that will move you toward this goal?

Please share your Elder Mission Statement, and anything you'd like about your plans to carry out that mission: Elder Mission Forum