Prout Alliance September 2026

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Prout Research Institute *Asheville*
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Dear Reader,

If you're anything like me, you're scratching your head saying, "September already? Where did the year go?" All the more reason to mark your calendar for some upcoming events you won't want to miss! Until next time, I'm missing you all the best.

~ Rebekah Moan
PA/PRI Newsletter Editor

Prout Alliance Annual Gathering Weekend — October 9–11 in the Hudson Valley

We warmly invite you to join us for the Prout Alliance Gathering Weekend, October 9–11, bringing us together in the beautiful Hudson Valley for a weekend of learning, community, good food, strategic thinking, and inspiration.

This year, we want our annual gathering to embody an essential principle of PROUT: grounding our vision for social and economic transformation in the needs, resources, people, and possibilities of our local area.

Friday, October 9 — Vassar College & Poughkeepsie

We will begin at 2:00 pm at Vassar College with an interactive introduction to Block Level Planning—P. R. Sarkar's approach to decentralized, locally rooted economic development.

Rather than simply talking about the theory, we will work together to explore what Block Level Planning might look like in practice: How do we identify the resources of a region? How can local communities meet more of their basic needs locally? How do food, land, employment, cooperatives, ecology, culture, and community power fit together?

At 4:00 pm, we will take that conversation out into the field with a tour of the Poughkeepsie Farm Project, located on the Vassar campus. We will learn about its work in sustainable agriculture, food access, education, and strengthening the local food system.

Then at 6:00 pm, we will gather for a special Hudson Valley Farmers Celebration Dinner, honoring the farmers and food-system leaders who are doing the essential work of caring for the land and nourishing our communities. This will be an opportunity not only to share a wonderful meal, but to listen to farmers themselves and consider how PROUT's vision of regional economic self-reliance can support their work.

Saturday, October 10 — From Vision to Organizing

We will reconvene Saturday morning, when June Nemon will kick us off at 10:30 am with an interactive community organizing training.

June's session will help us think about a question central to the future of Prout Alliance: How do we move from having powerful ideas to building the relationships, organizations, and community participation necessary to put those ideas into practice?

The remainder of Saturday will provide time for our Annual Meeting discussions, organizational reflection, relationship building, and planning

for the coming year.

This weekend is intended to be more than an organizational meeting. We hope it will be a living laboratory for PROUT—bringing together decentralized planning, ecological stewardship, local food systems, community organizing, and the spiritual and human relationships that sustain our work.

Whether you have been involved with Prout Alliance for many years or are relatively new to our work, we hope you will make the trip to the Hudson Valley and spend this special weekend with us.

Come ready to learn, contribute, meet local farmers and organizers, share meals, deepen friendships, and imagine together what a more decentralized, cooperative, ecologically balanced and compassionate economy could actually look like.

Save the Date: October 9–11.

COMMUNITY DINNER

TO SUPPORT OUR

HUDSON VALLEY FARMERS

Honoring our farmers. Nourishing our community.
Building a just and sustainable future.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH AT 6PM

The Barn at Vassar College
50 Vassar Farm Lane
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

GOOD FOOD
STRONG FARMS
THRIVING
COMMUNITIES

Join us for a community dinner as we celebrate the people who grow our food, care for our land, and strengthen our communities.

COMMUNITY TRAINING – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PROUT'S BLOCK LEVEL PLANNING

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
The Barn at Vassar College

Learn about Prout's vision for local self-reliance, cooperative development, and a just and sustainable future.
All are welcome!

RSVP TO info@wespac.org

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ANNUAL MEETING

BUILDING PEOPLE POWER:
ORGANIZING FOR SYSTEMIC ECONOMIC CHANGE

Strategies, skills, and frameworks for building the powerful movement we need to defeat corporate power and create a just economy.

IN THIS PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOP, WE WILL EXPLORE:

POWERMAPPING
Understand power in your community and how to shift it.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Build scalable leadership to grow the movement.

ORGANIZING CONVERSATIONS
Have effective 1:1 conversations that bring people in.

WINNING STRATEGIES
Learn from successful tenant, labor, and electoral organizing across the country.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

ANANDA VIPLAVA RETREAT CENTER
Purling, NY

TOOLS. CONNECTIONS. TRANSFORMATION.
TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD A NEW ECONOMY.



LED BY
JUNE NEMON (they/them)
Community organizer based in Poughkeepsie, NY. Co-founder of the Hudson Valley Tenants Union and Co-Chair of Mid-Hudson Valley DSA. Experienced in grassroots organizing, leadership development, and building people power for lasting change.

> *"Defeating corporate power will require an equally powerful mass movement that can mobilize millions of people."*

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The Prout Research Institute is partnering with the Neohumanist College of Asheville to present on Proutist economics. See the flyer for more details.



An Update about Education

The Education Work Group (Ed WG) has continued to arrange the long-standing monthly seminar series on topics of interest to activist-oriented people. The target audience is people interested in what we can build together as society transitions to a new era, rather than worrying about the crumbling status quo that is inexorably ending because of its fundamental and unsustainable contradictions.

The July Hot Topic Panel discussion about Immigration Policy was an effort to expand the approaches we use to engage and inform people about the key issues being discussed within society from a Prout perspective. We invite you to give feedback about that approach, as we may want to use it again in the future.

The 9/11/26 Program about the Biopsychology of Cooperation and Trust is a vitally important topic in these times of challenge and disruption. We are also happy to let people know that we have interesting programs scheduled through March 2027.

PA has changed its management platform, all done under Prakash Laufer's capable leadership and with his technical acumen. However, at this time, Prakash is stepping down from his role with the monthly seminars and event management and focusing on membership, fundraising, finances and the Affiliates program with Prout-Global. We are happy to announce that we are welcoming Guilherme Reinehr as a new team member who will also be succeeding Prakash as our tech support expert for event and email management. So, a huge thank you to Prakash for his many years of service with the education committee as he has been with us from the very beginning.

We also want to extend a huge thank you to Mirra Price for her service. She joined us during the October 2025 PA Annual Meeting and has been a very welcome and productive member of our group. However, her circumstances have changed, and she can no longer be as involved as before.

Submitted by John Linkhart

A Cascadia Prout Collective Update

The Cascadia Prout Collective (CPC) has been actively engaged in the Regenerate Cascadia (RC) movement at the societal level since October 2023 and at the block level as the RC South Willamette Valley Hub.

At the societal level, efforts have focused on developing and modeling block-level work as well as active engagement in RC's BioFi (Bioregional Finance) development efforts, which includes work with extremely high net-worth individuals and the development of a Donor Advised Fund as a conduit to flow-fund block-level work identified and prioritized via community budgeting exercises and managed according to subsidiarity guidelines and per co-developed context-based indicators.

CPC's block-level work is focused on three major areas and works in a cooperative, collaborative manner with other established and locally active organizations. One is food self-sufficiency vs. importing 90% of

the food consumed locally. Another is education focused on career development and co-op incubator work. And finally, CPC is actively involved in a small rural community helping develop a fully integrated and balanced multi-sector socio-economic system. Two CPC members also serve on a Lane County Emergency Management Committee as a result of their work after devastating fires destroyed entire communities nearby.

To leverage solutions-oriented work, a filmmaker was retained in 2026 to document the work of CPC and collaborators. And finally, the Crisis and Transition Substack CPC initiated in Sept 2024 is approaching its second anniversary. Averaging 7,500 views within any 30 days means that it has had approximately180,000 views and currently has in excess of 1,000 subscribers, some of whom are financial supporters.

Submitted by John Linkhart

New Book Release

Strength for What Lies Ahead: Restoring Balance in a Time of Crisis takes a clear-eyed look at where we stand in terms of climate change and other crises, and how we might better respond. It strategizes around themes of community, emotional and physical resilience, ecological restoration, food systems, economic democracy, spirituality and our relationship with the natural world. It encourages a shift from the social narrative of extraction and separation toward one which emphasizes interconnection, balance and care. Drawing on interviews and research, the book offers hope and practical ways to navigate challenging times, deal with our feelings around the climate catastrophe and work together to create a better future. The book includes a number of conversations with interesting figures, like Fred Meyer of Earthmind, Liz Rog of Center for Belonging, Shawn Berry of LIFT Economy, Sid Jordan of Prama Institute and futurist Sohail Inayatullah.

"Sometimes you read a book you've hungered for, a book that complicates and clarifies complex ideas, a book that reaches beyond the boundaries of literary style to reveal the urgent need for balance and community in a time of environmental and political turmoil. *Strength for What Lies Ahead* is that book. Read it not only for its narrative insights but also for the pleasure of personal portraits, the revelatory Action Steps, and the courage of cooperative response." - Patricia Foster, author of *Written in the Sky*

For ordering details, reach out to Andy Douglas at andy.c.douglas@gmail.com. And to attend a free conversation with the author on September 17, register here.

ANDY DOUGLAS

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