

After all these years I have begun to wonder if the secret of living well is not in having all the answers but in pursuing unanswerable questions in good company. ~Rachel Remen

Dear Friends and Colleagues ~

You are receiving this email because you are the kind of “good company” that Remen is talking about. I’ve met you and talked with you and feel like our conversations explore “unanswerable” questions.

So my curiosity leads me to want to create a virtual “good company” space that allows us to share what’s on going on “inside” – what’s being learned, valued and practiced as our days unfold in the pursuit of purpose, progress, and sustainability. Creating the kind of world we want to live in that enables people, profits, and the planet to flourish simultaneously.

What’s been going on for me “inside” is something that seems worthy of your time and consideration. It’s a new way of thinking called Appreciative Inquiry (AI). It’s a strength-based approach for making personal or organizational change that will get us to our desired destination. Interested? Read on...

Let’s start with this intriguing statement: In every vibrant organization with a moral purpose, important questions continually surface regarding identity, integrity, culture & community, effectiveness, accountability, governance, communication, allocation of resources, sustainability, technology.... *Answers to these questions, paradoxically, are not found or imposed from outside but rather are discovered and nurtured from the positive core within.*

What I propose to do is a periodic mailing of intriguing information germane to personal and organizational change done through inquiring into what works and how to use what we value most to make more of what we want to happen, happen. I will be joined by my colleagues, Chet Bowling and Skip Lineberg, who have been exploring this subject in a variety of ways for a number of years. And we invite you to do the same—engage with us by reading and responding, sending something in-kind, writing or calling.

While most of the material we send out will be from the extensive work being done around the world using AI, we are on the look-out for supportive ideas from multiple sources. Our goal is to create a “learning space” for the purpose of sharing knowledge and skills that make our days come alive with purpose and results. Won’t you join us?

Our first offering is a short article titled, “What is Appreciative Inquiry.” (Please find attached.)

Enjoy! And let us hear from you. ~Trish, Chet, and Skip

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