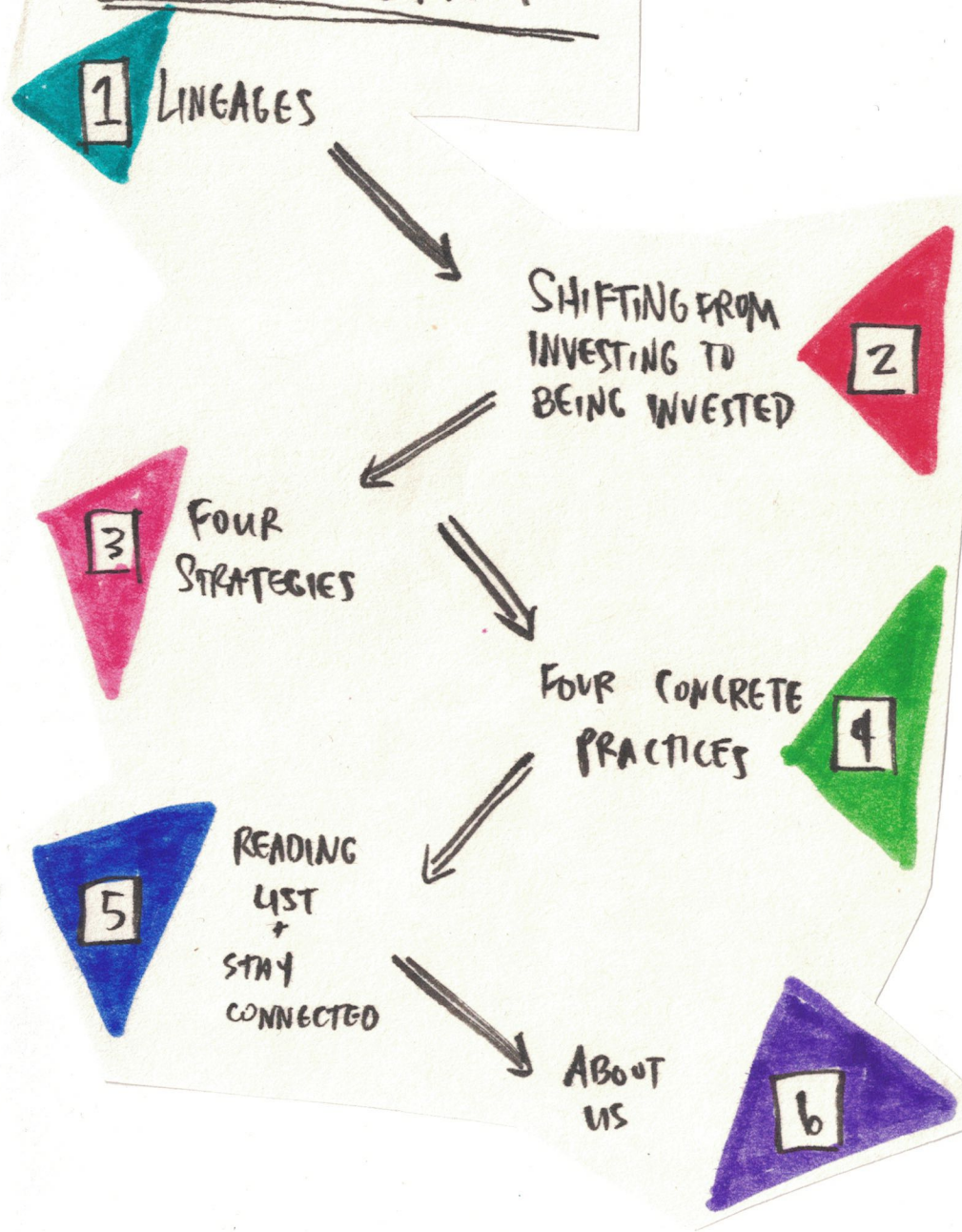


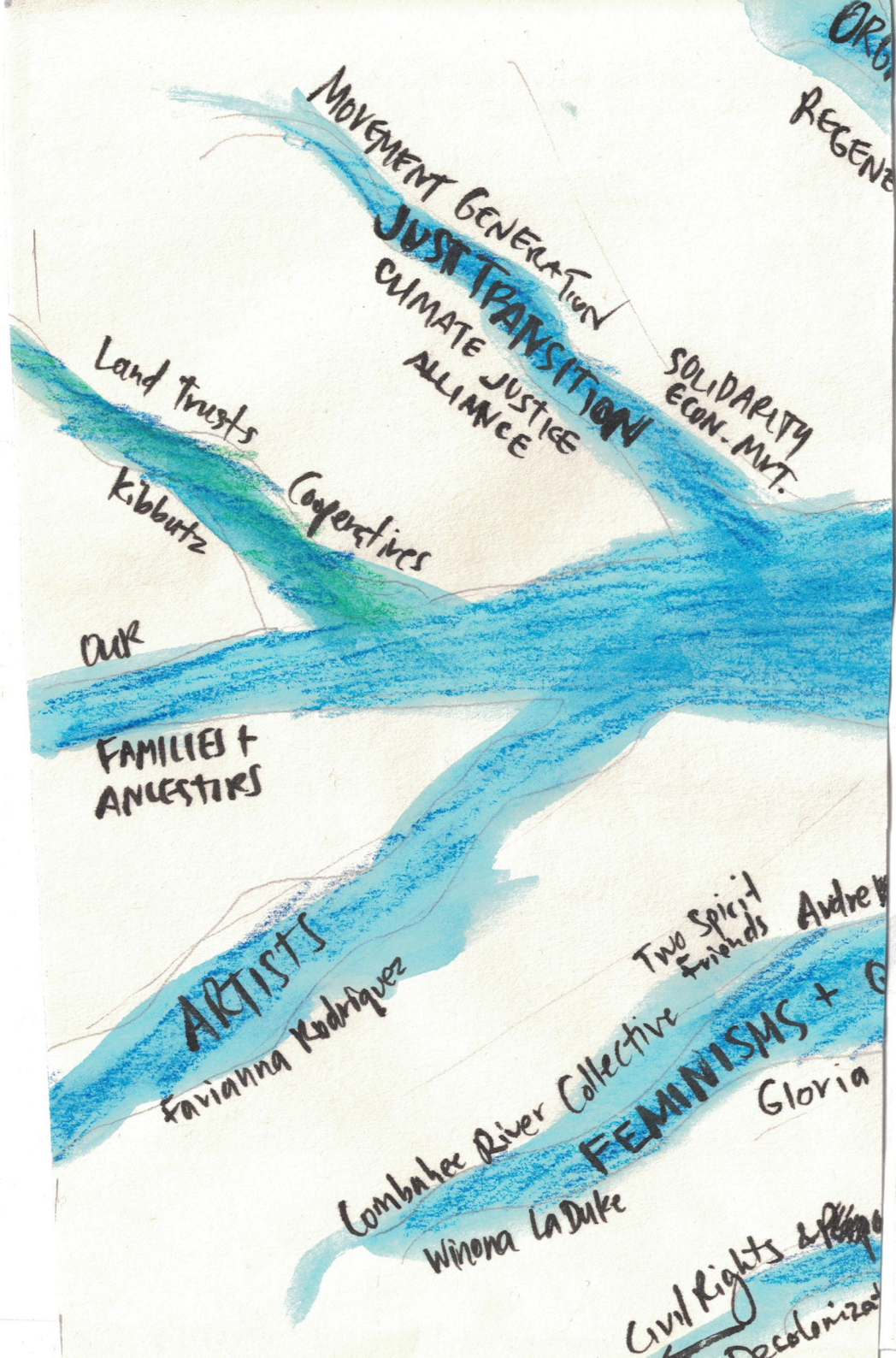
CENTERING
LOVE IN
FINANCE

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Space for your
notes:

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DOMINANT PARADIGM OF INVESTING

- ★ claims to be values neutral (isn't)
- ★ narrow definition of success - to mitigate risk and maximize profit
- ★ investor is distant; has intermediaries
- ★ investor waits while others do work
- ★ terms of investment favor investor and success (see above)

SHIFT

NEVER
STOP

LEARNING

TRY TALKING TO
PEOPLE WITH
SIMILAR PRIVILEGES
ABOUT UNDOING
THEM, BECOMING
AWARE OF THEM

TRY JOURNALING
AND/OR OTHER REFLECTION
PRACTICES

TRY ATTENDING
TRAININGS LIKE OR BY:

* THOUSAND CURRENTS
ACADEMY

* UNDOING RACISM

* POOR MAGAZINE

* GENERATIVE SOMATICS

* SURJ

* MOVEMENT
GENERATION

* RESOURCE GENERATION

GROUND IN + RETURN
TO PERSONAL
ANTI-OPPRESSION
WORK

TRY READING
A LOT ABOUT
ANTI-OPPRESSION -
A LOT HAS ALREADY
BEEN WRITTEN

* FORWARD
STANCE

* AORTA

* CATALYST
PROJECT

RELATIONSHIP + TRUST BASED ♥♥♥ INVESTING

* LEND + GIVE
MONEY TO YOUR
FRIENDS + NEIGHBORS

* EXPLORE NO-INTEREST
LOANS WITH FLEXIBLE
REPAYMENT

* SCHEDULE CHECK-INS
THAT COVER YOUR
WHOLE SELVES

* BE VULNERABLE WITH
EACH OTHER! SHARE
FEELINGS + MAKE
SPACE FOR
"STUPID" QUESTIONS

* HUMANIZE
YOUR DUE
DILIGENCE → WORK
TO UNDERSTAND THE
PEOPLE NOT THEIR
CREDIT SCORE

BEING INVESTED

- ☆ intentionally centers values such as social, racial and climate justice; indigenous sovereignty
- ☆ broad & multiple definition of success (of individuals, projects, community, social)
- ☆ investor is grounded & possibly in conversation with investee
- ☆ investor participates — throws down, takes on risks, does personal work, grows
- ☆ terms of investment set by or with and for investee; non-extractive
- ☆ investors can be in relationship with each other to support project & each other

WHY IS THIS SHIFT NECESSARY?

dominant investing is extractive - taking wealth from specific peoples and places and accumulating it in other peoples and places. it is racist and colonial.

GROSS + INEQUITABLE
DISTRIBUTION OF
WEALTH + POWER

CHANGING FINANCIAL PRACTICES

We think healing our financial practices - our relationship to money - is a major step toward ushering in a next economy

being invested - not just investing - relocates ourselves in the financial and economic work, and calls for different practices & strategies. take on more risks, relinquish power & control where appropriate, and deepen commitments.

PRACTICE
DIFFERENT
WAYS OF
BEING

SPIRIT

TRY TALKING
TO YOUR
ANCESTORS
ABOUT
MONEY

TRY
METTA ("COMPASSION")
MEDITATION

TRY SETTING
AN ALTAR BEFORE
WRITING CHECKS
OR MAKING GIVING
DECISIONS

TRY PRAYING
WHEN DECIDING
HOW MUCH IS
ENOUGH

BODY

GROUNDING +
CENTERING PRACTICES
FOR THE BODY HELP US
BUCK RIGID, STUFFY, TOO
FAST, SILENCING FINANCE
CULTURE AND SUPPORT...

...STAYING
CONNECTED
TO HEART +
VALVES

...BEING
BRAVE

...HEARING
YOUR INTUITION

TRY A GUIDED
"GROUNDING MEDITATION"

TRY PUTTING YOUR
HAND ON YOUR HEART
WHEN YOU FEEL
CONFUSED

TRY PAYING
ATTENTION TO
YOUR FEET DURING
A CALL

TRY
SOMATICS

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REDISTRIBUTE
WEALTH +
CONTROL OF
WEALTH
(MOVE MONEY!)

TRANSFORM
OUR ECONOMY
AND OUR SELVES

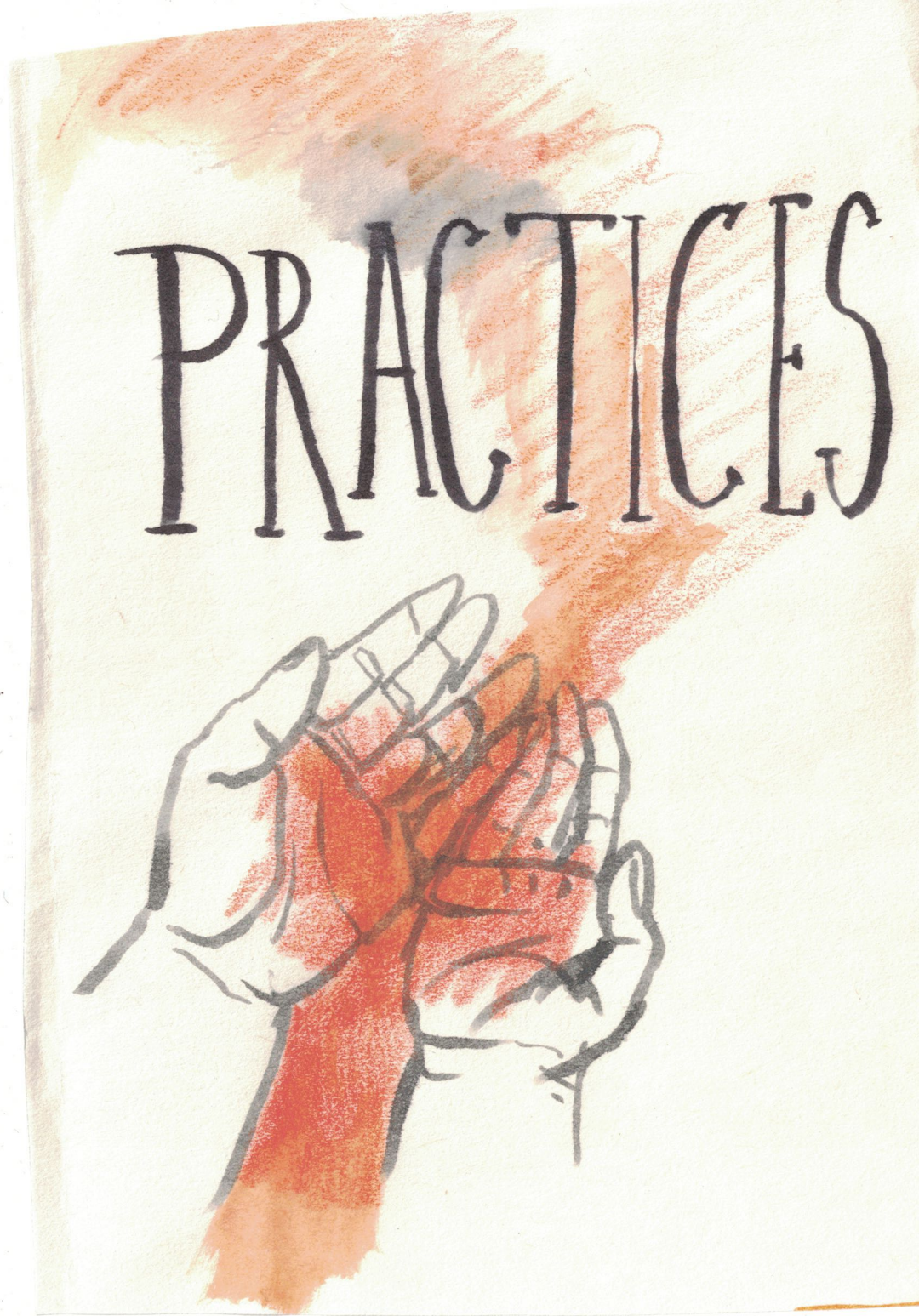
OUR
INTENTIONS

to support

REPARATIONS
FOR U.S.
SLAVERY

DECOLONIZATION
+ INDIGENOUS
SOVEREIGNTY

RELOCALIZING
DECISION-
MAKING AND
MONEY



+ how can we take risks together?
 x what skills support us in taking deeper shared risks?

DEEPER SHARED RISK

Δ if you have more than enough don't ask for collateral

Δ recognize financial resources + non-financial

x what does "shared" risk mean?

x what could it look like for an investor to take a shared risk with a community?

Δ bold terms of investment that reflect differences of power + privilege



RELATIONSHIP

AS BEING INVESTED

For me, relationships have been the container for a lot of my personal transformation. It's how I can see myself, my learning edges & places to grow & change.



Relationships are the foundation for my understanding of accountability and commitment.

Deepening my relationships helps me show up to their events, meetings, fundraisers when my otherwise introverted self wouldn't want to.

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON:

- * AM I holding back in this relationship?
- * How can I be more invested or committed to this person and their work?
- * Is this relationship mutually-beneficial?

SHIFT POWER

- * SUPPORT COMMUNITY-OWNED AND COMMUNITY-CONTROLLED PROJECTS
- * UNDERSTAND + LEVERAGE YOUR OWN POWER
- * TRY COLLABORATIVE DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES FOR ALLOCATING RESOURCES
- * FOCUS ON FUNDING PROJECTS DESIGNED + LED BY MOST IMPACTED COMMUNITIES
- * AMPLIFY + FOLLOW LEADERSHIP OF MOST IMPACTED COMMUNITIES
- * EXPLORE SHARING + CEDING YOUR POWER

YOU CAN DO IT!



RACIAL JUSTICE
WEALTH REDISTRIBUTION
WHAT ARE YOUR CORE VALUES?



try to

ALWAYS ASK:

at every step

IS THIS ADVANCING
wealth redistribution?