**Hosting a Sacred Earth Community Blessing Ceremony**

**What’s Involved?**

Hosting involves inviting people to participate in a blessing ceremony and helping organize the event. As host you would be the primary contact person in your community.

While each event will be unique to the community, the core ceremony includes the creation of an offering. We create a bundle infused with prayers. It’s a sweet, joyful and participatory ritual. This bundle is then gifted back to Mother Nature, in a fire or placed into a large natural water source (river, ocean, lake).

Community Blessings are a co-creative alchemical process that is at the root of ceremony. The ritual weaves people and places together in a network of light, opening us to the sacred, a place where magic and transformation happens. This spiritually nourishes the people and community, lifting the collective vibration of the area. More information can be found on my website. [www.alisonnormore.com/communityblessings](http://www.alisonnormore.com/communityblessings)

**How long is the Ceremony?**

The ceremony will be 2-3 hours, depending on the number of people in attendance and the type of ceremony. For example, larger groups and an outside fire will take extra time.

**Where to have it?**

You can host the event at your home or in a community meeting space. A largish open room with enough seating space for everyone to sit with space in the middle for creating the bundle.

Also consider if a sacred fire can be held on the property, or somewhere close by. If not, is there a river or bay or other site easily accessible for the offering? We will work with what is available in terms of time available and ease of access to a fire or water source.

**Advertising a Community Blessing?**

This ceremony is open to anyone who feels called to attend. Start with friends and spread the news through your local networks. Once the date and time are confirmed, I will provide a poster that you can print and share in your community, by email or on Facebook.

I will create a Facebook Event Page with you as co-host for you to share on social media. Event notices will also be posted on my website, on my personal Facebook page, and on the Institute of Ancestral Wisdom Facebook page. If you don't use Facebook, that's okay. People will have your contact information, the most important thing.

**As host you will be the primary contact person for the Event**. For planning you will need to know how many are attending, so I suggest to ask people to register in advance.

**Cost?**

A suggested donation of $20 is asked to help cover expenses. Expenses include space rental, travel, food and ceremony supplies such as flowers, candles, wood and oil if needed, etc. I will provide all ceremony supplies. **As host, you are responsible for collecting donations**. You can ask people to register and pay ahead of time, and also provide a box or container for donations at the event. Proceeds are donated to PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), Humane Society International or local Humane Societies. There are Donation Links to make donations directly on the Community Blessings page of my website.

Some venues may offer public space at no charge or at a reduced price if they know it is a free community event. I would advise to keep food expenses to a minimum. You might offer tea and water afterwards, or invite people to make food or flower donations to the event. Allowing others to contribute and help is a great way to build community. No alcoholic beverages please.

Thank you for bringing a Sacred Earth Community Blessing to your community! I will be happy to chat about your ideas for your ceremony, and answer any other questions you might have.

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