

Circlewood Media Kit

#### Mission

Accelerating the greening of faith.

## Vision

In a time of rapid planetary and religious change, followers of Jesus are being called to a more ecologically conscious faith that models God's love and care for the earth, cultivates a more holistic faith, and helps humanity live more justly and sustainably. In answer to this call, and as part of a growing, global movement, Circlewood's mission is "*to accelerate the greening of faith*." We pursue this mission through our media projects, educational endeavors, and our innovative center on Camano Island, Circlewood Village.

# **Overview and History**

In 1989, Tom Sine founded Mustard Seed Associates to assist churches and Christian organizations in evaluating how the world is changing and how we need to change to be more effective in the future. Christine Sine was the first executive director. In 1989, Tom purchased 40 acres of forested land on Camano Island north of Seattle WA with the intent of building a center that captured some of the spirit of a 6th century Celtic monastery. In 2010, plans were made to develop the land into an educational retreat center which would include housing, classroom, and agricultural elements, all grounded in sustainability and rooted in community. In 2014, construction began on a classroom.

In 2017, this work continued under a new leader, James Amadon, and a new name, Circlewood. Circlewood has continued the work by establishing a 30-year forest stewardship plan and an updated site development plan. In 2019, online courses and webinars began, and in 2020 the <u>Earthkeepers</u> podcast was launched. <u>The Ecological</u>

<u>Disciple</u> was launched in 2021. Construction on the first building, the Sine Center for Ecological Learning, was completed in 2025.

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### Socials

- <u>Facebook</u>
- <u>Instagram</u>
- <u>Twitter</u>
- <u>LinkedIn</u>
- <u>YouTube</u>

## Statement of Inclusion

We are all kin. As we accelerate the greening of faith together, we honor and welcome every person who loves and cares for creation. We recognize the unique gifts and perspectives that come from differences in ability, gender, race, color, ethnicity, religion, age, national origin, social background, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

Logos and Branding

Find on our website.

#### Audio and Visual Resources

Contact Jessalyn at jessalyn.gentry@circlewood.online for photos, audio, etc.

Testimonials

- "I appreciate that the vision of Circlewood is consistent with an indigenous worldview of living with creation in a reciprocal relationship, rather than as a property owner." —Lenore Three Stars, Circlewood board member
- "It is fantastic and energizing to see how Circlewood is thriving and growing." Tonya Wishart, Circlewood Stand member
- "I love Circlewood's passion for accelerating the greening of faith and helping followers of Christ to move concern for creation and sustainability to the center of their faith." —Christine Sine, Circlewood Stand member
- "Christine and I are very glad to be a part of this important new movement for Christian environmental advocacy. We encourage all readers to join this timely venture!" —Tom Sine, Circlewood Stand member
- "I love being part of an organization that integrates my Christian faith and my love and care for creation." —Louise Conner, Circlewood staff
- "I support Circlewood because I fully believe in its mission and vision. Circlewood's vision to be a change agent/voice of healing in a bent, bruised and sometimes broken Creation is a voice and place badly needed in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. I am impressed by the leadership of Circlewood at all levels. May their voice in word and deed resound!" —Joe Sheldon, Circlewood volunteer

Find more information on our website, <u>circlewood.online</u>, or by contacting our staff.