

HOW CAN I INSPIRE CLIMATE ACTION WITH VALUES-BASED LEADERSHIP?

1. Identify and articulate my aspirational values.

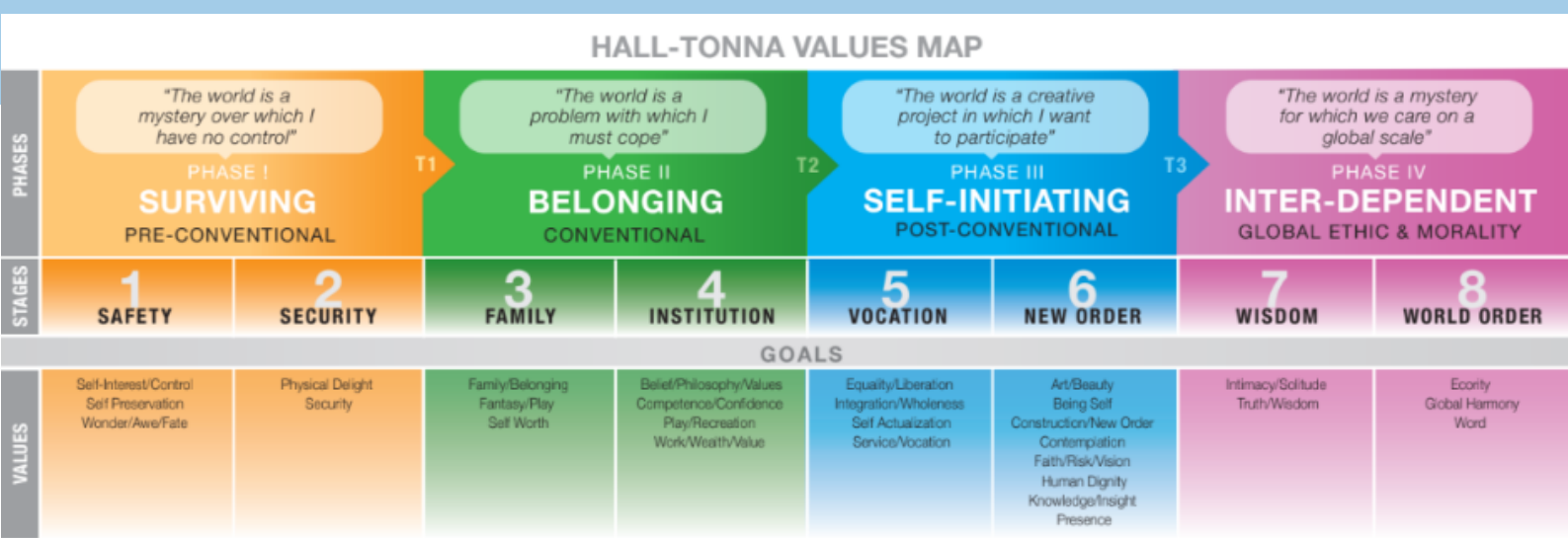
Construction/New Order

Truth/Wisdom

Weaving Indigenous and Western Knowledges, Practices, and Ways of Knowing

Knowledge/Insight

Word



Source: Hall (2006).

2. Define my leadership goal.

To help Prairie decision-makers realize the importance of climate action by using my voice to bring people together around a common vision for our future where our children's children can live in harmony with each other and with nature.

3. Weave Indigenous and Western climate communications practices.

Use Visuals

North Saskatchewan River Valley's changing ecosystems (City of Edmonton, 2018)



- Describe **hyper-local** impacts to build understanding (Greenslade et al., 2022).
- Explain the **reality**. Be **honest**. Provide tangible **solutions**.
- **Design** a collaborative, inclusive, equitable, accessible process.
- Use **trusted messengers**: universities, friends, family, affiliations (Prairie Climate Centre, 2023).
- Identify shared future goals based on **shared values** e.g. our **safe community** (Bennett, 2023).

Tell Stories

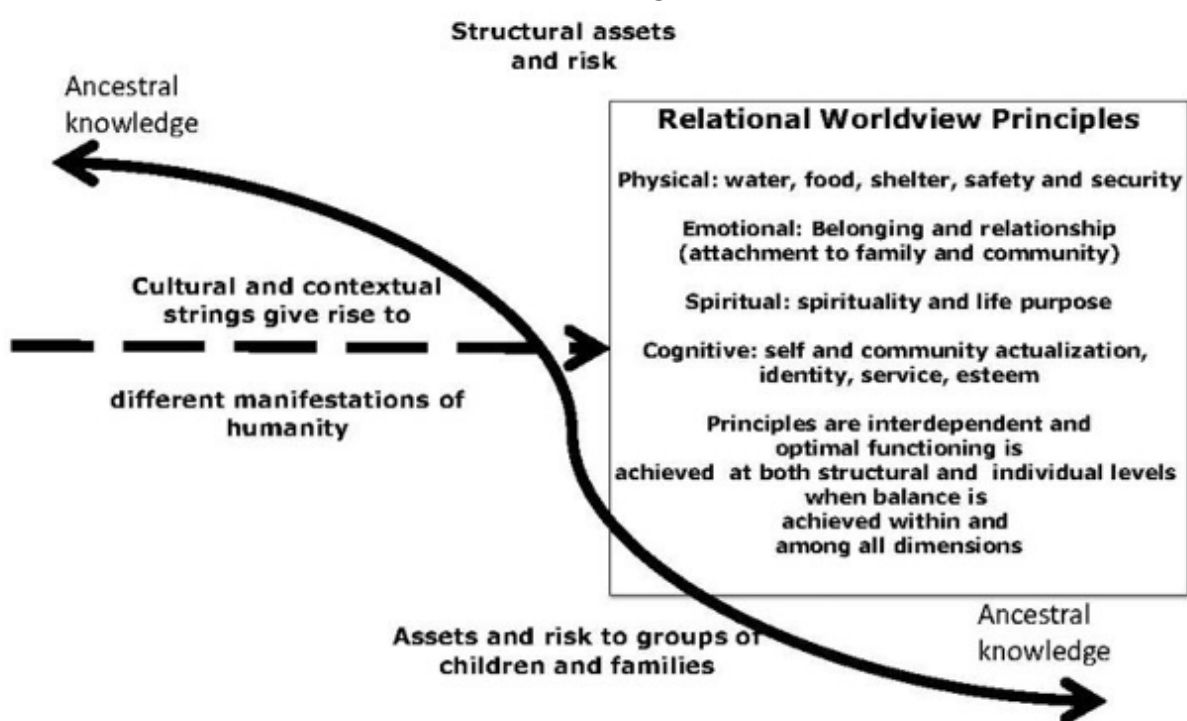


Provide Hope



4. Bridge Western and Indigenous Leadership Theories.

The Breath of Life Theory (Blackstock, 2011)



In the Breath of Life Theory of leadership, “diversity among people can be accounted for by thinking of culture, time, and context operating ... in the same way that the vibrations do in *string theory*, diversifying the manifestation of the relational worldview principles at the level of individuals and groups” (Blackstock, 2011, p. 8).

5. Build relationships based on authenticity and transparency.

6. Take responsibility for my relationship with my world (Taylor, 2011).

7. Continuous Learning!

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