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Dear Friends,

The Foundation for Intentional Community (FIC) is reaching out to you today urging you to consider supporting one of our network communities and fiscal sponsorship recipients, Parable of the Sower Community (POTS). POTS is a 10-member worker-owned cooperative community for black women with children looking for land to sow the seeds of their community somewhere in the southern states of the US.

POTS' search for land has been *ten years* of ongoing effort. Despite offering successful products and services including educational leadership, consultation, and various healing modalities, POTS continues to experience challenges in obtaining land for their community to call home. Indeed their story fits well within our country's history of black women facing obstacles to buying land due to gender and racial wealth gaps, discriminatory lending, history of redlining, and social biases. Today, less than 1% of farmland is owned by black landowners while 98% is owned by white landowners. Within their challenge to purchase land and create the community they have successfully developed, there is an opportunity for our network to share our abundance and access of land in support of groups like POTS.

To begin, their initial aim is to fulfill the project of a documentary film through its community's timebanking system. POTS is willing to contractually rent land for a designated period of time as both entities agree upon. However, the FIC is encouraging you to consider gifting a portion of your land to the community and the project as part of reparatory justice, also known as land reparations.

The documentary film project is called the "Reviving the Black Cooperative Movement: A Legacy of Collective Courage and Determination." Led by film producer and POTS founding member Aleta Toure, the documentary chronicles footage from historical cooperative landmarks of this sustainability movement's rich economic legacy. The majority of the film footage comes from the Collective Courage book written by Jessica Nembhardt Gordon.



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Aleta Toure has been on the production crew of six PBS documentaries including *Eyes on the Prize*, *The Great Depression*, *This Far by Faith*, *Malcolm X*, and *I'll Make Me a World*. The production of *Reviving the Black Cooperative Movement* would not only showcase an important aspect of the cooperative movement's history, but also support the foundational steps of a forming intentional community by providing the group's source of income.

For more information about the project and the process of leasing or gifting land, you can reach out to me at kim.kanney@ic.org and to Aleta Toure at parableofsowerhealing@proton.me. We understand this is a significant decision to make for your community. We encourage you to consider this gift with openness and curiosity.

In Community,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Kanney", with a stylized, flowing script.

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P.S. Learn more about the film project at
<https://www.facebook.com/ReviveBlkCoopMovement>.

And you can read more about reparatory justice at
www.ohchr.org/en/stories/2025/10/ending-systemic-racism-demands-reparatory-justice