We seek to re-imagine how to address society’s most pressing needs.

Global Philanthropists Circle Membership: Our Commitment

Our members share Synergos’ commitment to create a more just, equitable, peaceful and regenerative world. Leading with inner work, we nurture trust among our members and cultivate a brave space to share challenges and shift perspectives. We harness the transformative nature of philanthropy through a communal journey of discovery and growth guided by the core commitments of Synergos:

**Stewardship**

**Synergos Philanthropy Partner**
With regional teams in Latin America, US, Europe, Asia, and Africa, we support GPC members with local insight and global reach. Each member works with a dedicated Philanthropy Partner to enhance the impact of their philanthropy.

**Curated Membership Journey**
Your member journey is created with you to meet your specific needs. It may include quarterly consultations with our teams, curated connections across Synergos’ trusted networks, a shortlist of experiences to help advance your learning and giving goals, and one immersive impact workshop per year.

**Advisory and Insights**
Our Synergos Advisory team offers tailored strategic counsel and advisory support, helping your philanthropy become more effective, adaptive, and proximate to the issues and people you seek to support.

**Convening**

**Synergos Global Gathering**
Our flagship annual gathering is designed to inspire, challenge, and propel GPC members forward on their journeys. Members also receive two complementary tickets to the David Rockefeller Bridging Leadership Award Symposium and Gala.

**Synergos Gatherings Platform**
A regular series of in-person and virtual events designed for personal and communal growth of the soul, mind, and action.

**Year-round Experiences & Programming**
Synergos and our members host experiences throughout the year, including: inner work retreats, Bridging Leadership training, member dinners and learning journeys.

**Catalyzing**

**Collaborative Communities**
Collaborative Communities enable GPC members to engage with each other on specific issue areas. Together our members go into deeper dialogue, often building towards collaborative action, on topics such as Food Systems, Spiritual Civilization, Impact Investing, and Refugees and Migration.

**Collective Action Labs**
Building on the peer learning and sharing of Collaborative Communities, our Collective Action Labs help members catalyze new collaborations targeting major global challenges. This is an exclusive opportunity to galvanize new support and knowledge sharing on a specific topic or project you may be launching or looking to reinforce.
A journey of inner work to outer action.

**Synergos Approach to Philanthropy**

Philanthropy is at its most impactful when it is rooted in humility, inclusion, and trust. When we as philanthropists and social investors live and practice these principles wholeheartedly we shift our own beliefs, the people around us, and the systems we live in.

Our approach is rooted in Synergos’ Bridging leadership characterized by three essential elements:

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<td>Working with key stakeholders to leverage collective resources and action. Building sustainable relationships that can carry the partnership forward.</td>
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Bridging Leadership is a style of leadership practiced by both individuals and organizations that is effective for building trust and collaboration among diverse stakeholders to address systemic challenges.

GPC Members engage in Bridging leadership training, as well as consultations with Synergos Advisory to explore options of bringing Bridging leadership strategy and mindset to your philanthropic endeavors.

**Synergos Experiences and Programming**

Synergos Experiences are opportunities for members to have honest, brave, and engaging conversations both virtually and in-person.

In addition to Synergos’ Flagship Global Gathering, Synergos Europe Gathering, and the David Rockefeller Bridging Leadership Award, recent and future events include:

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GPC Membership Journey

GPC membership is based around a 12-month cycle of engagement, discovery, and action designed for your specific goals, and led by your Philanthropy Partner. While each journey is unique, there are a multitude of opportunities to engage across events, retreats, and services available only to GPC members.

A 12-month journey could include any of the following major engagements:

Membership Goals

At the end of the 12-month cycle, members can expect to have:

- Grown as a leader that can bridge across divides and builds trust for stronger collaboration.
- Gained new insights, strategies, and practices to apply in their social impact work.
- Built stronger relationships with the Synergos community.
- Opened up their hearts and minds to receive new information and shift perception of self and the work they do.
- Advanced your existing efforts in impact and reach.
GPC Community
The Global Philanthropists Circle (GPC) membership includes more than 400 active participants from approximately 100 philanthropic families, representing 30 countries from North America, Latin America, Asia, Europe and Africa. Our approach is based on building trust – the essential ingredient needed to bridge divides and create effective collective action.

Circle members are extraordinary changemakers who lead, implement, and support innovative initiatives addressing the most significant challenges in our societies. To honor the privacy of our members, the network provides a ‘safe space’ with a non-solicitation policy, members names are not distributed to the media or publicized without permission.

Shared Commitment
• Living our shared values of humility, empathy, compassion, inclusion, transparency, and integrity.
• While holding on to our values, reaching across divides to build new avenues of trust.
• Listening openly and taking in different perspectives.
• Sharing our power and privilege to elevate those who have been left behind.
• Embracing lifelong learning to challenge our held assumptions, models, and roles.
• Seeing ourselves, our work, and our resourcing as integral and part of a holistic system of change.
• Centering the lived experience of the communities we seek to work alongside. Authentic knowledge of a community’s realities, opportunities, and challenges comes from within and not without.
• Endeavoring to do our part to shift our world from a paradigm of separation to one of relationship in which we understand that we are fundamentally interdependent and cooperation is the most intelligent orientation for human systems.

Member Commitments to the GPC
• Prioritize quarterly calls / meetings with your Philanthropy Partner team, including one in-person meeting / workshop per year and one annual “check in” to review the past year and plan for the year ahead.
• Hold with care and in confidence the personal information and contact details of fellow GPC members.
• Keep your Philanthropy Partners apprised of your latest contact information, interests, and biographical details.
• Offer the GPC community experiences, access, or opportunities, in shared service of our greater goal of creating a more just, loving and regenerative world.
• Provide us your feedback on the membership offerings and experiences through occasional short surveys (5-10 minutes) and one annual “check in” per year (completed either in person or online).

Creating a more just, equitable, peaceful and regenerative world.
Thank you.