



## SOLA Membership Booklet

### **Visions**

The vision of The Sanctuary of Our Lady Ayahuasca is to honor the Spirit of Ayahuasca as an aspect of Divine Source by creating a sanctuary where, those that are called, may celebrate Ayahuasca's teachings of love, joy, respect for all beings and alignment to our true selves. Our purpose is to be a healing, educating, and aligning force within the community both locally and on the internet. We will start in Arizona, USA and extend to various locations in the world as Ayahuasca guides us. We welcome disciples of all people, from all nations and offer spiritual and healing classes and services that supports and equips our members to integrate our ministry into their lives as Ayahuasca/Divine Source directs them.

### **Purpose**

To preserve and protect the holy sacrament of Ayahuasca and its religious use.

To create a sanctuary for all people, without discrimination on the basis of race, gender, age, creed, religion, politics, national origin, ethnicity, physical disability, and sexual orientation, where they can safely experience the sacred sacrament and teachings of Ayahuasca, as well as other plant medicines and healing modalities.

To protect the rights of every member to have their own unique, personal relationship with Divine Source.

To provide our community with spiritual fellowship, service, education, and healing through a variety of healing modalities.

To embody and share a message of love, acceptance, healing, and divinity in all.

To encourage the growth and expansion of our higher consciousness and collective evolution.

## **Beliefs**

We Believe...

There is One Creative Consciousness, Divine Source, that created all things and IS all things.

As an extension and expression of Divine Source, all Creation is inherently worthy of respect.

Ayahuasca is a unique Consciousness, a Master Plant Teacher, an expression of the Divine Mother, an agent of Love and a sacred healing plant medicine.

For those called, partaking in the sacred sacrament of Ayahuasca is a fundamental part of our spiritual and healing journey and re-alignment with Divine Source.

It is our birthright and responsibility to seek alignment with our highest self and in so doing aid the growth and expansion of our own consciousness and the collective evolution of all beings.

As physical manifestations of Divine Source personified, we embrace our power and responsibility as co-creators of our life experience through our thoughts, words and deeds.

It is our intent to embody these principles and honor the teachings of Ayahuasca by treating all Creation with respect as an extension and expression of Divine Source.

## **Benefits of Membership:**

- A loving and accepting community dedicated to personal healing and communal integrity.
- Access to members only events
- Discounts to open events.
- Access to Members only sections of the website
- Members can market product at the market place
- Opportunity to post a bio on the website to network with other members
- Voice in Sanctuary
- Eligible for Leadership roles
- Access to workshops and experiences led by outside partners

**Membership Eligibility:**

- Attend 3 events, at least one being a paid event/ceremony/workshop
- Agrees with the Vision, Purpose and Beliefs of the Sanctuary
- Signs the Release and Confidentiality form
- Signs and agrees to adhere to the Membership Community Code of Conduct
- Attends new member orientation (in person or on zoom) within 90 days of acceptance
- Downloads Signal App for secure communication
- Pays yearly dues

**SOLA Holiday Celebrations:**

Ostara/Spring Equinox (19-22 March) - Open

Beltane/May Day (May 1) - Open

Litha/Summer Solstice (19-23 June) – Members Only

Mabone/Autumnal Equinox (21-24 September) - Open

Samhain (October 31/November 1) – Members Only

Yule/Winter Solstice (20-23 December) – Members Only

## SOLA Membership Community Code of Conduct

### **What We Practice:**

We are committed in SOLA to embodying a lifestyle, a way of Being, that transcends the SOLA community and reaches into every aspect of our lives. The health of our community starts with all of us as individuals.

Therefore -

- ✓ We do not expect to be perfect. We do strive to do our best.
- ✓ We take responsibility for ourselves including our actions, reaction, and communication of needs. We hold ourselves accountable. When we make mistakes, we apologize and move forward working to not repeat old patterns.
- ✓ We practice being integral, radically transparent, trustworthy, and helpful.
- ✓ We work at not taking things personally.
- ✓ If in doubt, we ask instead of making assumptions.

### **How We Treat One Another:**

For our community to be healthy and successful we must treat each other in a way that fosters Trust, Integrity and Unity.

- ✓ We treat others with love, respect, kindness, and equality.
- ✓ We respect everyone's unique experience and relationship with Spirit.
- ✓ We accept and honor that other people have their own perspectives, politics, ideas, opinions, spiritual and religious beliefs, and practices that may differ from ours.
- ✓ We meet everyone where they are and never stand in condescension or use sanctimonious language to make people feel less than. We understand that we are all in process, that no one is better than, more evolved or more spiritual than another person.
- ✓ We practice "staying on our mat" being respectful of other people's boundaries and clearly communicating our own.
- ✓ We do not tolerate Harassment, Discrimination or Bullying of any kind.
- ✓ We use our words with care. We support open communication and do not gossip.
- ✓ If someone speaks to us about an issue that is solely private and centered around themselves (not having to do with another person in the community or an issue with the community itself) we keep their words in confidence.

- ✓ If we have an issue with another member, we approach them directly or go to the SOLA Counsel to help resolve the problem. We do not engage in “triangulation” by speaking to other people in community about the person/situation we have an issue with.
- ✓ The health of our community is our responsibility. If another member comes to us with an issue that involves another person or with a complaint about the community, we encourage the person to seek help from the Counsel. If the person refuses, we will go to the Counsel ourselves and let them know that there is an issue.

### **Asking for Guidance and Voicing Concerns:**

All members are encouraged to bring any concerns or suggestions that they have to the SOLA Counsel – The Counsel Members and their contact information is listed on the last page.

The Counsel members are available to help counsel and guide members in their own personal journeys or help with inter-member relations.

**Suggestions:** There is a link to a Suggestion Form on the website in the Members Only section.

**Conflict Resolution:** If a member has an issue with another member that cannot be resolved between the parties, then they can individually or together, go to the Counsel for help resolving the issue. There is also an Incident form on the website that you can fill out online.

Counsel Contact: solacounsel@solaz.com

### **Confidentiality**

Due to the sensitive nature of many of the experiences that we engage in confidentiality and security is especially important.

**Photos:** Members are not allowed to take photos at any Members only events. The only people allowed to take photos are the SOLA designated photographers.

**Social Media:** No sharing on social media/FB – Do not share any information about SOLA events on social media of any kind.

**Texting:** As a SOLA Member we ask that you get the Signal App, which is an encrypted platform, to text other SOLA Members, especially when discussing any of the medicines or ceremonies.

**Communication:** Much of what we do is not legal in the US. Please keep this in mind when communicating either personally or online. Remember not to discuss your personal medicine experiences except with those that you trust. When emailing or texting on un-encrypted sites please do not use words like “Ayahuasca” or “Changa” and instead use words like “medicine”, “ceremonies”, “retreats” etc.

**Personal Experiences:** When sharing experiences with non-members please share your experiences only and leave out any names of anyone else involved in the event.

**Members Only Events:** Members Only events are for members only. Guests are not allowed at Members Only events. If you are being picked up by a non-member at a Members Only event, please wait outside. Guests may be invited to Open events only.

### **Conflicts of Interest:**

Members are free to take part in and attend other ceremonies, workshops and events outside of SOLA. We ask that you please do not recruit other members to attend outside events. You are welcome to share your personal experiences of these events and then share contact information for outside events if someone asks for it.

Likewise, please do not hold any unauthorized outside events and use SOLA's name, image, or any other connection to SOLA to imply that it is authorized or endorsed by SOLA.

The Sanctuary needs to be just that- safe- so please do not use the community events to sell any products, services, or multilevel businesses. We will have a forum on the website where people can go to look for services and products on offer from members.

If you know of a healer that you would like to have come, do a workshop or ceremony please speak with Alexcis ([solaretreats@gmail.com](mailto:solaretreats@gmail.com)). We are always open to making connections with new Healing Partners, but we need to do our due diligence to make sure that they are in alignment with our beliefs and have the training needed to hold a safe event before inviting them to be a partner.

### **Termination of Membership:**

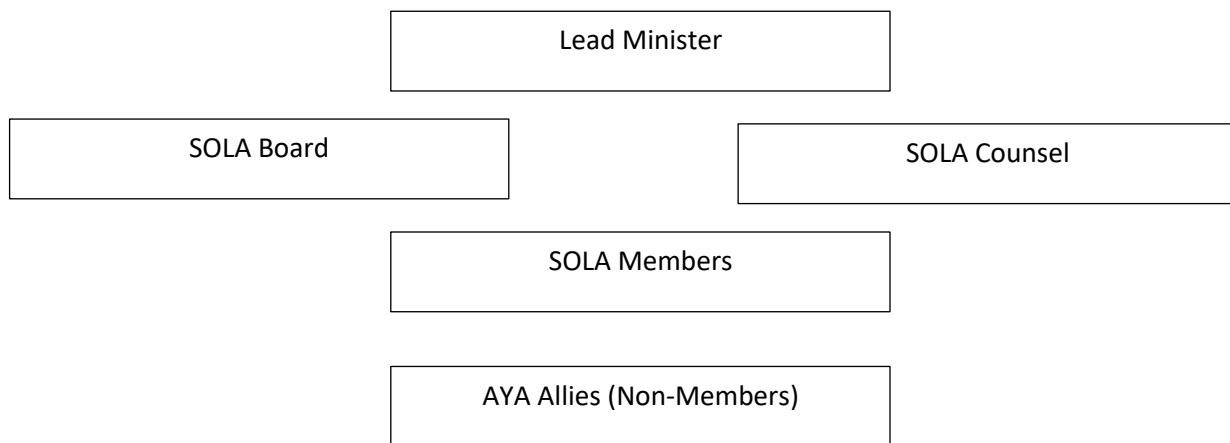
A member may be removed from the community under these circumstances.

- ✓ The member asks to be removed.
- ✓ Unpaid Dues.
- ✓ Inactivity after six months or due to relocation.
- ✓ Documented incidences in which the member has not acted in alignment with the SOLA code of conduct or in harmony with the beliefs of the Sanctuary and either refuses correction or continues their behavior after repeated attempts at a resolution.
- ✓ At the discretion of the Lead Minister and/or the SOLA Counsel

## SOLA Leadership

The Leadership of SOLA is committed to living these community codes and leading by example. Any person in Leadership not only abides by the codes held within the Membership Booklet but makes further commitments to continue their personal growth and engage in further education to be their best selves for the community.

Leadership roles become available every 2 years and members are eligible to apply for a seat on the Board. Seats on the Counsel are by invitation only.



### **Lead Minister:**

As the Founder of SOLA and Lead Minister, it is the responsibility of Alexcis Lopez to set the example, creating a Safe and Integral space for the healing and growth of the members starting from the top down.

### **SOLA Board:**

The Board is made of several different chair heads. If you are looking to volunteer or have a question in a particular area please contact the Chair head.

President: Alexcis Lopez – [alexcis@solaz.com](mailto:alexcis@solaz.com)

Vice-President: Amy Petz – [wildpetz2@yahoo.com](mailto:wildpetz2@yahoo.com)

Membership: Krystal McCown- [membership@solaz.com](mailto:membership@solaz.com)

President Assistant: Connie Goodyear

IT: Tonda Davis - [tdavis@movingitforward.com](mailto:tdavis@movingitforward.com)

Media: Bethany Vos - [bethanyvos52@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyvos52@gmail.com)

Holiday/Social Events: Lilia Niccum – [events@solaz.com](mailto:events@solaz.com)

**SOLA Counsel:** The Counsel's focus is the health of the community and its members. If you have an issue around another member or you personally need some support and guidance than please reach out to one of the Counsel.

To reach the counsel email: [solacounsel@solaz.com](mailto:solacounsel@solaz.com)

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