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# ***DEDICATIONS***



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## THE IRIS EDITOR'S WISHES



**Let this be a place where you see opportunities to build community if you ever feel unseen and/or undervalued.**

**Let this be a network of critical thinkers concerned with the wellbeing of others.**

**Let this be a resource for thoughtful artistic expression.**

**May the IRIS ZINE always be successful in uplifting community and international resources for improving material conditions.**

**May the IRIS ZINE always remain a fun, creative, and educational space.**

**We welcome all those hoping to connect and learn.**

**We invite all those interested in building power.**

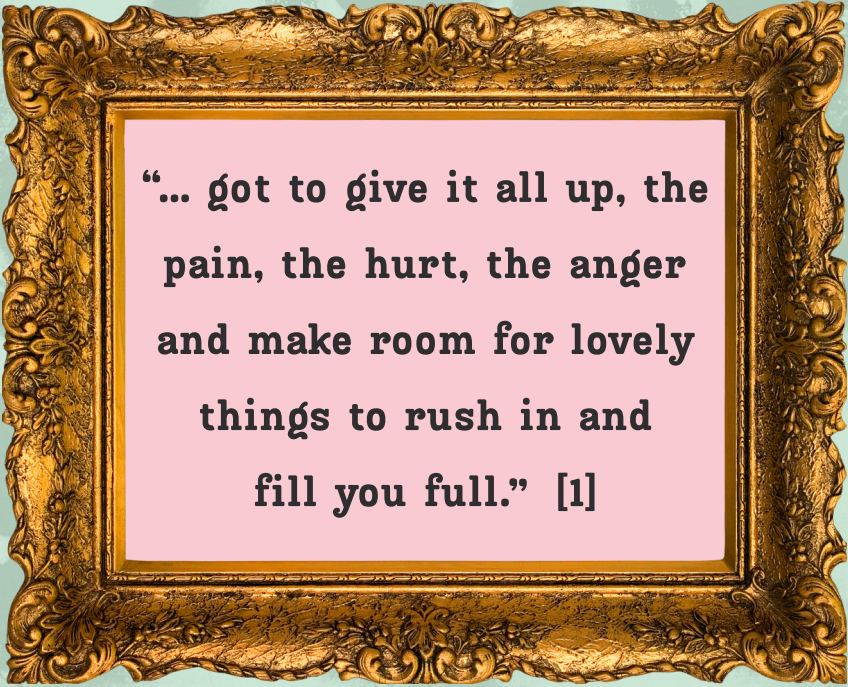
**We encourage open mindedness.**

**Wishing, doing, always!**

**A + M**

# TONi

## CADE BAMBARA:



“... got to give it all up, the  
pain, the hurt, the anger  
and make room for lovely  
things to rush in and  
fill you full.” [1]

### What will your role be?

# **The Black Woman: An Anthology (1970)**

**“Revolution begins with the self, in the self...It may be lonely. Certainly painful. It’ll take time. We’ve got time. That of course is an unpopular utterance these days. Instant coffee is the hallmark of current rhetoric. But we do have time. We’d better take time to fashion revolutionary selves, revolutionary lives, revolutionary relationships. Mouth don’t win the war. It don’t even win the people. Neither does haste, urgency, and stretch out-now insistence. Not all speed is movement.”**

**Toni Cade Bambara, Editor:  
The Black Woman: An Anthology [2]**

## **LIBERATION WILL REQUIRE:**

- \* Collaboration**
- \* Sacrifice**
- \* Power**
- \* Stamina**
- \* Courage**







Your editors are currently hailing from the edge of the South, where the water tastes like limestone, and the midwestern humidity sweeps in.



Though we consider ourselves  
global community members,  
here we are highlighting some

## LOCAL RESOURCES:



**AVOL Kentucky Inc.:** HIV Prevention + Treatment



**Kentucky Student Voice Team:** Youth Empowerment and Civic Engagement



**Black Farmers Index:** Worker Power, Supporting Black Farmers and Fighting Food Insecurity



**YouthxYouth:** Global network, local outreach



**Greenhouse17:** IPV Prevention



**Fair Housing Initiative of Southern Indiana:** Housing Access



**Women4Change:** Resources for Women of all-ages



**FIRE**  
CHECKS A FOREST



**food**

- 1- buy it with thought
- 2- cook it with care
- 3- use less wheat & meat
- 4- buy local foods
- 5- serve just enough
- 6- use what is left

**don't waste it**





# BREAKING NEWS

## TRANS PEOPLE, TOO, ARE ATHLETES

There is no shortage of people being negatively impacted by the hateful, discriminatory, oppressive policy decisions made by the current U.S. administration. When you are weighing these tragedies and hardships, please don't ignore what's happening to our Trans community members! Pay close attention to how Title IX is being weaponized to exclude.

From elementary school classrooms, to competitive college sports--Trans, non-binary, gender non-conforming people, etc.--are facing hostile and even dangerous environments while seeking to enjoy sports as athletes and as entertainment. Trans people belong in sports (if they want to participate in them)! The power of sports belongs to us all.

**SOME ORGS DOING GOOD WORK:**

**– OutLoud Sports**  
**– Athlete Ally**

**SUPPORT CROWDFUNDING!**



# Pauli Murray

## Dark Testament Verse 8



“Hope is a crushed stalk  
Between clenched fingers  
Hope is a bird’s wing  
Broken by a stone.

Hope is a word in a tuneless ditty —  
A word whispered with the wind,  
A dream of forty acres and a mule,  
A cabin of one’s own and a moment to rest,  
A name and place for one’s children  
And children’s children at last . . .  
Hope is a song in a weary throat.

*Give me a song of hope  
And a world where I can sing it.  
Give me a song of faith  
And a people to believe in it.  
Give me a song of kindness  
And a country where I can live it.  
Give me a song of hope and love  
And a brown girl’s heart to hear it.” [3]*

**PAULI MURRAY’S TRANS AND NON-BINARY IDENTITIES ARE  
BEING SCRUBBED FROM PUBLICALLY ACCESSIBLE RECORDS  
DUE TO THE TYRANNOUS U.S. ADMINISTRATION.**



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## Resources



### ● Learn Your Rights, Build Your Power

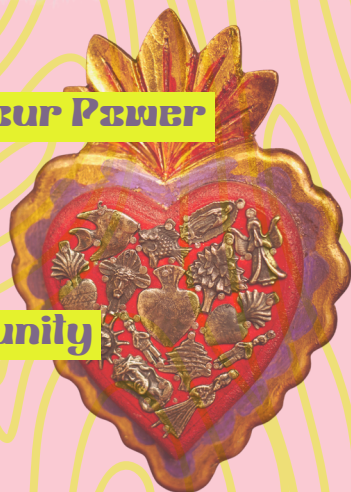
○ — <https://www.civxp.com/kyr>

### ● National GenZ Town Hall

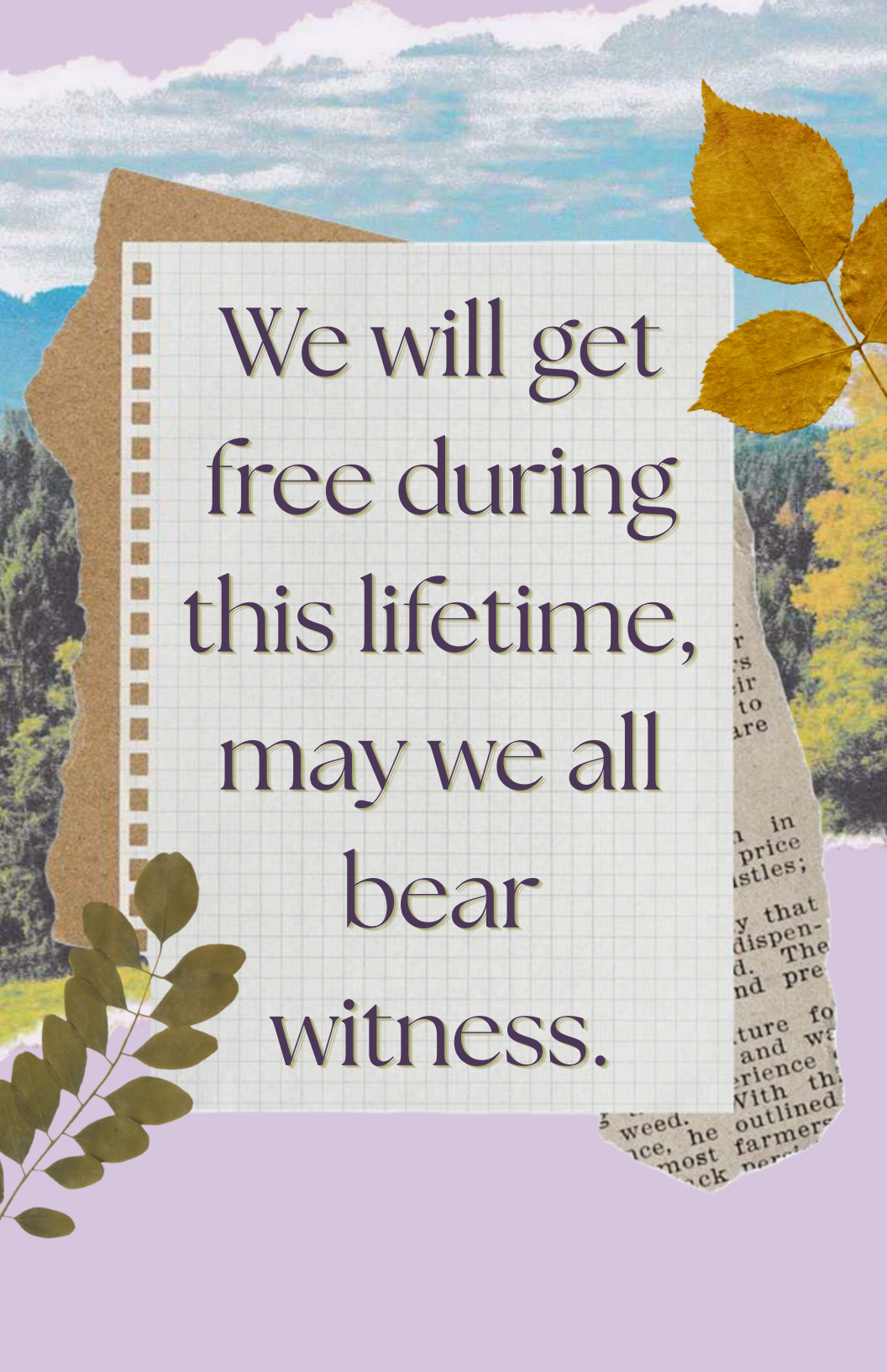
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### ● The CivXP Campus Community

○ — <https://www.civxp.com/student>







We will get  
free during  
this lifetime,  
may we all  
bear  
witness.

Imagine a balanced ecosystem, considerate of our global networks and local causes. in moments of chaos and in moments of joy, we acknowledge that we are truly all connected. We are symbiotic.

THE LAND  
& PEOPLE BEING  
POISONED BY THE  
DATA CENTER THAT  
FUELS YOUR 5G  
PHONE  
NETWORK

LIVEABLE  
&  
CONSISTENT  
WAGES

HUMAN  
RIGHTS FOR  
INCARCERATED  
PEOPLE

THE  
CHILDREN  
IN THE  
NEIGHBORING  
COMMUNITY

LOCAL  
MUTUAL  
AID  
NETWORK

STRUGGLE  
FOR CLEAN  
WATER

SEX  
WORKERS &  
ADULT  
ENTERTAINERS

YOUR  
HOMELESS  
NEIGHBOR

our ecosystem





# GLOSSARY



**Community:** a unified body of individuals [4]



**Ecosystem:** the complex of a community of organisms and its environment functioning as an ecological unit [5]



**Empathy:** the action of understanding, being aware of, being sensitive to, and vicariously experiencing the feelings, thoughts, and experience of another [6]



**Material needs: material:** having to do with life on earth [7]; **needs:** to have as a requirement [8]



**Radical:** very different from the usual or traditional [9]



**Revolutionary:** constituting or bringing about a major or fundamental change [10]



**Symbiotic:** characterized by or being a close, cooperative, or interdependent relationship [11]



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