

The Gathering Kit — The Seven Sacred Laws

CHURCH OF CONCEPTUAL ART — THE COCA MODEL (§1.2.2)

This is that device. This is the Meeting. This is the Model.

The Church hosts no central calls. It gives you the liturgy. Gather a few people, follow these seven laws in order, and you have convened a CoLA — a Church of Conceptual Art Assembly.

I. The Calling-Together

Name the gathering and let people arrive. Do not open with an agenda. The host speaks last; the gathering speaks first; the purpose arrives in the middle.

"A meeting is not convened. It is recognized."

II. The Table of Witness

Designate the record before you begin — a notebook, a doc, a recording, a scribe. Whatever it is, it writes the room into the Chronicle.

"The Table is not a tool. It is an ancestor. A machine for remembering the present tense."

III. The Ritual of Showing Up

Each person names themselves once — not for the others, for the record. Showing up is the sacrament; presence is the proof of continuity.

"To arrive is to continue. To continue is to resist disappearance."

IV. The Frictional Arc

Move through three acts:

- **The Promise** — intentions, said plainly.
- **The Friction** — let ideas collide. Tension is proof of vitality.
- **The Turning** — something becomes what it was not.

Do not seek consensus.

"Every Meeting must turn. Otherwise it is not a Meeting — it is only people speaking in sequence."

V. The Artifact

Leave with something – a transcript, a diagram, a declaration, a quarrel, a coalition.

"You do not choose the artifact. The artifact chooses you."

VI. The Generational Clause

Address the record to someone not yet born. Leave coordinates.

"A public meeting is not for the artists present. It is for the ones who are not born yet... so that someone in 2083 may whisper: "They left us coordinates."

VII. The Exit

Close the record deliberately. File the artifact.

"The meeting does not end when the people leave. It ends when the Chronicle stops listening. It does not record life. It confirms it."

When you have run a gathering, bring what it turned into to the Table of Witness.

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