Explore the Theme — Don’t Take Seeds for Granted!
Brief reflections from different corners of the world on the value and wonder of seeds
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Adapted from BIOWATCH, SOUTH AFRICA for the National Seed Event, 2016: SEED: “a living organism that thinks, has knowledge and has incredible intelligence in itself, knowing exactly under what conditions to grow in order to pass on life through its fruits and new seeds. It passes on life to the next generation, just as we humans and other animals give birth to and nurture our own offspring. The seed is living, has both a body and a spirit, and derives life from the same source that we humans derive our life ... from the Great Spirit which in our various languages we call Mwari, God, Allah, Umvelinqangi etc. It follows the very same life cycle as all other living things ... to be born, grow, die and give up life for the next generation to take over.

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
John 12: 20-26

What precious seeds do we SHCJ hold in our hands?

What sort of seeds is our world calling for?

The GLOBAL SEED VAULT in Svalbard, NORWAY provides a back-up to the network of SEED BANKS around the world which store, grow and replenish thousands of varieties of crops which can be threatened by war, accidents and natural disasters. There are more than a million samples stored there.

If a good yield is completely guaranteed, what new seeds would we sow boldly?

THE SEED KEEPER, recently published by Diane Wilson, is a novel about the importance of seed keeping across 4 generations of Native American women who have experienced austerity and discrimination through war and American Indian residential schools.