

Transformative Unconditional Solidarity: *A Movement for People, Life, and the Earth Flourishing Together*



Unconditional Solidarity: An Urgent Vision for Transformation

*When other beings and human communities thrive together,
we all thrive. Because of earth's crises,
it is an urgent way of life for all life*

Unconditional Solidarity (US) is the base motivation and vision for constructing a world where all beings live a free and flourishing life. It is also an inescapable state of being. Humans are deeply connected to and interdependent with other species and earth processes. Transformation occurs when we grow our awareness of solidarity, embody a compassionate response to this understanding, and organize a movement to change our collective experiences, understanding, and societies.

This handbook offers guidance in general for any wildlife or other conservation project but focuses specifically on parrots as an example of how this can work in the real world. US as a vision suggests that people:

- Care no matter what
- Listen before they lead
- Accompany rather than rescue
- Build relationships instead of transactions
- Agree that none are free until all are free
- Realize that no cage is big enough
- Organize for transformation through a local US campaign or a broader movement



Unconditional Solidarity: Defining the Vision

It is a process and a question.

US cannot be precisely defined but it can be discussed and imagined. When we do so, we garner the motivation to practice and embody living as individuals, groups, and societies in solidarity with the interdependent web of life.

Solidarity means we know that we exist within the web of life. It means we know life can suffer and be harmed and all life is connected in networks of mutuality – flourishing, vulnerability, beauty, and harm. Our mutual well-being and grief informs our US practice to help lighten our own ego concerns and human-centered orientation. Then we can understand the experiences of others and respond with care so that harm is diminished.

Unconditional means that all life is interconnected and worthy of concern. There are no rules or conditions restricting this understanding. Although our individual and group practices will fall short of embodying this understanding, we strive to communicate and enact this vision of freedom and flourishing.



Joining the US movement specifically for parrots means repairing the world one parrot at a time. You don't have to (and, of course, cannot) fix *everything* wrong in the world, but instead find a cause or a group to which you can commit and be with in solidarity. It's also important to share your experiences with others in the US movement.

An example of Unconditional Solidarity

Let us think about someone who takes parrot chicks from wild nests. We are not in solidarity with that action, since it causes direct harm to the animals and the ecosystem. However, it means we still maintain a form of consideration for that person as being part of the same web of life, without excluding them from our ethical concerns. At the same time we seek ways to stop and transform their behavior, and harmful societal structures that encourage harm.

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.” – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King



Enacting the Vision by Organizing a US Campaign

An Unconditional Solidarity campaign is not a single activity; it is a sustained practice of relationship, presence, and shared commitment.

It includes:

- Long-term commitment to a species and community
- Daily presence and storytelling
- Community-led protection in the field
- Shared visibility of risks faced by people and other beings
- Co-created communication and advocacy
- Emotional, ethical, and practical engagement

It is conservation rooted in relationship, not distance.



Unconditional Solidarity Campaign in La Moskitia, Honduras

Parrots are among the most threatened groups of bird in the world due to wildlife trafficking, habitat loss, and other human pressures. In La Moskitia, Honduras, Indigenous communities and local conservationists work tirelessly to protect endangered scarlet macaws and their nesting sites. This project, which was implemented in 2010, is called the *Apu Pauni* (Scarlet Macaw) project.

The local *Apu Pauni* conservationists face enormous challenges, including:

- Wildlife trafficking
- Corruption and violence
- Poverty and limited resources
- Increasing environmental pressures
- Illegal land tenure and the loss of their forest

One Earth Conservation (OEC) has spent more than 15 years partnering with local communities in multiple countries to protect both people and parrots through community-led conservation. Despite successes, the global situation is fragile and urgent; demand for the parrots is increasing, the forest is decreasing in size, and conservation funding is inadequate.



OEC and local communities cannot meet these challenges alone, indeed none of us can. Societies require transformation so that there is a foundation for conservation to succeed. For this reason, OEC initiated a US campaign with the *Apu Pauni* project in Honduras in February 2026. The campaign consists of a global awareness program accompanied by over two months of camping in the field with Indigenous parrot conservations near scarlet macaw nests to protect the parrots and the people who risk their lives to keep parrots flying free. The specific goals and preliminary results of this first US campaign are:

- Increasing national and international investments in the program – both financial and other. A total of 27 organizations pledged solidarity with the people and parrots of La Moskitia.



- Growing social capital – about 125 people joined two WhatsApp groups (Spanish and English language groups) and up to 30 people camped with the local conservationists at one time
- Growing awareness and understanding – participants in the US campaign posted every day on at least two social media platforms and up to four, including Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube. We uploaded approximately 100 videos and hundreds of posts on OEC channels (we are still accumulating views as the campaign will continue until August 2026). The most watched

video was created by an influencer who camped with us and made a video of the campaign, which to date has attracted 232,000 views. OEC also conducted a Solidarity Festival with the children of one community. Livestreamed meetings on Facebook and YouTube were offered so the general public could interact and participate with local conservationists. Members of the US team were also interviewed on a Honduran national morning television program and two articles are forthcoming (in *Mongabay* and *The Nation*).

- Fundraising – OEC raised \$ 12,253 for the campaign, which is the largest amount we have ever raised in any one campaign, and 40% of those funds came from within Honduras, which is also a new record. However, this was still far short of the \$80,000 needed on a yearly basis to support parrot patrols and the Rescue and Liberation Center of La Moskitia.
- Stopping poaching – In 2026 to date, the project had the highest rate of nests poached for macaw eggs and chicks than in the previous 16 years (21 nests poached out of 116). Two nests were poached in May 2026 and there were also two direct confrontations with groups of poachers. If the patrollers had not taken risks to confront the poachers and also without the US campaign it is likely that even more eggs and chicks would have been poached.
- Protecting people – This is the first year OEC has had a military presence camping and patrolling with us in Honduras, though we have continuously asked for this support in year's past. We had four soldiers at a time with us in La Moskitia and could have



had eight throughout the nesting season but a lack of funding limited the use of the military (the *Apu Pauni* project pays for their food and transportation). During the time we spent camping at Solidarity Camp (our name for our main camping ground), no threats against conservationists were received.

- Practicing Solidarity – The Solidarity Camp was open for two months, and Rev. Dr. LoraKim Joyner patrolled and camped during this whole time with local patrollers as well as visiting “Solidarists.” People came from all over Honduras and neighboring towns and communities to join the campaign. We learned how to practice solidarity and that it must be an intentional pursuit in conservation and in our broader societies. For this reason, OEC and others are dedicating ourselves to growing a US movement.
- Discovering the meaning of Unconditional Solidarity and how to use US in conservation – There were daily conversations in person and online and several interviews about the meaning of Unconditional Solidarity. In addition, there was a huge number of media produced that reflected on what was learned and practiced. Future webinars, presentations, publications, books, and the organization of a movement are planned. An Interfaith Service was held at the Solidarity Camp where people spoke about what US means to them and its importance in their lives.



Solidarity in Action: A Movement

This movement invites participants to:

- Develop a US campaign particular to your organization, region, and species you are working to protect
- Grow your awareness of and witness to the challenges faced by others, and their beauty
- Learn from local conservation leaders
- Support community-led protection efforts
- Build meaningful relationships across cultures
- Expand compassion to all living beings
- Make promises and commit to a particular species (or more than one related species), region, earth system, community, etc. Your dedication is urgently needed.
- Join the broader movement

US is not tourism.

It is accompaniment, learning, shared commitment, and a way of life.



Ways To Practice Solidarity

- Support community conservation
- Advocate for wildlife protection
- Reduce demand for the wildlife trade – do not buy or sell wildlife
- Connect with nature and others in your daily life
- Share the message of Unconditional Solidarity
- Join and help organize the broader movement

How to Develop Your Own US Campaign

- Identify a conservation challenge
- Identify the people affected and involved
- Build relationships and solidarity
- Share the story and process publicly
- Invite participation and commitment
- Reflect, learn, and grow together

A Sampling of Ideas for Your US Campaign

- Organize a social media campaign during your species' breeding season and invite allies to help distribute central messages, report on results, and celebrate activities and interactions
- Organize a social media campaign during a regional or national population count of your species (if applicable), reporting on results and celebrating activities and interactions
- Organize a social media campaign while visiting area schools or a school in each state, department, or village, reporting on results (such as children writing poems or drawing pictures) and celebrating activities and interactions
- Organize a social media campaign with the theme of Solidarity and ask people to interact through pledges, posts, comments, photos, and art depicting what Solidarity means to them
- Organize a local or large-scale festival and/or parade focused on your species with ample social media support

Join Us

What We Believe

- None are free until all are free.
- The well-being of wildlife, habitats, human communities, and future generations is inseparable.
- There is an ongoing parrot crisis that individuals, organizations, and conservation projects cannot solve alone. There needs to be a broad, organized, and deeply spiritual response to this crisis.

Together we can create a world where people, individual species, and ecosystems flourish side by side. Together we can build well-being for all life.

Our Future Plans

- OEC will be offering a Transformative Unconditional Solidarity webinar series to grow a movement beginning in September 2026. Monitor our events webpage for additional information: <https://www.oneearthconservation.org/events>
- Contact OEC to join the movement and for support during your own US campaign. For more information visit: <https://www.oneearthconservation.org/us-si2026>

**Unconditional Solidarity:
Because what you do matters.
Because life matters**

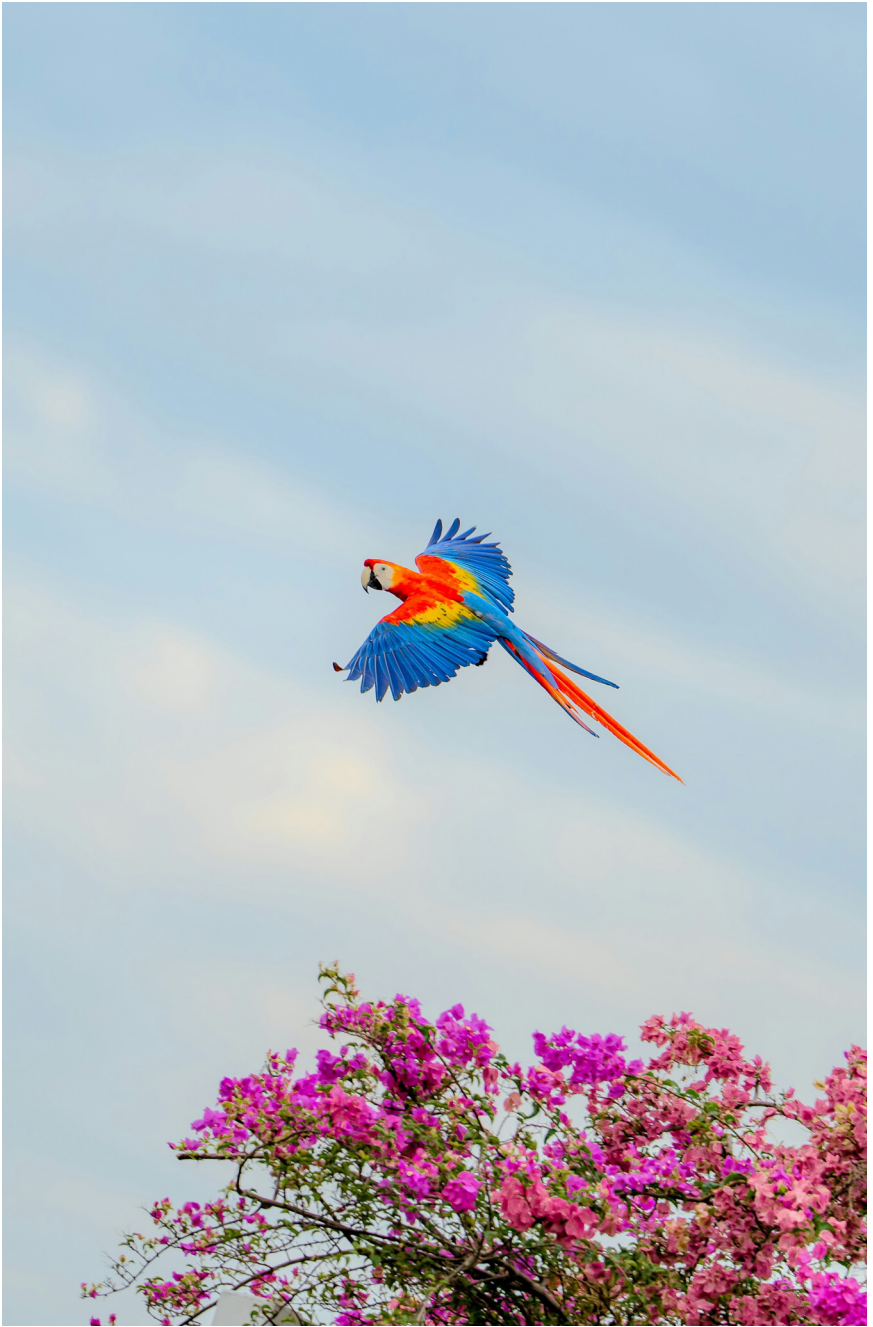


Examples of What People Have Said Unconditional Solidarity is:

- Solidarity is beauty
- Solidarity is Transformative Conservation
- Solidarity is “not knowing”
- Solidarity is knowing that we are macaws
- Solidarity is showing up
- Solidarity is deep listening
- Solidarity is breathing together
- Solidarity is caring and helping without needing to know more
- Solidarity is awareness that everything is God.
- Solidarity is love without conditions, respect, and defending
- Solidarity is coming together in a common cause
- Solidarity is everyone being free
- Solidarity is until death
- Solidarity is embracing reality as fiercely as possible so we can embrace life in return
- Solidarity is being kind to the earth as we all are Earthkind.
- Solidarity is play, imagination, creativity
- Solidarity is a society indistinguishable from nature
- Solidarity is slowing down and just being with others

***Solidarity is Promising
Solidarity is Saving Lives***







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