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A few specifics:

- Increasingly do our union work free from exchange -- as volunteer members instead of as paid staff.
- Question assumptions about property "rights", "necessity" of exchange, etc.
- Constantly ask why.
- Celebrate our deep exchange-free relationships as the foundations of human lives and society, as an actual working economy on which the faltering exchange economy depends parasitically.

As the exchange economy degrades, build (and coordinate among) community mutual aid projects for self sufficiency (community gardens, food preservation workshops, childcare cooperatives, skill sharing, study groups, housing coops, healthcare teams, training teams for nonviolent direct action campaigns, etc.).

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