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Democratizing Money:

Introducing a Seattle Community Currency

Featuring **Tom Greco**, Community Currency Expert

Tom Greco is author of *Money: Understanding and Creating Alternatives to Legal Tender*, *New Money for Healthy Communities*, and *Money and Debt: A Solution to the Global Crisis*

opening remarks from **David Korten** and **Jeff Fairhall**

Tuesday, July 1

6:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Reception

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Talk

Trinity United Methodist Church

6512 23rd Avenue NW, Seattle, WA 98117

The event is free and open to the public.

Why a Community Currency? An effort is underway to introduce a community currency into the Seattle economy. This new form of currency is issued by participants in our local economic community. It is redeemable for purchases of goods and services of both the currency issuers and other businesses that choose to accept it. It is designed to remain in the local economy in order to facilitate greater degree of local self reliance and sustainability. This event will reveal the inherent challenges within our current money system and how a community currency promotes a healthy economy that provides greater opportunities for all participants.

Featured Speakers:

David Korten will provide the context of the dysfunctional global economy and the role of the money system in the inequities and destructiveness of the economic system.

Jeff Fairhall, owner of The Essential Baking Company, is leading the effort to launch a community currency in Seattle. He will discuss implementation of an alternative community currency in Seattle.

Thomas Greco will present the evolution of money, the nature of money systems, and how the power of money can be harnessed to build healthy, sustainable communities. Few people have achieved Tom Greco's depth of understanding about money — its nature, who issues it and how, what it really represents, or how the power of money issue is used and to whose advantage. He is one of the leading authorities on money systems and community currencies. For more than 25 years, he has worked on leading edge transformational restructuring. He is Director of the non-profit Community Information Resource Center, a networking hub, which provides information access and administrative support for efforts in community improvement, social justice, and sustainability. He is also the author of three books and his articles have appeared in *The Whole Earth Review*, *World Business Academy Perspectives*, *At Work*, *Earth Island Journal*, *The Catholic Worker*, *The Permaculture Activist*, *Permaculture Drylands Journal*, *Green Revolution*, and other publications.

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