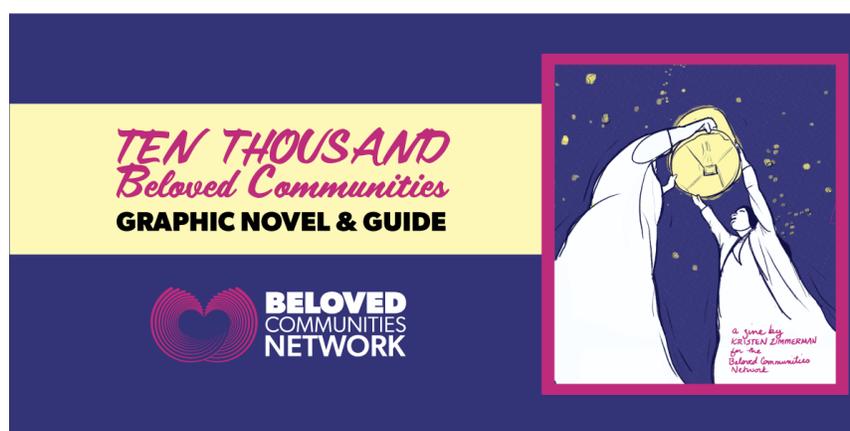


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## ***Movement Strategy Center's January 2023 Community News***



Pre-order [Ten Thousand Beloved Communities](#) and read about Kristen Zimmerman.

Hello Friends,

It's January 12, and we don't think that's too late to wish you all the best in this new year. **May 2023 bring you health and happiness**, rest and wellness, growth, and — of course — community.

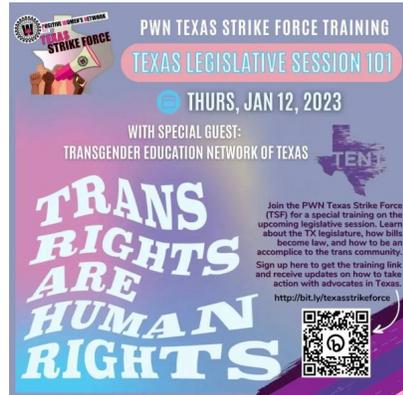
Community means different things to different people. **Kristen Zimmerman**, a co-founder of both MSC and [Root. Rise. Pollinate!](#) — a member organization of [the Movement Strategy Network \(MSN\)](#) — talks a lot about community in an illuminating new feature on [the Move Blog](#) that adds insight to some of MSC's earliest days.

And what good timing! Starting January 16, you can pre-order a **first of its kind graphic novel about Beloved Community**. Zimmerman provides the illustrations for [Ten Thousand Beloved Communities](#), a project by another [MSN](#) member organization, [Beloved Communities Network](#). This remarkable graphic guide to building world-transforming communities features writings by 25 leaders and a forward by adrienne maree brown. Ten Thousand Beloved Communities is about deepening relationships to people and place and defining the story and lineage of Beloved Community, and features stories of Beloved Community in action along with practices to help readers integrate Beloved Community into their daily lives. You can reserve your copy [here](#), at the project's Kickstarter.

Of course, January 16 is also **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**, which is followed on January 17 by the National Day of Racial Healing (TNRH). You can learn more about it and how you can get involved [here](#). But, in a nutshell, TNRH was started by the [W.K. Kellogg Foundation](#) as a day of racial healing and an opportunity to bring people together to take collective action for a more just and equitable world.

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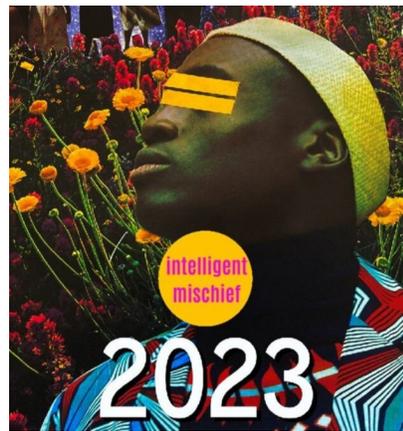
Now, read on for some happenings from the MSC ecosystem:



**TODAY: The PWN Texas Strike Force**  
 Learn about the Texas legislature, how bills become law, and stand with the trans community with our partners, [Positive Women's Network - USA](#). The PWN Texas Strike Force (TSF) is offering a special training on the upcoming legislative session and it's happening today, January 12, at 6pm CT. Sign up [here](#) to get the training link and receive updates on how to take action with advocates in Texas.

**Alignment Around Community Priorities**

What does it look like to lean into conflict and breakthrough to deeper understanding of projects and solutions most critical for advancing racial and climate justice? [Facilitating Power](#) continues their series of interactive [Vision Power Solutions](#) online workshops with guest storyteller Katt Ramos, from [Our Power Richmond](#) — a coalition at the forefront of developing community-driven planning methods for a Just Transition. Through their story and peer learning, participants will gain insights and practical tools for their own work. Register [here](#).



**Shaping the Future in 2023**  
 Invest in imagination, and shop [Intelligent Mischief's](#) newly launched [2023 calendar](#). The calendar features 12 vibrant, gorgeous, Afrofuturist collages — one for each month, along with 12 daydreaming prompts to guide your world building, and an oversized calendar grid for journaling. Intelligent Mischief is an MSN partner, and you can shop the rest of their merch [here](#), and click [here](#) for first dibs on new merch plus invitations to exclusive experiences and gatherings.

**Help Wanted!** MSC is hiring an [executive assistant](#) in Oakland, California. Join MSC's tapestry of activists, academics, and movement allies working to embody the values and philosophies of the ecosystem.

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