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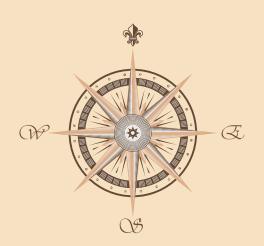
On Stress and Care







## Map of December's Voyage





### Pakikipag-kapwa

Being with each other

20 min



## Paghilom & Laya

5 min

#### Act 1

#### **Stress**

Fighting for Freedom in an Oppressed World

40 min





#### Act 2

#### **Self & Collective Care**

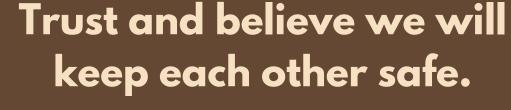
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## There may be discomfort, let's embrace it.

Let's create a safe and brave space. Practice curiosity.



Practice respect, consent, and confidentiality. Avoid making judgments.



## Listen and share with our entire emotions & being

All emotions and thoughts are welcome here.

#### Be who you are.

You can be as clear, indirect, confusing, complex, blunt, as you are.

Genuinely human.

# What are you looking forward to in 2022?





## "Fullness of Life" or "Total Wellbeing"

- Having a life that is organized, whole, and eventful.
- Having a life that is full of *sarap* (pleasure) and *ligaya* (happiness/positive experiences).
- Having a life where we feel *gaan* (lightness) and *gana* (drive or motivation).





A natural & physical reaction of people to events or situations. This can take the form of fight (face the danger), flight (avoid or get away), or freeze (unable to move).



There are two types:

Good Stress (Eustress) at Bad Stress (Distress)



Protects or supports us in our day to day life

Signals threats or dangers

Goes away soon after



Harmful

Intense feelings that doesn't go away easily

Prevents us from feeling good, healthy, or at peace

## When do you feel stress?





## When is Stress 'too much'?



emotional, mental, and physical exhaustion

feeling demotivated

Compassion Fatigue

loss of passion and interest to caring or helping others

feeling jaded and hopeless

Vicarious Trauma

distress from listening to the suffering of others

feeling overwhelmed



## Which of these have you felt or experienced before in your activism?

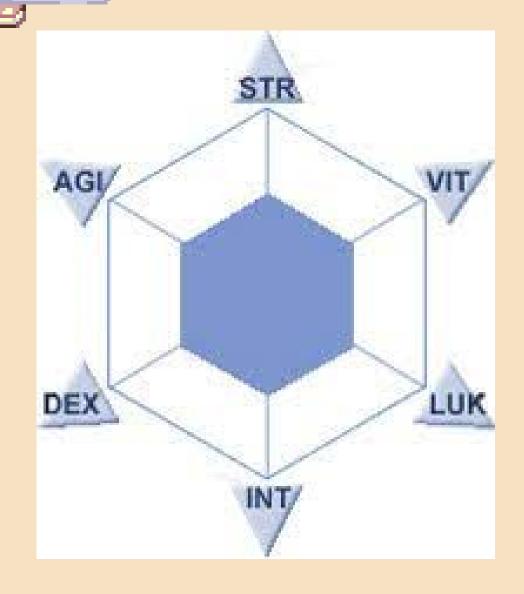
## Stress

• Is normal, part of life, and can help us survive and grow.

 Can also affect our freedom. Bad stress (distress) can prevent us from living fully, from doing what we love, and from being our genuine selves.



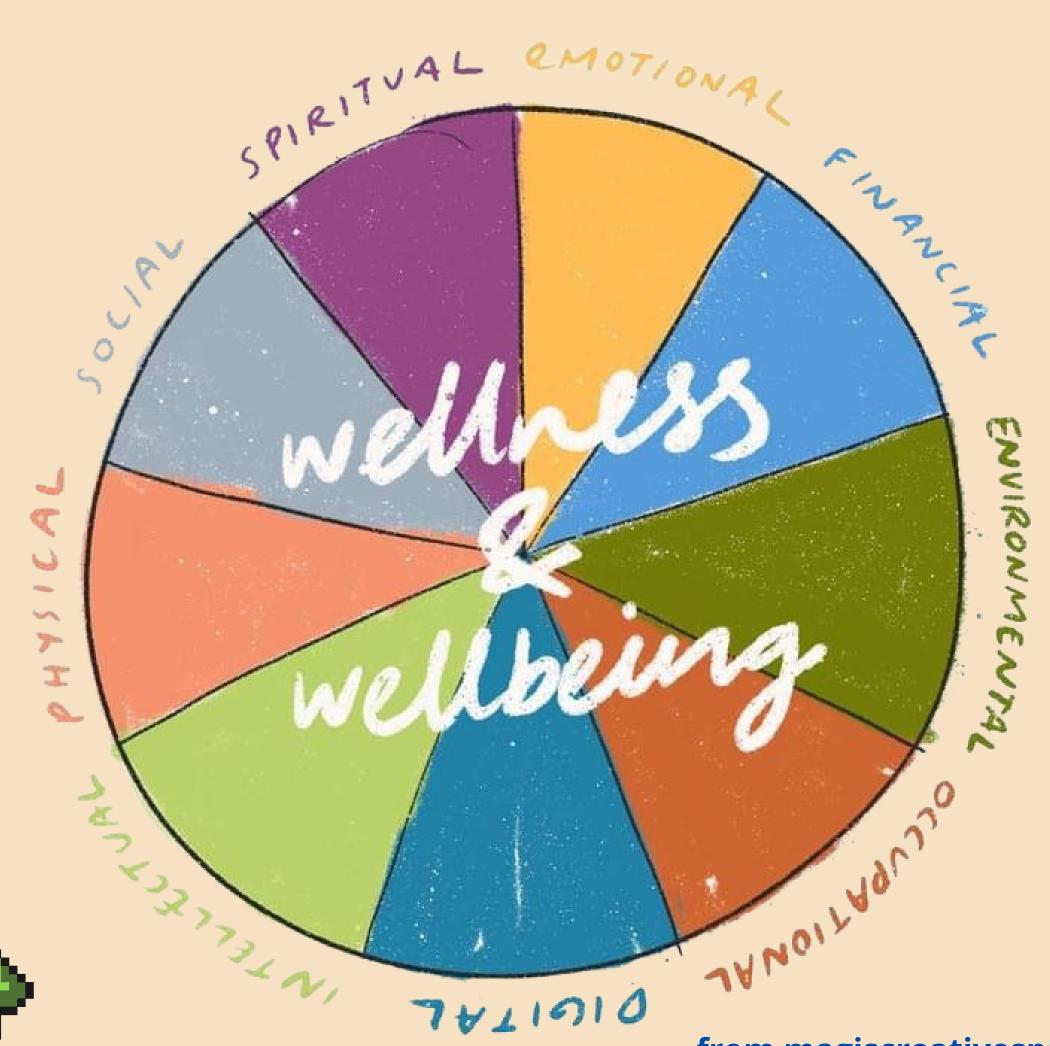
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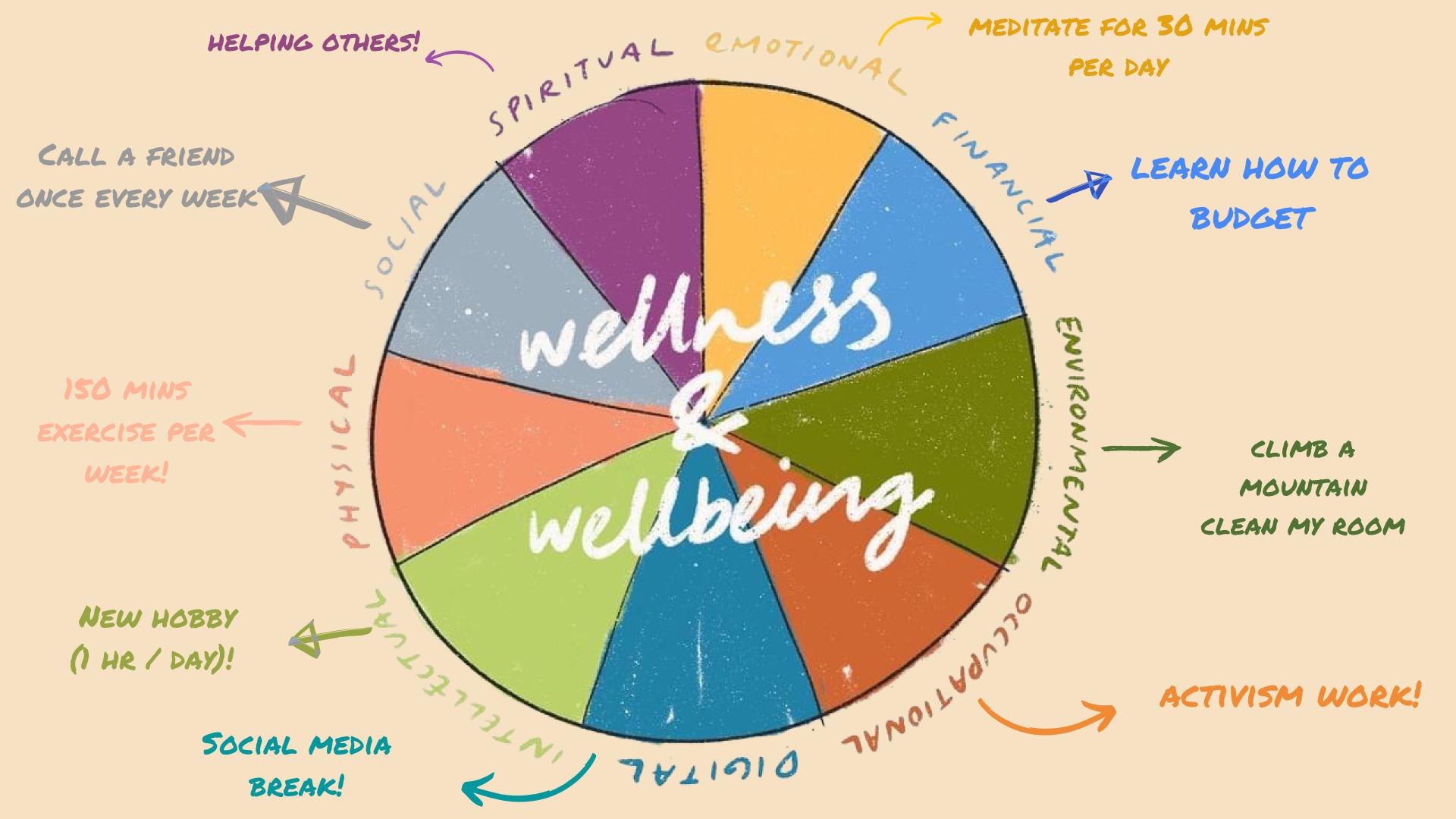




Self Care







## Self Care

How do you care for yourself?

You can use the Jamboard:)





# "Caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation, and that is an act of political warfare."

Audre Lorde







## IF YOU CAN'T DO IT ALONE...

## SOLIDARITY! COLLECTIVE CARE!







## Collective Care

Why is collective care important?

Regenerative Activism
where our activism can thrive for lifetimes

Care is a political act.
Care as resistance.
Care as protest.

Care as a collective responsibility.

Caring for each other as social justice.

## What can we do to care for our fellow activists?



## Overview of Psychological First Aid



### Look

### Listen

## Link

Check for safety.
Check for basic needs (food, shelter, access to services, etc.)
Check for distress (burnout, compassion fatigue, vicarious trauma)

Ask about needs and concerns.

Listen empathically and help them feel calm.

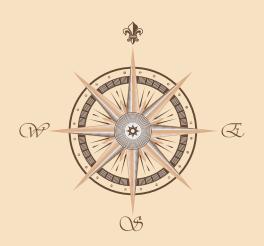
Accessible services (social, legal, etc.)
Reliable information
Connect them to loved ones and
social support (community, chosen
family, etc.)

## Love Language

What would you say to a fellow activist who's having a stressful time?



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Daghang salamat!
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Feel free to get in touch any time.
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See you next in 2022!

## STRESS

FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM
IN AN OPPRESSED WORLD



THERE IS BOTH GOOD STRESS AND STRESS

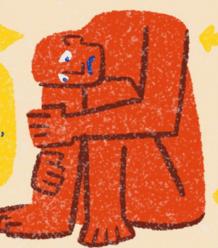


A NATURAL AND PHYSICAL REACTION OF PEOPLE TO EVENTS OF SITUATIONS

WHEN IS STRESS "TOO MUCH"?

#### BURNOUT

EMOTIONAL, MENTAL, AND PHYSICAL EXHAUSTION



### COMPASSION

LOSS OF PASSION AND INTEREST IN HELPING OTHERS

#### VICARIOUS TRAUMA

DISTRESS FROM
LISTENING TO THE
SUFFERING OF OTHERS

## STRESS CAN GET HEAVY WHEN IT ACCUMULATES

IDENTIFYING THE SOURCES OF OUR STRESS CAN HELP US FIGURE OUT HOW WE ARE AFFECTED BY THEM AND HOW TO HANDLE THEM



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