



Jerry Nagel is a fourth generation North Dakotan. He spent his winters attending school in Bismarck, North Dakota and summers on his grandparent's farm on the edge of Millarton, ND (pop. 15). Jerry has many fond memories of his time on the farm, such as when his first bicycle arrived on the train, which came to town two days a week, and some not so wonderful memories, like picking rock all day in the fields or tossing hay with a pitchfork into the hay loft in 90° heat.

Jerry attended Bismarck High School where he assumed that the team name, the Demons, was a descriptor for how students should behave. Jerry graduated from high school in 1969 and began a rather long college career adhering to the perspective that schooling should never interfere with his education. Jerry finally received an MA in economics from the University of North Dakota in 1984. He is currently completing his PhD through Tilburg University, the Netherlands. Jerry has attended the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at Harvard University as a Fannie Mae Foundation Fellow. He is also a Donella Meadows Leadership Fellow. Jerry is a Steward in the Art of Hosting Community of Practice.

Jerry is a cofounder of the Meadowlark Institute. The Meadowlark Institute trains and supports leaders in the Art of Participatory Leadership and the Art of Hosting Meaningful Conversations programs, and develops customized leadership programs for individuals, businesses and organizations. The Meadowlark Institute is a known resource for result-oriented dialogic methodologies that develop our collective capacities to work together, lead to sustainable outcomes and support a shared commitment to action. Institute staff and associates are experienced practitioners in strategic and action planning, team building, civic or organizational dialogues, and cross-institutional collaboration.

Jerry is a certified Flow Game host. The purpose and intent of the Flow Game is to strengthen the life affirming leadership and actions of the participant. Its aim is to strengthen and bring focus into an important area or question in one's life – be it a project, a future direction of work or relationships, or as part of personal growth. The Flow Game is ideal for work teams that wish to explore a collective as well as a personal intention or for individuals who, together with others, wish to explore a personal intention.

Jerry coauthored *Talking Wires*, a history of North Dakota's rural telephone cooperatives and authored "Aid to the Poor: Am I My Brothers Keeper", an humanities study guide. He was an editor of *Renewing the Countryside-North Dakota*. Jerry is coauthor of several research publications including "The New Marketplace in European Agriculture: Environmental and Social Values within the Food Chain", "Private Sector Protocols: Threats and Opportunities for American Farmers", and *Towards New Horizons: Trends in Transportation and Trade – Moving the Northern Great Plains Region to a Stronger Economic Future*.