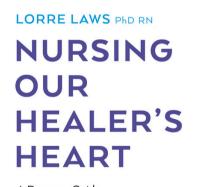


# Companion Guide

This is your companion guide to *Nursing Our Healer's Heart*, filled with resources and the Haelan Nurse Activities at the end of each chapter. These resources will help you insulate yourself from the broken system so you can thrive instead of just survive in your practice. **Be sure to complete every activity so you can track your progress!** 



A Recovery Guide for Nurse Trauma & Burnout

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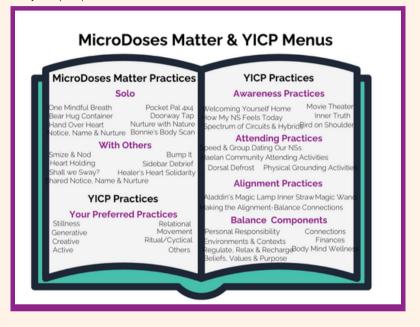
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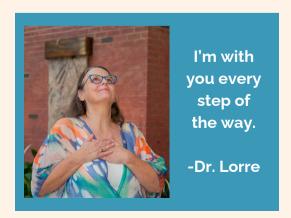
# Chapter 6 Activity #1

# Leaning Into Our Layers - Awareness

**Worksheet #1 Instructions:** Below are the same two worksheets that Natifa completed in her session. Now it's your turn. Just notice and gesture inclusion to any sensations, perceptions, or emerging unhealed bits, knowing that you are healing with so many others — including me and our Haelan Communities. Lean into your people as often as desired.



**On the following page**... you'll lean into your layers and tenderly explore how your NS feels today. Circle all sensations that apply and tally the number that you circled for each circuit.



**Worksheet #1 Circuits Survey Instructions:** Circle all sensations that apply and tally the number that you circled for each circuit.

# How My NS Feels Today

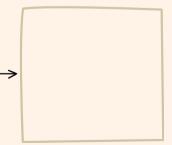
(circle all that apply)

# Circuit #1: I feel ...

Calm	Safe	Social	
Connected	Relaxed	Lighthearted	
Grounded	Empathetic	Settled	
Rested	Relaxed Digestion	Open	
Capable	Breathing Easy	Curious	
Healthy	Engaged	Compassionate	
Vital	Low Stress	Mindful	
Present	Seeing big picture	Relatable & Relating	

Note any other related sensations here. Circle each sensation.

Refer to YICP Menu and explore which practices feel best for where you are in your NS today.





My Number of Circles for **Circuit #1** is

Worksheet #1 Instructions: Circle all sensations that apply and tally the number that you circled for each circuit.

## How My NS Feels Today

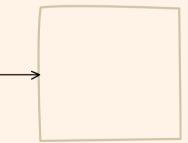
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# Circuit #2: I feel ...

Frustration	Sleep challenges	Vigilant
Irritation	Activated	Constipated
Rage	Overly energized	Fidgety
Concern	Increased HR BP RR	Difficulty Concentrating
Anger	Sweating/not sweating	g
Restless	Enlarged pupils	Emotionally Constricted
Worry	Dry mouth	Panic
Difficulty Swallowi	ng Annoyed	Anxiety
Mod-high stress	Appetite changes	Narrow focus

Note any other related sensations here. Circle each sensation.

Refer to YICP Menu and explore which practices feel best for where you are in your NS today.



My Number of Circles for Circuit #2 is Worksheet **#1 Instructions**: Circle all sensations that apply and tally the number that you circled for each circuit.

# How My NS Feels Today

(circle all that apply)

# Circuit #3: I feel ...

Numb	Trapped	Sexual desire
Collapsed	Stuck	Depressed
Immobile	Fearful	Emotionally Detached
Helpless	Decreased HR BP RR	Flat
Disconnected	Shallow respirations	Brain fog
Dissociated	Lightheadedness	Overwhelmed
Shame	Increased pain threshold	Withdrawn
Apathetic	Fatigue or exhaustion	Muscle fatigue
Hopeless	Limited social interest	Can't think in the big picture

Note any other related sensations here. Circle each sensation.

Refer to YICP Menu and explore which practices feel best for where you are in your NS today.



My Number of Circles for Circuit #3 is

# Chapter 6 Activity #1 Continued

### Leaning Into Our Layers

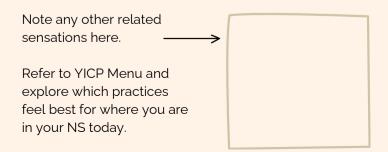
#### Worksheet #2 Instructions

**Step 1 Circuits Self-Survey.** Using the "How My Nervous System Feels Today" exploration exercise on the preceding pages, record the number of circles for each circuit below.



From the table above . . reflect upon the distribution of your NS-related sensations across the three circuits (#1 Safety, #2, Danger, #3 Extreme Danger).

Gesture inclusion for any thoughts, feelings, sensations, or memories that may appear in the present moment.



# Chapter 6, Continued

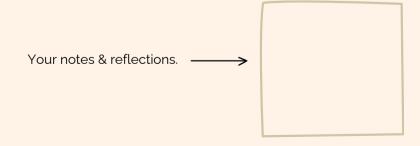
### Leaning Into Our Layers

### Worksheet #2 Instructions, continued

**Step 2 Hybrids Self-Survey.** Repeat the same Step 1 process. This time, we'll explore to see what hybrid(s) may be online

Stillness Hybrid	Freeze Hybrid	Fawn Hybrid
These circuits are online:	These circuits are online:	These circuits are online:
Ventral Vagal Dorsal Vagal	SNS Dorsal Vagal	Ventral vagal SNS Dorsal Vagal
l am safe, open, curious, and still	l don't feel safe. l can't. l just can't.	I don't feel safe. I can't fight or flee so I'll please and appease
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**From the table above . .** reflect upon which hybrid is most prominently online. Gesture inclusion for any thoughts, feelings, sensations, or memories that may appear in the present moment.



# Chapter 6 Activity #2

# Leaning Into Our Layers - Attending Layer

Activity #2 Instructions: It is very common for nurses to left-shift or disconnect from their body in varying degrees as a subconscious coping and survival mechanism.

In this activity, we'll explore some of the physical grounding activities listed below. Add them to YICP and have fun playing with them in your Haelan Communities. What other physical grounding activities can you add to this short list?

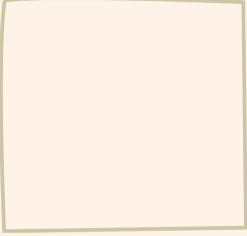
Physical Grounding Activities
Slowly open and close your jaw several times
Feel the heat! Rub your hands together as fast as you can.
Sway, swan dive, wiggle, jiggle, or free dance.
Stomp, march, bounce, or jump up and down.
Tear pages - newspaper, magazine, phone book, old booksanything goes!
Shout, yell, scream, verbally release into a soft pillow.
Flow with your body! Stretching, yoga, tai chi, pilates, or freestyle movement.
Move with your body! Anything from a few jumping jacks to a long run will do.
Slowly and mindfully create a hot or cold beverage while feeling and tasting everything.
Any other physical connection with your body that feels safe and supported.
Your Ideas - Grounding Activities

# Chapter 6 Activity #3

# Leaning Into Our Layers - Alignment & Balance Layers

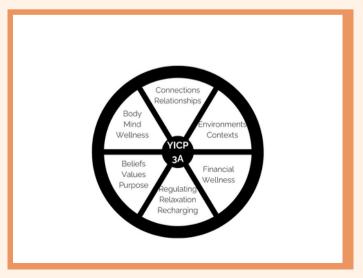
Activity #3 Instructions: This activity as four steps, each of which builds upon the next.

**Step #1:** Do one round of YICP flow practice. Jot down or discuss what inner world thoughts, emotions, sensations, or unhealed bits of wisdom emerged in the box below.



Before we move to Step #2, take a moment to refresh your memory regarding the balance components from YICP.

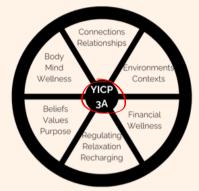
Personal responsibility is depicted as the center or hub of the wheel into which YICP and the 3As are situated.



**Step #2:** For each of the outer world balance components below, observe and note how your inner world is being reflected in each balance component. There may be overlaps, areas where nothing emerges, etc. This is an organic, intuitive, and contemplative process. Go with your flow.

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### **#1.** Alignment-Balance Connection for "Personal Responsibility"

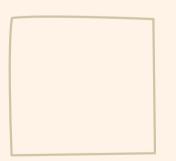


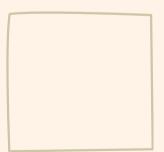
#### **Personal Responsibility**

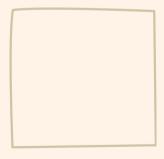
Speaks to getting into the driver's seat of your adult life and lovingly care for all dimensions of self in bodymindessence, including your NS and unhealed bits of wisdom. Facilitating your healing, with others.

Box #1. How my inner world is reflected in my "personal responsibility" component. **Box #2.** Reframe what you wrote in Box #1 so that it is perceived as a safety cue by your Threat Detector.

**Box #3.** Action step(s) I need to take to realign my inner world to ensure Box #1 and Box #2 are aligned and balanced.







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**Body & Mind Wellness** 

that emerges over time.

Describes supporting our physical and mental health and wellness by engaging in health promoting ways of being and doing in your daily life while addressing health disruptions, illness, or dis-ease

#### #2. Alignment-Balance Connection for "Body & Mind Wellness"



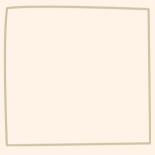
Box #1. How my inner world is reflected in my "body & mind wellness"

component.

**Box #2.** Reframe what you wrote in Box #1 so that it is perceived as a safety cue by your Threat Detector.

**Box #3.** Action step(s) I need to take to realign my inner world to ensure Box #1 and Box #2 are aligned and balanced.





#### #3. Alignment-Balance Connection for "Connections & Relationships"



Box #1. How my inner world is reflected in my "connection & relationships" component.

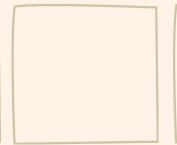


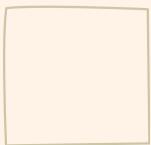
#### **Connections & Relationships**

Considers your healthy connections and relationships with your loved ones, friends, family, communities, groups, and teams while addressing any unhealed-ness, codependency, power imbalances, or dis-ease within your social relationships.

**Box #2.** Reframe what you wrote in Box #1 so that it is perceived as a safety cue by your Threat Detector.

**Box #3.** Action step(s) I need to take to realign my inner world to ensure Box #1 and Box #2 are aligned and balanced.





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#### #4. Alignment-Balance Connection for "Environments & Contexts"



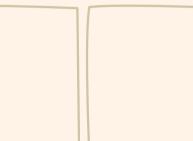
Box #1. How my inner world is reflected in my "environments & contexts" component.

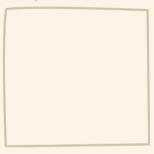
#### **Environments & Contexts**

The environments and contexts within which you live and work and are influenced by (physical, emotional, intellectual, social, spiritual, environmental, relational, occupational, ergonomic, etc.) which are ideally safe, supportive, creative, and healthy and the need to address disruptions or dynamics that interfere with bodymindessence wellbeing.

**Box #2.** Reframe what you wrote in Box #1 so that it is perceived as a safety cue by your Threat Detector.

**Box #3.** Action step(s) I need to take to realign my inner world to ensure Box #1 and Box #2 are aligned and balanced.





#### #5. Alignment-Balance Connection for "Financial Wellness"



Box #1. How my inner world is reflected in my "financial wellness" component.



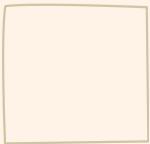
#### **Financial Wellness**

Speaks to your relationship with resources, money, and money management, including the ability to meet current and future financial needs in support of your optimal safety, security, health, and wellness in bodymindessence.

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**Box #3.** Action step(s) I need to take to realign my inner world to ensure Box #1 and Box #2 are aligned and balanced.





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#### #6. Alignment-Balance Connection for "Regulate, Relax & Recharge"



Box #1. How my inner world is reflected in my "regulate, relax & recharge" component.

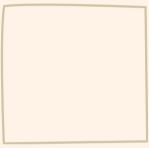
#### Regulate, Relax & Recharge

Describes how we take care of our NS and regulation as foundational to relaxing and recharging our bodymindessence. This includes YICP practices, healthy sleep and screen time, relaxing alone, with trusted loved ones, and Haelan Nurse Communities, and leveraging the health and wellness properties to regulate, relax, and recharge.

**Box #2.** Reframe what you wrote in Box #1 so that it is perceived as a safety cue by your Threat Detector.

**Box #3.** Action step(s) I need to take to realign my inner world to ensure Box #1 and Box #2 are aligned and balanced.

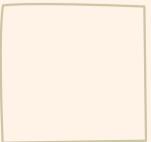




#### **#7.** Alignment-Balance Connection for "Beliefs, Values & Purpose"



Box #1. How my inner world is reflected in my "beliefs, values & purpose" component.

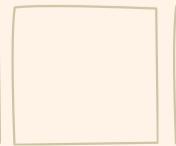


#### Beliefs, Values, & Purpose

Living in alignment with your perceived core values, beliefs, and life purpose, which change and evolve as you do. Showing up with and for yourself and your deepest truths while lovingly and compassionately making changes in your outer world to align with living your highest and best life, as defined by you.

**Box #2.** Reframe what you wrote in Box #1 so that it is perceived as a safety cue by your Threat Detector.

**Box #3.** Action step(s) I need to take to realign my inner world to ensure Box #1 and Box #2 are aligned and balanced.





# Your Turn!



### Leaning into Alignment and Balance

### **Reflection & Discussion**

Realigning our inner and outer realities to signal safety to the Threat Detector while living in our truth (core values) is a nuanced process and practice. It is not a "one and done" task.

It takes a little time and practice to navigate one's inner and outer landscapes and fine tune the reframing and realigning.

Optimize your learning curve and results by leaning in with your trusted love ones and Haelan Community members. Reflect, note, and discuss how you are realigning and reframing to optimize your Balance components.