



We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America . . .

The Constitution of the United States of America,  
1789

TOWN

76

MEETING



Welcome to **TOWN MEETING '76**. At this Town Meeting, we will be discussing the challenges facing our community and our nation, and will be creating proposals to meet those challenges effectively. Through this meeting, we hope to recapture something of the spirit of those early town meetings which played such an important role in building the nation. This Town Meeting is one of 5,000 scheduled in communities in the United States as part of the Bicentennial era. The final work of the 5,000 Town Meetings will be compiled and merged to create a new practical vision for the country's next two hundred years.



At these meetings, even the lowest mechanics discuss upon the most important points of government, with the utmost freedom.  
Anonymous Tory description of town meetings, 1768



### WELCOMING

Meet your friends and neighbors at 9:00 a.m. over coffee and doughnuts. The Welcoming begins the day's activities with a brief presentation on The New World of America's third century.

### CHALLENGES

Join one of the morning workshops and help identify the basic challenges to your community's future. You begin by analyzing the economic, political and cultural issues in your community, using your Town Meeting Workbook.

### INTERLUDE

Gather for a festive luncheon interlude featuring local entertainment, group singing and special guests. The afternoon begins with a brief presentation on The New Human, his opportunities and responsibilities.

### PROPOSALS

Plunge into an exciting afternoon workshop developing practical proposals for meeting the challenges in your community. Or help a group create a new story, song and symbol of our heritage and destiny.

### PLENARY

Come to the Plenary session and hear the workshop reports. Celebrate the day's accomplishments by singing your new song. At 5:00 p.m. take home your copy of the Town Meeting Report, containing your community's challenges, proposals, story, song and symbol. Leave with a renewed sense of the American revolutionary spirit.

