

LAND AND CULTURE

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LCO believes that a national culture can best flourish and bear fruit on its own land. Each nation has the right of dwelling on its ancestral lands and struggling for its preservation.

The Land and Culture Organization is committed to the following principles:

- *To gain and disseminate an intimate knowledge of the land and our rich culture.*
- *To raise international awareness that the treasures of the Armenian heritage are at the mercy of an indifferent world.*
- *To rescue these treasures from total destruction.*
- *To assist in the social and economic developments of communities living in historic and present-day Armenia.*

Our goals are ambitious, but the LCO brings these goals to concrete fruition through its work and dedication.

The Land and Culture Organization is a 501c(3) non-profit organization.

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