

WES's Ends

Ends express an organization's purpose... what it moves to bring about.

Ends affirmed by the membership at the WES Membership Meeting, June 7, 2015:

1. Inclusive - Diverse - Interconnected

WES is an inclusive and diverse center for Ethical Culture, humanism, and progressive religion that models the interconnected community we envision for the world.

2. Mind - Body - Spirit - Relationship

WES nurtures children, youth, and adults as whole beings – mind, body, and spirit – who seek their best selves in relationship with others.

3. Justice - Collective Power

WES works with others to build a community with justice, equity, and opportunity for all and uses collective power to eliminate oppression.

4. Citizens of the World - Stewards of the Earth

WES children, youth, and adults act collectively as citizens of the world and stewards of the earth.

What are WES's current Focus Goals to help us move toward our Ends?

The focus goals (for the next 12 to 18 months) that support each end are listed underneath that end. The focus goals were developed at the Mid-Year Retreat in January, 2015.

1. Inclusive - Diverse - Interconnected

WES is an inclusive and diverse center for Ethical Culture, humanism, and progressive religion that models the interconnected community we envision for the world.

- Develop skills and approaches to welcome all, particularly including people who have been historically underrepresented at WES
- Reach out to those who want what WES offers but don't know about us yet

2. Mind - Body - Spirit - Relationship

WES nurtures children, youth, and adults as whole beings – mind, body, and spirit – who seek their best selves in relationship with others.

- Increase integration of children, youth, and adults across the WES community
- Develop and increase awareness of agreements, including approaches to conflict, across the WES community
- Increase the opportunities for deep relationships around common challenges and stages of life
- Explore the Ethical Culture approach to our bodies as part of our whole selves

3. Justice - Collective Power

WES works with others to build a community with justice, equity, and opportunity for all and uses collective power to eliminate oppression.

- Increase internal coordination and integration of social justice activities
- Increase educational opportunities and engagement that will facilitate a deeper understanding throughout the WES community of what social justice is and how to move toward it

4. Citizens of the World - Stewards of the Earth

WES children, youth, and adults act collectively as citizens of the world and stewards of the earth.

- Increase integration of the values and practice of environmental stewardship throughout WES