

Reaffirming Our Ends

The Ends of the Washington Ethical Society were developed to express the organization's purpose – to explain what difference we want to make in the world. By their very definition, Ends are not things that are likely to be achieved quickly. They are our aspirations, our guiding principles, our dream for a different future. At the June 7, 2015, WES Membership meeting, these four Ends were affirmed by the membership:

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.

As the WES Constitution directs, the Board has spent the past nine months revisiting the Ends and receiving input from members about them. Based on member feedback from that process, we propose that these Ends still reflect our core beliefs, and ask that the membership vote to reaffirm the Ends as currently written for another five years.