

First Parish in Lincoln

Values, Mission, and Vision



The Core Values of First Parish are:	To live out our values and achieve our vision, the Mission of First Parish is:	The Vision for First Parish is:
Promoting <u>spiritual growth</u> and <u>connection</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To gather for prayer and meditation, inspirational teachings, music and ceremony, and for the celebration of nature and the divine. * To build on our Unitarian and Congregational heritage by exploring, sharing, and learning from a wide variety of spiritual and faith traditions. * To grow in spirituality by encouraging our children, each other, and our faith community to seek truth, learn, and act according to high moral principles. 	To be a spiritual home for individuals from diverse faith backgrounds where each person can find help and inspiration to foster personal growth on their own journey while in community with others.
Building <u>community</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To welcome people from a wide variety of backgrounds and to find common ground in our shared humanity. * To gather, physically and virtually, in ways that help us to know, understand and respect each other. * To celebrate and grieve together as we mark the important events and transitions in our lives. * To care for each other with love and support in difficult times and circumstances. 	To be an open and inclusive community that learns to trust and work with each other as we celebrate, grieve, grow, support, and serve together.
Pursuing <u>social justice</u> and <u>human dignity</u> ; Preserving the <u>living earth</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To pursue social justice by learning, understanding how and where we can make a difference, and then acting. * To seek environmental protection and justice through actions and advocacy. * To pro-actively serve and engage with our neighbors by our hands-on actions, cooperative work, and donations. 	To be a source of hope and positive impact in our communities, our region and beyond by affirming the dignity of all peoples and caring for the living earth.