



# What is the Purpose of the Church?

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discussion among the 22 attendees was a small but important revision to End Statement 2. It became clear that attendees realized that sometimes it was simply “experiences” (in addition to skills, knowledge, and practices) at Eliot that led to growth. The Board approved the addition of the word “experiences” to Eliot’s End Statement at the January Board meeting. Other discussion at the event centered on the difficulties in forging a common purpose or mission of a church in which growth and enrichment are experienced in so many different ways. These are important questions with which Eliot will continue to grapple as we enter a new phase in our ministry together.

**End Statement #3. Our work and resources make positive differences in the lives of those in need. The wider community benefits from and recognizes Eliot Chapel’s action and voice toward religious tolerance, human rights, social and economic justice and environmental stewardship.**

A circle discussion among 19 attendees was hosted by Lea Ann Baker and Marc Fried on 11/11/12. Great suggestions were made about programmatic possibilities, appropriate for congregants to work with the Lead Minister or Social Justice Coordinator on implementing. Additionally, good suggestions were made on how we might measure progress on this End Statement, including measurable metrics of participation and benefit. Look for some of these suggestions to be implemented in the Lead Minister’s interpretation of this End Statement.

The Board wants to THANK all who attended these events. As we continue to deepen our implementation of the governance model that we’ve adopted, we are grateful for the understanding and enthusiasm the Congregation has shown for these Linkage events. Your enthusiasm truly enhances and refines our vision for the Chapel’s purpose. **Look for the next Linkage event on February 17, 2013.**

