Purpose Statement Prospects

Original proposal (58 words):

Guided by our shared covenant, the purpose of First Parish is to cultivate a loving, multi-generational community that nurtures learning and spiritual growth, meaningful relationships, and service to others. Within this caring environment, we strive to inspire the best in each other and use our unique gifts to support initiatives that create a more just and compassionate world.

Incorporating suggested changes to the original (60 words)

The purpose of First Parish is to cultivate a loving, multi-generational community that nurtures learning and spiritual growth, meaningful relationships, and services to others. Within this caring environment and guided by our shared covenant, we strive to inspire the best in each other and use our unique gifts to support initiatives that create a more just, sustainable, and compassionate world.

Bob Smart's Suggestion:

First Parish seeks to create a loving, multi-generational community, where meaningful relationships are established, spiritual growth is encouraged, and members can combine their talents and interests for the common purpose of creating a more just and compassionate world. (38 words)

Alternate Suggestion 1 (Tad):

First Parish seeks to cultivate a loving, multigenerational community that nurtures learning and spiritual growth, meaningful relationships, and mutual care; inspiring the best in each other to create a more just, compassionate, and sustainable world. (35 words)

Alternate Suggestion 2 (George Rappolt):

First Parish seeks to cultivate a loving, multi-generational community that nurtures

meaningful relationships, learning and spiritual growth, where members combine their talents and interests for the common goal of creating a more just, sustainable and compassionate world. (37 words)

Alternate Suggestion 3 (Susan)

First Parish cultivates a loving, multi-generational community that nurtures learning and spiritual growth through meaningful relationships and mutual care with the common goal of creating a more just, compassionate and sustainable world. (32 words)

Alternate Suggestion 4 (Rev Catie):

The purpose of First Parish is to cultivate a loving, multigenerational community guided by our shared covenant that nurtures learning and spiritual growth; meaningful relationships; the best in each other, and we use our unique gifts to create a more just, compassionate, and sustainable world. (45 words)

Synthesized version based on Susan's, with a slight edit

First Parish cultivates a loving, multi-generational community that nurtures learning and spiritual growth, meaningful relationships, and mutual care to create a more just, compassionate, and sustainable world. (27 words)

Reference Format

(Note: added to help people see the structure of the purpose statement)

Who are we?

E.g. First Parish seeks to create/cultivate [a loving, multi-generational community that nurtures learning and spiritual growth, meaningful relationships, and mutual care.]

What do we do?

E.g. Within this caring environment, we strive to inspire the best in each other and use our unique gifts…

Why do we do it?

… to create a more just, compassionate, and sustainable world.