

## **Articulating our Purpose (submitted by Barbara McGavin)**

What is the most basic and all inclusive statement that could be made about the fundamental drive and desire behind/under whatever actions we take and whatever structures emerge?

We want what we do to enable:

- opening to more
- living forward
- living congruently - walking the talk

A small group of us came up with:

"We do what we do so that carrying forward can happen."

So the fundamental criteria for the actions that we take would be "Is carrying forward happening?" in how we interact with each other, the structures that we build, the guidelines that we form, the bylaws that we create.

Some of our values would include:

- sensitivity to our differences and our connections
- sensitivity to the impact of language
- interest in and respect for how it is from another's point of view

Knowing this gives us fundamental criteria against which everything can be evaluated and aligned. If carrying forward is not happening then further attention, sensing and forming would need to happen before action could be taken.