

**Stewardship**  
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The notion of STEWARDSHIP emerges as a driving idea that can powerfully characterize the nature of our community. We have to come to understand that stewardship:

1. is shared commitment--shared responsibility—and shared accountability --in carrying out shared purposes;
2. is willingness to be accountable individually and collectively for the well-being of the community;
3. is choosing service over self-interest: service is central to stewardship;
4. means holding something in trust for each other and respecting and honoring each other;
5. means becoming stewards for future generations. (At some of our conversation events we placed in the center of the room an empty chair, as a reminder--a metaphor for future generations.)

So, we move on as a stewardship community: with shared commitment to our shared purpose and shared responsibility and accountability to tasks that bring our community alive.