



Whether you were part of a formal or informal conversation over the past several months, thanks for your participation in and patience with the Just Cause process. We've now had three separate meetings about it with a range of C3 stakeholders, including during Talk Back last month. The board agreed at its April 13th meeting to share the following with you and solicit your response to two different versions of a Just Cause statement.

First, a few important words of context:

A Just Cause is outwardly oriented – not so much about why C3 exists for us, the people who attend every Sunday, but rather why it exists for the external community, some of whom might never darken our doorstep. In what way do we contribute to the overall benefit of society? This is about C3's relationship with the broader community, not necessarily about our relationship with ourselves.

It's not going to mention or encapsulate every aspect or value of who we are or what we do. It's meant to distill the essence of why we exist. There should be both a true-now and aspirational aspect to the statement. It includes our present and our potential.

A few dominant themes that emerged from conversations: relationships/partnerships, spiritual growth, inquiry, and action. These were not the only themes, but they were the strongest threads that popped up in every conversation and that serve to define C3 and its contribution.

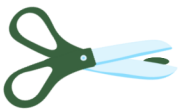
How the final Just Cause statement manifests is the next area for exploration. What ways of being and actions will most support us in fully living into it? How do we define the words we use (such as "healing," "wholeness," or "spiritual")? It might seem counterintuitive, but we don't have to have those intellectually defined before agreeing on a statement; we just have to know on a gut level that they represent who we are/want to be. After all, part of what makes C3, C3 is that we are willing to dance without knowing the steps, trusting that we'll find our way forward.

A

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B

C3 is a spiritually oriented community that sparks curiosity and creativity, inspires healing and wholeness, and fuels action that supports societal health and soul growth.



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