

Our Vision Statement

A circular graphic with a rainbow-colored border (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) and a central lit candle with a yellow flame. The candle is on a grey stand with a wide base.

Believing that the true expression of our religion is the way we live our lives –

We, the members and friends of Channing Memorial Church, commit to use our diverse gifts in shared ministry as a catalyst for:

Creating a wellspring of caring and compassion within a vital and inspirational community of all ages that values individuals throughout their lives,

Spiritual growth and intellectual exchange,

The honest and responsible use of the democratic process,

Stewardship of our historic sacred spaces,

Peace, justice, and respect for all people and our planet,

Positive change within our community and the world.

A circular graphic with a rainbow-colored border and a central lamp icon. The lamp has a grey base and a grey bowl, with a yellow flame. The background is white.

To What We Are Committed

In Order to Achieve Our Vision

- 1. We are committed to creating and sustaining a foundation for our children which fosters their spiritual growth, guides their search for truth and empowers them to work for justice.**
- 2. We are committed to encouraging exploration of spirituality by each individual.**
- 3. We are committed to promoting greater love and understanding among ourselves, in our community, in our country, and in the world.**
- 4. We are committed to reaching out to and serving others in our community, our country, and the world.**
- 5. We are committed to shared ministry among our Minister, Staff, and Congregation to facilitate individual ministry and realize ministry together.**

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- 6. We are committed to maintaining and perpetuating this church as a memorial to the life and teachings of the Reverend Doctor William Ellery Channing, the founder of American Unitarianism, in Newport, Rhode Island, the town of his birth.**
- 7. We are committed to providing welcoming space to support and promote our church's ministry and programs for those within the congregation and beyond.**
- 8. We are committed to finding and providing the resources necessary to realize our vision.**
- 9. We are committed to practicing Congregational polity; coming together in a spirit of friendship to forge consensus on important decisions and then empowering our Minister, our Staff, and our Lay Leaders to take action to implement those decisions and realize our vision.**