

For Organization Seeking First Light Ambassadorship: Statement of Intention Letter Prompts

Context From First Light:

In order to demonstrate the seriousness of your organization's commitment to the work of relearning history, recentering Indigenous voices, and returning land/power/resources to the Tribes, we ask that you please write a statement of intention. The questions below will help you formulate this statement. Submission of a statement of intention with an Executive Director or Board President's signature will make your organization a First Light Ambassador. We ask that this letter be 2 pages or less. With your permission, we hope to post your letter on the First Light website so our Wabanaki colleagues can witness your commitment.

(Organizational Logo)

Context: What?

- What is the purpose of this letter?
- Where does your organization's historical relationship to land intersect with Indigenous history?
- What cohort of First Light Learning Journey did your organization participate in? Who were your two point people?
- Briefly, what did your organization learn through the process of First Light Learning Journey?
- What does your organization now acknowledge? What does your organization now believe?

Statement of Intention: Why?

- How will this work benefit us all (Wabanaki, non-Wabanaki)?
- What future do we hope for?
- What will we strive for as an organization to support Wabanaki relationships to land?
- In what ways do we want and expect to change as an organization?
- What do we know now will get in the way of this change, internally and externally?

Principles: How?

- What principles will guide us in how we do this work?
- How do we expect and need to be held accountable by ourselves and others to do this work?

Logistics: Who?

- For 2022 and 2023, which two point people from your organization will be in communication with the larger First Light community?
- Please gain the signature of your CEO or Executive Director.