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In her own words, "I strive to meet my responsibilities to ethical leadership. I believe that ethical leadership results from the conscious ordering of one's steps in life based upon values. These values ideally shape what individuals choose to pursue in life and how, and they serve as the "noble call" for one's commitment as one moves through the world, ideally in an ongoing growth process."

"My vision, moreover, is that the critical underpinning of ethical leadership is a set of values rooted in love and goodwill. Equally as important is the willingness of individuals to risk their approval status within a community to engage in activities their judgment represents the right actions to take, not necessarily those that bring approval and support from the masses."