**Jim Priest**

A founding member of OK Ethics in 2003, Jim participated in building the vision by sharing his time, insights and talents as a gifted presenter and expert on the topic of ethics.

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