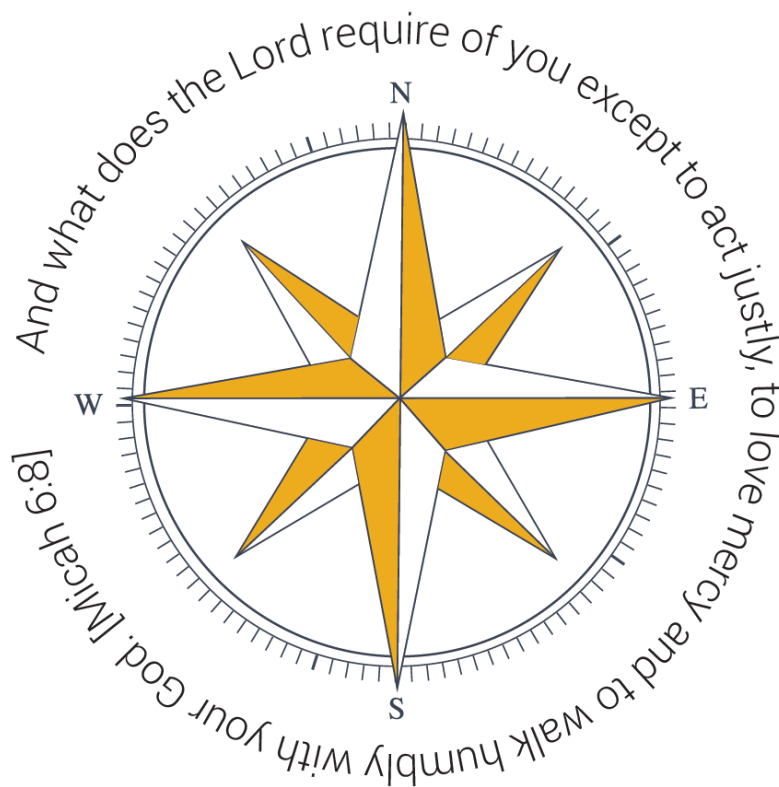


CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

Philanthropy's Role in Countering Hate

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

JANUARY 24, 2019



On Thursday, January 24, 2019, over one hundred philanthropic leaders gathered in Minneapolis to understand how hate affects faith communities around the United States. We heard powerful testimonies from Rabbi Jamie Gibson, Senior Rabbi at Temple Sinai in Pittsburgh, PA; Rev. Dr. Waltrina Middleton, national faith leader, advocate for Black Lives, and cousin to one of the victims of the Mother Emanuel AME shooting in Charleston, SC; and Imam Mohamed Omar, Executive Director of Dar Al-Farooq mosque in Bloomington, MN.

The conversation continued with a short panel featuring Presiding Elder Stacey Smith, of the St. Paul Minneapolis District of the Chicago Annual Conference of the AME Church; Ms. Doran Schrantz, Executive Director of ISAIAH and Faith in Minnesota; and Rabbi Adam Stock Spilker, of Mt. Zion Temple in St. Paul.

Finally, those present discussed philanthropy's role in changing hateful narratives and in building vibrant, resilient communities, ones defined by peace and interreligious harmony. We are inspired by the energy and care you brought to these conversations, and we are excited to continue this work in partnership with you, Minnesota's philanthropic leaders.



HERE IS WHAT YOU TOLD US

Reconvene this gathering of leaders.

Many of you shared that you want to see this event happen again in the future. You find value in developing relationships between faith leaders and the philanthropic community. You believe that cross-pollination between and within foundations is necessary for developing a coordinated, strategic response to hate.

Philanthropy needs to invest in interfaith relationship- and capacity-building.

You also said you want to expand and build upon the January 24th gathering. You see a need to invest in infrastructure that will foster interfaith and cross-sector relationship building. This could include an interfaith conversation series, other cross-sector events, and leadership development for clergy and faith activists. You are eager to help build the resilience of faith communities at the individual, congregational, and leadership levels.

Cross-sector partners should develop long-term, strategic communications.

Finally, you want to construct a unified, alternative narrative to hate. Many of you suggested creating an integrated communications plan, one that centers the stories and identities of communities most impacted by hate. You expressed a desire to proactively build the world you want to see, extending a counter-narrative to media and communications channels, and partnering with faith communities to do so.



THANK YOU

From your event hosts, thank you. We are grateful for your presence at *Changing the Narrative: Philanthropy's Role in Countering Hate* on January 24, 2019.

We invite you to connect with us.

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