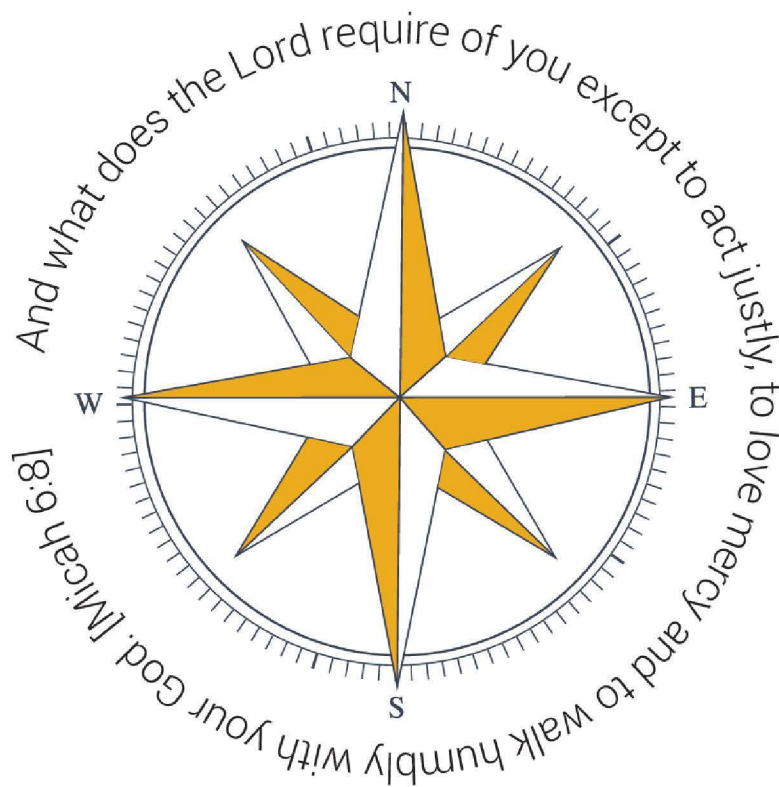


CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

Philanthropy's Role in Countering Hate

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

March 11, 2020



On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, nearly one hundred leaders from the philanthropic sector and the faith community gathered in Minneapolis to learn and discuss the effects of hate in Minnesota. With passion and conviction, speakers witnessed to the realities of Islamophobia, antisemitism, and racism calling for the narratives to be changed.

We heard from Rev. Osagyefo Sekou, a national activist, academic, and musician with extended work in Charlottesville and Ferguson; Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison; and a panel of Rabbi Arielle Lekach-Rosenberg, Assistant Rabbi at Shir Tikva Synagogue, Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs, Director of Racial Justice at Minnesota Council of Churches, and Alejandra Hernandez-Chavez, Latino and Immigrant Organizer for ISAIAH facilitated by Dr. Saira Mitha of Muslim American Society.

Following a powerful morning of inspiring witness and grace-filled truth telling, those present spent the afternoon in table conversations discerning philanthropy's role in transforming hateful narratives and building life-giving, resilient, and equitable communities. This was our second summit on countering hate and changing the narrative in Minnesota. We remain inspired by the energy and concern you bring to these conversations, and we are committed to continue this work in partnership with you, Minnesota's philanthropic leaders.



HERE IS WHAT YOU TOLD US IN 2019

“Reconvene this gathering of leaders.” Done!

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

St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation, Bigelow Foundation, Blandin Foundation, and The Minneapolis Foundation have made grants since last year and others are in process.

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

This is a partnership between philanthropic, faith, and community organizations that still needs to happen.

HERE IS WHAT YOU TOLD US THIS YEAR

The role of foundation Board members and representatives of Donor Advised Funds in addressing hate and forging a new narrative needs to be included next year. First, they hold the ultimate power in philanthropic decision-making. Also, success requires an increased diversifying of boards so that the decision-makers reflect the recipients of funding.

Philanthropy needs to center and fund community organizers in this work, which creates greater proximity to the challenges and actionable plans for social and narrative change.

A shared race-equity lens across philanthropy needs to be generated, embraced, and utilized in implementation of funding priorities and resource distribution.



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From your event hosts, thank you. We are grateful for your presence at *Changing the Narrative: Philanthropy's Role in Countering Hate* on March 11, 2020.

We invite you to connect with us.

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