



THE SUMMIT

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Dear Friends,

Join us in reaching and equipping influential leaders in the faith and justice movement by supporting The Summit, June 12-14, 2019 at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

Building off the momentum of previous years, The Summit convenes an intimate gathering of 300 diverse faith and justice leaders committed to finding solutions through collaboration, skill-building, strategic listening, discussion, and spiritual renewal. The Summit 2019 will examine catalysts of transformation, seeking to discern God's vision for our collective future. Through this time, our collective impact will be strengthened by sharpening our understanding of the current moment and discerning the way forward.

We have been honored to stand beside so many dynamic leaders since our first gathering in 2014. Since then, The Summit has convened nearly 1,500 leaders who are committed to changing the world through their work in faith, nonprofit, academic, philanthropic, and business sectors. This unique gathering brings together movement-makers from a variety of fields and faith traditions to address some of the most urgent issues facing our world.

Sponsors from previous years have included innovative nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and businesses. Our planning team will highlight your organization in a variety of ways, including our sponsor reception, which is featured Thursday evening before our annual awards dinner.

The generosity of our sponsors and foundations make this gathering a truly empowering experience. Your support will help provide scholarships for young leaders, underwrite the cost of The Summit's production, and demonstrate your organization's commitment to equipping faith leaders in social justice movements.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

With peace and gratitude,

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WHAT MAKES THE SUMMIT UNIQUE

Since 2014, Sojourners has created a gathering space for leaders to learn, collaborate, and become inspired at The Summit. We create a unique space where leaders are encouraged to develop new relationships and advance collaborative solutions to strengthen our movements for justice, peace, and equality. Archives of our session schedules and videos are available online at summitforchange.com. Here are a few things that make this convening of leaders truly unique:

Leaders – This gathering is designed for active faith-rooted movement leaders and collaborating resource experts. From civil rights veterans with decades of investment to young leaders who are carving new paths forward, all are welcome.

Cross-disciplinary – Our conversations together are informed by participants working on diverse social justice issues from a wide variety of perspectives, including activists, nonprofit organizations, denominational leaders, academics, business leaders, and philanthropists.

Diversity – Attendees reflect the diversity of our world and all branches of the Christian tradition. In 2018, 77 percent of featured participants identified as people of color and 64 percent female, while 59 percent of overall attendees identified as people of color and 54 percent female. While The Summit is a gathering of Christian leaders, other faith traditions and secular voices are warmly welcomed.

Conversation – Through discernment and collaboration, we work to identify opportunities to deeply engage with the pressing needs of our time. Multiple levels of thoughtful dialogue are built into The Summit program offerings, including:

- **Core Conversations:** Through storytelling, creative arts, and critical engagement, these large group sessions deepen our understanding of the selected theme and its implications for our collective work. In the past, we have heard from a diverse array of presenters such as Brian Stevenson of Equal Justice Initiative; Arne Sorenson, president and CEO of Marriott International; Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts; and best-selling novelist and environmental activist, Margaret Atwood.
- **Forums:** *Trainings, Salons, and Convenings* provide small group opportunities to engage in practical issue based and field-based skills development, increased knowledge related to diverse issues, and collaborative dialogue that leads to common commitments and coordinated action.
- **Spiritual Direction:** Throughout The Summit, spiritual directors are available to assist participants in observing God's presence and work in their lives. Through 1-on-1 and group sessions, spiritual directors provide opportunities for spiritual renewal to all participants.
- **Elders and Movement Honorees:** Each year we honor a small group of those who have dedicated their lives to the work of justice and those who have provided outstanding leadership in the past year.
- **Networking:** Integrated throughout the gathering are opportunities to meet with affinity groups, both formally and informally. This includes an opening reception, a sponsored reception, and a variety of affinity groups.

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We are immensely thankful for sponsors from previous years who have supported The Summit. Our partners and sponsors from 2018 were:



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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We encourage our sponsor representatives to attend sessions, mix with attendees, and participate fully in the three days together for the best experience. You will not be stuck at a booth like a traditional conference!

The following represents the general guidelines for our sponsorships:

All sponsors contributing \$1,000 or more will receive:

- Logo and link on The Summit website, summitforchange.com
- Recognition in on-site and printed promotional materials
- One piece of collateral distributed to all attendees
- Table at a sponsored break along with other sponsors

Sponsors contributing \$2,500 or more will also receive:

- One complimentary attendee registration for The Summit
- A one-third page advertisement in the July issue of *Sojourners* magazine, which will be distributed to all Summit attendees

Sponsors contributing \$5,000 or more will also receive:

- Two complimentary attendee registrations for The Summit
- An upgrade to a half page advertisement in the July issue of *Sojourners* magazine, which will be distributed to all Summit attendees
- Banner advertisement on Sojourners' website, sojo.net

Major Sponsors contributing \$10,000 to \$15,000 will also receive:

- An upgrade to a full-page ad in *Sojourners* magazine
- Banner advertisement on Sojourners website, sojo.net
- Additional attendee registrations for The Summit

Partners contributing \$20,000 to \$50,000 may receive one or more of the following:

- Recognition in a video produced by Sojourners, shown at The Summit
- Recognition as the sponsor and/or host of a special convening or small group session
- Sponsorship of a post-Summit resource released over the year following The Summit
- Collaboration with Sojourners on a special project to be announced or presented at The Summit

All packages are customizable to best meet your needs!

For partnerships that include input into the program, special events, or receptions, we would like to discuss the opportunities with you at your earliest convenience. The final deadline for completing all sponsorship agreements is May 1, 2019.

To discuss your sponsorship, contact Rose Urankar at Sojourners by phone at 202-745-4626 or email at rurankar@sojo.net. Thank you for your consideration!

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