Inclusivity Conference: Deadline extended to March 22
Serve2Unite’s Pardeep Kaleka to open
Toward One Wisconsin April 11-12

Toward One Wisconsin is planning an exciting two-day conference on inclusivity and we invite you to be a part of it. You’ll be joined by diverse groups and individuals from across the state who will address:

- What are the most persistent barriers to inclusion?
- What is working now?
- What is promising on the horizon?

To hear Pardeep’s story, click above.

The conference’s opening plenary speaker is Pardeep Singh Kaleka. Throughout his career as a Milwaukee police officer and a teacher in the inner city, Kaleka has never been a stranger to the battle against racism, bigotry and ignorance. But that battle entered another level on August 5, 2012, when Kaleka’s father was one of six people fatally shot at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin. Kaleka chose to respond to the tragedy with compassion, focusing on the Sikh saying “Charhdi Kala,” meaning “we move in relentless optimism.”

Kaleka founded Serve2Unite, together with former white supremacist Arno Michaelis. Serve2Unite works with students and their teachers to establish a healthy sense of identity, purpose and belonging that diverts young people from violent extremism ideologies, gun violence, bullying, substance abuse and other forms of self-harm.

Headlining the conference with Kaleka are three other keynote speakers with their own compelling inclusivity messages:

- Dasha Kelly Hamilton, the conference artist-in-residence, is a nationally respected writer, performer, facilitator and creative change agent. She has performed throughout the U.S. and Canada and appeared on the final season of HBO presents Russell Simmons’ “Def Poetry Jam.”
• Dr. Edward Lee Vargas is a nationally recognized speaker on leadership for creating high-performing school systems grounded in equity and excellence for all. He is AVID executive vice president for national/international programs, and a two-time “State Superintendent of the Year.”

• Thomas Carr Frank is an American political analyst, historian and journalist. He co-founded and edited “The Baffler” magazine and has written several books on American electoral politics and propaganda, advertising, popular culture, mainstream journalism, and economics.

Don’t miss this chance to learn from over 100 panels and presenters. Hear their collaborative and innovative approaches on inclusivity, cutting-edge research and success stories that focus on these tracks:

- Track I: Increasing Opportunities for Inclusion in Wisconsin’s Workforce
- Track II: Creating Inclusive Communities
- Track III: Raising the Next Generation of Inclusive Leaders
- Track IV: Building Health Equity in Wisconsin

Note: Registration deadline is March 22. Reserve your spot today!

Conference co-chairs are former Wisconsin Lieutenant Governors Rebecca Kleefisch and Barbara Lawton, Church Mutual President and CEO Rich Poirier and Marian University Senior Vice President and Ascension Wisconsin Market Board member George Koonce.

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