



AN INVITATION FROM JIM WALLIS

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Dear friends,

I would like to invite you to support our next leadership gathering, The Summit, **June 13-15, 2018** at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. I have been honored to stand beside so many dynamic leaders since our first gathering in 2014. Over the past four years, The Summit has convened nearly 1,500 leaders from faith, nonprofit, philanthropic, and business sectors who are committed to changing the world. This unique cross-sector gathering brings together movement makers from a variety of fields and faith traditions to address some of the most pressing issues facing our world.

The theme of the fifth annual gathering is **Radically Rooted**. Our time together will be grounded in discussions of embodied commitment to justice and mercy. The Summit intentionally convenes an intimate gathering of 300 leaders committed to finding solutions through collaboration. Building off the momentum of previous gatherings, The Summit 2018 will see justice movements converge together for skill building, strategic listening, collaborative deliberation, and spiritual renewal. Through this time, our collective impact will be strengthened by sharpening our understanding of the current moment and discerning the way forward.

We depend on the generosity of our sponsors and foundations to make this gathering a truly transformative experience. Your support helps underwrite the cost of The Summit's production, provides scholarships for young leaders, and demonstrates your organization's commitment to equipping faith leaders in social justice movements.

Sponsors from previous years have included some of the most innovative nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and businesses. Our planning team will highlight your organization in a variety of ways, including our sponsor reception, which was an enjoyable gathering for all last year. We appreciate the work that you do and how you contribute to this gathering in so many ways.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

With peace and gratitude,

Jim Wallis
President, Sojourners

Elizabeth Denlinger Reeves
Director, The Summit

WHAT MAKES THE SUMMIT UNIQUE

Since 2014, Sojourners has provided and 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 make our movements for justice, peace, and equality stronger. 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, are all welcome.

Cross-disciplinary – Our conversations together are informed by participants from a wide variety of disciplines — activists, nonprofit organizations, denominational leaders, academia, business and philanthropy — working on diverse social justice issues.

Diversity – Attendees reflect the diversity of our world. In 2017, 72% of featured participants were people of color and 60% female, while 52% of overall attendees identified as non-European descent and were 63% female. Additionally, attendees represent all branches of the Christian tradition. While The Summit is a gathering of Christian leaders, other faith traditions and secular voices are also welcome.

Conversation – Through discernment and partner collaboration, we work to identify and integrate 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 select a small group of those who have invested their lives to the work of justice and those who have provided 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.

PAST SPONSORS

We are immensely thankful for sponsors from previous years who have supported The Summit. Our partners and sponsors from 2017 were:

The Summit 2017 is proudly sponsored by:



The Summit is supported by grants from:



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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. Other than a sponsored one-hour reception, you will not be stuck at a booth like at 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:

- Recognition as the sponsor and/or host of a special small group session
- 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 **April 30, 2018**.

To discuss your sponsorship, contact **Sandra Sims** at Sojourners, by phone at 202-745-4601 or email ssims@sojo.net. Thank you for your consideration!