Since 1996, the Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance has sought to dismantle barriers to ensure people of all ethnic backgrounds have equal access and opportunity to participate fully in the life of the community.

Summit on Race and Inclusion draws over 750 participants

The 2019 Summit on Race and Inclusion was held on June 11 at Hope College in Holland, MI. This event drew over 750 participants, one of our largest audiences ever. In the morning, keynote speaker Rudy Valdez (pictured above top) presented his...
documentary film, The Sentence, the story of his sister and family as she faced a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years. The emotional story left hardly a dry eye in the room, and we have continued to hear about how the experience impacted everyone in the room. In the afternoon, keynote presenter John Pavlovitz (pictured above left) shared a message of hope and perseverance as we pursue equity and justice in today’s world.

Participants were also given the opportunity to attend two breakout sessions, with featured topics in the sectors of Business, Community Engagement, Education, Faith, Health, Law & Policy, and Youth Advocacy.

We are extremely grateful to all of the attendees, speakers, sponsors, volunteers, Hope College staff, and many, many more individuals who made Summit 2019 a great success! Thank you!

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**Community Diversity Workshop Series**

Introducing our new Community Diversity Workshop Series! Diversity challenges exist in most industries and implementing lasting change can be overwhelming. While diversity initiatives may begin at the top, inclusive organizations know that they cannot end there. Diversity is a priority at all levels.

The Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance (LEDA) presents this series of sector-specific Community Diversity Workshops for leaders in West Michigan to examine how their organizations can advance their efforts toward equity. These 2-hour workshops will be offered at partner locations across the region.

- Upcoming June Workshops -

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- Tuesday, June 25 -
  8:00 - 10:00 AM | Mary Freebed Rehabilitation Hospital

**Time:** 8 - 10 a.m.  
**Location:** Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, Grand Rapids  
**Description:** Local, regional, and national jurisdictions are implementing a variety of programs to achieve health equity. This workshop will focus on discussing the unjust social, economic and political conditions impeding health equity. Discussions will focus on known disparities in health outcomes that exist across communities and the promotion of policies, programs and education surrounding healthy equity for all communities.

Register Here

- Thursday, June 27 -  
  7:30 - 9:30 AM | Marigold Lodge in Holland

**Time:** 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Herman Miller's Marigold Lodge, Holland  
**Description:** This workshop acknowledges that diversity challenges exist in most industries and implementing lasting change can be overwhelming. With this in mind, participants will be given tools to promote D&I in the manufacturing sector to accommodate rapid growth and change, gain a competitive advantage, capture new markets, increase market share, and make their businesses more productive and profitable.

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**July Workshops and More Details**

Three more Community Diversity Workshops are scheduled for July. Here is a brief overview of those workshops:

- **Wed, July 10 - Faith**  
  - Location: First Presbyterian Church, Holland  
  - Time: 8 - 10 a.m.

- **Wed, July 17 - Education**  
  - Location: Children's Advocacy Center, Holland  
  - Time: 8 - 10 a.m.

- **Wed, July 24 - LGBTQ 101**  
  - Location: Center for Community Transformation, Holland  
  - Time: 8 - 10 a.m.

[Click here](#) for more details on all of our Community Diversity Workshops!

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**Spanish Language Academy**

Sign up early for Late Summer courses!

Spanish courses at LEDA will next be offered in August. They are 8-week community courses for only $145, meeting weekly. Beginner,
Intermediate, and Advanced courses available. Check out the starting dates, and click the link below for more details and to sign up!

Level 1 (Beginner): Starts Mon, August 19
Level 2 (Intermediate): Starts Tue, August 20
Level 3 (Advanced): Starts Thu, August 22

Click here for details and times.

Sign Up Now for Spanish

Local News and Upcoming Events

Sprits for Justice - An Evening with OSJ
TONIGHT. Join the Office of Social Justice team as they celebrate successes and cast a vision for the year to come. You’ll enjoy cocktails and a light buffet, and share stories of creation care from East Africa, hope for immigrant justice at the border, and how churches across the U.S. and Canada are mobilizing for justice!

Click here for more details.

Date: Thu, June 20
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Location: Long Road Distillers, Grand Rapids

Call to Action Coaches Clinic
Are you a coach of school-aged athletes that's looking for ways to mentor and inspire? Join us at our Program Office on July 31st for the opportunity to learn about two of our prevention programs - Coaching Boys into Men and Athletes as Leaders.

Click here for more details.

Date: Wed, July 31
Time: 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Location: Resilience (formerly Center for Women in Transition), Holland

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