

The Alliance

The Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony is dedicated to promoting unity, justice, equal opportunity, ethnic awareness, cross-cultural understanding, and appreciation for diversity.



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The 2019 Summit on Race and Inclusion, organized by Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance, is an annual event that “examines the effects of racial disparities and strategies for their elimination. Participants come to learn how discrimination affects communities economically and socially; understand how racial inclusion benefits everyone; and join others to create tools and plans to make a positive difference.” **ACEH** is a collaborating organization for the Summit.

The all-day Summit will start at 8 am on Tuesday, June 11, at Hope College in Holland. The cost is \$85, and you can register online at www.ethnicdiversity.org. Each participant has the opportunity to attend two keynote addresses and two sector-specific breakout sessions. (Information about breakout speakers is on the registration website.)

The morning keynote speaker is filmmaker **Rudy Valdez**, who makes documentaries about social, cultural, and political issues. He will preview his award-winning film “The Sentence,” followed by a dialogue session about the mandatory minimums and sentencing reform issues addressed in his film—which is the true story of his sister and her family.

In the afternoon, writer, pastor, and activist John **Pavlovitz** will address issues related to building a diverse, inclusive, and equitable society for all.

Breakout Sessions and Speakers:

Business: Bing Goei; Joe Matthews. *Community Engagement:* Rudy Valdez; Mariano Avila. *Education:* Dr. Bill Pink; Dr. Brandy Lovelady Mitchell. *Faith* (a.m. only): John Pavlovitz. *Health:* Tasha Blackmon & Glenda Wilson; Shannon Wilson. *Law & Policy:* César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández, J.D. *Youth Advocacy:* Dr. Lindsay Malloy.



No general meetings in May or June— 4 festivals instead!

ACEH will not hold a general public meeting in May or June 2019. We'll be busy hosting children's activities and/or community information tables at **LAUP's Fiesta** (May 4; Shops at Westshore), **HerrickFest** (June 8; Kollen Park), **Freedom Family Festival** (June 15; Kollen Park), and **PRIDE** (June 22; Centennial Park). These fun events showcase our community's diversity, so we hope to see you there! If you can take a one- or two-hour volunteer shift for **ACEH** at an event, please contact Viola Jackson-Cleveland at vijackson25@gmail.com or Ann Weller at editann@aol.com

Prof. John Yelding, a past president of ACEH, retires from Hope College after 25-year career in education



Congratulations and best wishes to **John Yelding**, who is retiring after a 25-year career at Hope College, where he directed the American Ethnic Studies minor and Encounter with Cultures course and was part of the Phelps Scholars Program and Upward Bound. In 2013, he was the first recipient of the Susan M. and Glenn G. Cherup Professorship in Education.

Professor Yelding established the Hope Comes to Watts (California) May Term, which he will lead again this year. Before joining the Hope faculty in 1994, he was a teacher and administrator in secondary education for 25 years.

From 2012 to 2016, John served as vice-president and then as president of ACEH. He also was a member and president of the West Ottawa Public Schools Board of Education.

What's next for Professor Yelding? "Right now, I have a 'wait and see' attitude," he says. "I intend to stay involved, but I haven't had a chance to think about making a lot of plans!" He will be joining the Board of Education of the Watts Learning Center Schools (elementary and middle schools in California).

The very best to you, John, from **ACEH**! We are grateful for your leadership of this organization and your lifelong commitment to justice, inclusion, and equity at the college, in the community, and across the country.

A thank-you note from Community Action House: "To our friends at **ACEH**: You recently dropped off a donation (nonperishable items contributed at the 2019 March into the Future ACEH party). THANK YOU! Not only does this allow us to keep helping fight food insecurity in Holland, it also helps build community. We could not serve an average of 800 meals daily per year without partners like ACEH!"
---**Megan M.**

**Microaggressions:
When our biases
show up at work,
at home, in the
community: What
do you do? What
could you say, and
how can you find
and be an ally?**



At the **ACEH** April 12 interactive workshop led by **Alan Headbloom*** on "Microaggressions: When Our Biases Show up in the Community," we shared times we had experienced or created microaggressions (slights, insults, indignities) and discussed ways to speak up against everyday bigotry. For more information and specific examples, go to these resources:

<https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/publications/speak-up>

Microaggressions Matter:

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/09/microaggressions-matter/406090/>

Microaggressions don't just 'hurt your feelings':

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2018/02/28/what-microaggressions-small-slights-serious-consequences/362754002/>

LGBT Microaggressions You Hear On A Daily Basis <https://www.buzzfeed.com/hnigatu/19-lgbt-microaggressions-you-hear-on-a-daily-basis?bfsource=relatedauto>

Racial Microaggressions You Hear Daily <https://www.buzzfeed.com/hnigatu/racial-microaggressions-you-hear-on-a-daily-basis>

Microaggressions: More than Just Race

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/microaggressions-in-everyday-life/201011/microaggressions-more-just-race>

*Alan Headbloom's website is www.FeelLikeYouBelong.com

Youth Camps Open in June to Focus on Justice, Peace

--**Future Leaders for Justice** is for middle and high school students "who want to be woke and stay awake," the organizers say. The free camp will run from **10 am to 3 pm, Tuesday, June 18, through Thursday, June 20, at Hope Church, 77 West 11th Street, Holland.** It's sponsored by Faith Leaders for Justice, a collaboration of local leaders from a variety of faith backgrounds and worldviews working for justice in this area. To register: <https://futureleadersforjusticecamp.eventbrite.com/>

--**Peace Camp** is for youth entering second grade to eighth grade. Children learn that "peace begins with them." They cooperate in games and projects; they learn to deal with their conflicts in a peaceful manner and come up with their own creative solutions to problems they see at camp, at home, at school, or in the world. The cost is \$100 for the first camper, \$75 for each additional immediate family member. The camp will run from **9 am to 3 pm, Monday, June 24, through Friday, June 28, at Grace Episcopal Church, 555 Michigan Avenue, Holland.** Camp is a collaborative effort of local churches and organizations. **Register by June 10 at www.fpcholland.org/peacecamp/**

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*Bringing People
Together from Worlds Apart*

*New and Renewing Members
Support the Work of ACEH*

A warm welcome to new members **Diana Canales** and **Victor Perez**. And **many thanks** to renewing members **Marilyn Schmidt** and **Hope Church, RCA**.

Please consider joining with Diana, Victor, Marilyn, and Hope Church as we work together to make West Michigan a place where all are welcomed and respected.

The dues are: **Individual: \$20 one year; \$35 two years; Couple or Family: \$30 one year; \$50 two years; Nonprofit organization: \$40 one year; Business: \$75 one year**

In lieu of, or in addition to, paying dues, you may make pledge of service to ACEH. Checks or service pledges should be made out to ACEH and sent to Treasurer Al Minert, c/o ACEH, at P.O. Box 3007, Holland, MI 49422-3007. The membership year is Oct 1 – Sept 30. To pay online, go to www.harmonyalliance.org and follow the membership prompts. You may also join at any ACEH event.

If you are not sure if your membership is current, please contact database manager Herb Weller at hpweller@comcast.net or 396-2201.

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