

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### National Race Amity Conference - May 21-23, 2021

On May 21-23, 2021, the National Center for Race Amity (NCRA), will host a live/virtual Centenary Celebration of the nation's first Race Amity Convention, held May 21, 1921 in Washington, DC. This inaugural event came on the heels of the devastating and horrific racial violence following World War I, the Spanish Flu epidemic, and the Red Summer of 1919. The Race Amity Convention of 1921 was a result of the united efforts of blacks and whites in the city of Washington, DC. Principally organized by Ms. Agnes Parsons, a white Washington socialite, and Coralee Cooke, an African-American Howard University professor. This groundbreaking event was aided by well-known political and thought leaders such as Senator Moses Clapp and Alain Locke. The inaugural Convention was initiated at the suggestion of Abdu'l-Baha, son of the Founder of the Baha'i Faith, to Agnes Parsons during a visit she made with Him in Haifa, Israel in 1920. The event attracted civil rights activists and leaders—including Frederick Douglass' grandson, Joseph Douglass—and was attended by over a thousand.

Today our nation looks far too much like 1919-1921. The initial Race Amity Convention was an effort to heal, a force to bring our nation together to address this most vital and challenging issue. The goal was then, and remains today, to encourage people of varying races to build close, loving friendships as an effective platform to advance access, equity, and social justice. Fast forward 100 years, and Race Amity models a path to come together to heal and bridge the racial divide.

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**Submission Deadline:** April 5, 2021

**Selection Decision Notification:** April 12, 2021

The National Center for Race Amity is pleased to announce a Call for Proposals for Presenters at the virtual 2021 National Race Amity Centenary Conference, for sessions on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is an invitation for presentations related to the conference theme, "*Actualizing E Pluribus Unum Through 'Race Amity and The Other Tradition'.*"

The National Race Amity Conference, commemorating the centenary of the first Race Amity Conference in 1921, offers participants positive focused opportunities for discussion circles, interactive panels, and informative sessions on a variety of topics central to the main theme of race amity. The National Race Amity Conference is organized around presentations in the arts, business, community service, education,

entertainment, government, spirituality, law, media communications, activism, and sports.

We invite those who have insight, skills, research, art, programs, and other means of expression that would be complementary to the conference theme to submit a proposal to present during a conference breakout session.

### **Presentation Guidelines:**

A limited number of proposals will be chosen from those submitted.

- Presenters **must** be available to present in the following time frames: **12:30 pm to 4:00 pm, Friday, 5/21; 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm, Saturday, 5/22**. All times listed are Eastern Standard Time. **Proposal acceptance will be influenced by content as well as availability to present two sessions.**
- Presentations will be made in a 75-minute time block that includes times for participant Q&A. Presenters will be asked to make a repeat presentation.
- Indicate if you would like to submit a pre-recorded presentation while still being available live for interaction with attendees.
- Pre-recorded presentation must be submitted on or before **May 7th** for review of quality and editing recommendations.
- Conference registration fees will be waived for presenters. Conference registration includes all conference sessions.
- Authored Material: Presenters are asked to share Amazon links to authored materials, and other websites to products related to their session. Presenters may also announce their authored materials and where to get them in their presentations.

### **Suggested Presentation Topics/Themes:**

- What is Race Amity & The Other Tradition?
- Case Histories of Collaboration and Amity
- The High Points of the Movement to Equality and Recognition.
- The Arts: Our Common Identity
- Tackling Legal, Political & Social Roadblocks
- Making Connections & Creating Critical Mass
- Models of Building and Managing Local/Regional/National Organizations
- Examples of Successful Racial Collaboration – Across Sectors
- What insights do you bring to the table as a BIPOC or White person?
- Success Stories from Behavioral Scientists
- Addressing Constants in Racial Discrimination
- Working Together to Deal with the Stain of Slavery

- Acclamation for Race Amity Day & Other Models of Reconciliation
- Dialogue and Social Justice work
- Engaging High School and College Students in Race Amity Work

## **Required Information for Proposal Submission**

### **A. Presentation Title**

### **B. Presenter(s) Information:**

Please submit the Presenter Name(s), City/State, Experience/Credentials, Phone Numbers, Email Addresses, Institution/Company/Organization, and a brief (150 words or less) Bio.

### **C. Presentation Summary:**

Provide a session summary that clearly describes your proposed presentation. This summary should not be more than three type-written double-spaced pages in 12 pt font. Use this opportunity to indicate the larger context and purpose of the proposal and to provide additional information, such as rationale, background, historical information, linkage with local or national events, etc. Provide a clearly stated purpose and objectives of the presentation. List any learning outcomes, takeaways, and/or actions that stem from attending this session.

### **D. Tech Assistance:**

Presenters and chat/Q&A, may include pre-recorded presentation (presenters may record presentation ahead via zoom, and then interact live with participants following presentation). Large groups. May have potential for smaller breakout rooms. You may supply your own electronic copies, to be distributed to participants, and also post them in the chat for immediate engagement.

### **E. Promotion:**

NCRA may create promotional videos ahead of the conference. Would you be willing to do a short Facebook Live/YouTube Live presentation/interview with some of the NCRA team ahead of the conference if your proposal is accepted?

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## **SUBMISSIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION:**

ALL proposals or questions regarding this Call for Proposals must be submitted in writing to the email address below.

Please include a **phone number** with your question or submission. Our goal is to answer all questions within 48 hours.

**Email Submissions and Questions To:** [mernstmodera@raceamity.org](mailto:mernstmodera@raceamity.org)