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Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding hosts 2021 Annual Religious Diversity Leadership Summit on Zoom!

New York, NY, May 28, 2021: The Tanenbaum | Center for Interreligious Understanding held their Seventh Annual Religious Diversity Leadership Summit this May on Zoom! This year's Summit sessions were spread across Tuesdays and Thursdays in May, at noon on Zoom, free of charge and open to the public. Each session focused on how we, as a global corporate community, *Do the Work: Build a Bigger Table*.

Keynote speaker, Sarah Eagle Hart opened this year's Summit by reminding us that, "there is something for everyone to do...there's little things and there's big things, but we always need to be thinking 'how can I change this,' and asking 'what policies can I implement?'"

This year's Summit is sponsored in full by Disney, with individual sessions sponsored by Mitre and Microsoft. Without their support these virtual conversations could not be possible.

Speakers and moderators were from diverse industries and backgrounds, reflecting leaders in multinational companies and human rights activists, such as; Sarah Eagle Hart, Return to the Heart Foundation; Sandra Yamate, Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession; Amrith Kaur Aakre, Sikh Coalition; Fatima Diop, AllianceBernstein; Tina Forrester, GlaxoSmithKline; Vanessa Sheridan, Vanessa Sheridan & Associates; Conrad Hackett, Pew Research Center; Samirah Majumdar, Pew Research Center; and Tanenbaum CEO, Rev. Mark Fowler.

Speakers shared personal and professional stories highlighting insights from their experiences of the intersection of identities in workplaces, and what religious diversity in these spaces looks like. Panelists encouraged participants to continue to be proactive when striving to facilitate an inclusive working environment.

The overarching message of these year's Summit conversations has been providing proactive approaches to building inclusive spaces that facilitate discussions, which allow for people to bring their whole selves into workplaces.

Make sure to join us on Thursday, June 3rd at noon, for Tanenbaum CEO, Rev. Mark Fowler's closing keynote and learning lab. Rev. Fowler will send us off with some final reflections, encouragement, and inspiration accompanied by a learning lab to highlight some final interactive takeaways.

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Tanenbaum promotes justice and builds respect for religious difference by transforming individuals and institutions to reduce prejudice, hatred and violence. More information about Tanenbaum's offerings can be found here: <https://tanenbaum.org/>

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