

# KALEO CENTER

FOR FAITH, JUSTICE & SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

November 2017

Dear Chelsea,

As you probably know, November 6 was Election Day here in the Twin Cities.

The city of Saint Paul elected its first Black mayor, Melvin Carter III.

In Minneapolis, the people elected Andrea Jenkins--a Black, trans woman whose art and vision have been transforming the world for years--and Phillippe Cunningham, a Black, trans man whose energy and clarity of purpose make him a formidable force for positive change. Andrea and Phillippe are two of the first trans people of color in the country to win public office, and they will by no means be the last.

These are victories worth savoring. And they are victories that require us to keep building until we live in a world where electing Brown and Black and Native and queer folks to office is not a first but an absolute expectation of representative democracy.

Here at Kaleo Center, we are committed to the ongoing work of community and transformation, of resistance and liberation. This season, when many of you are receiving requests for GIVE TO THE MAX, the folks at Kaleo are thinking about how we can be in better and more effective relationships to collective resources and generosity. [We are able to do our work because of over 200 individual donors, each of whom makes the amazing choice to be part of what we do with financial contributions of all sizes.](#) We are so excited to continue building the community of people who support Kaleo financially.

This year, we are opting out of Give to the Max because the fees and percentages of the program don't add up for us. We would love for you to give, and we need you to give, but we are asking you to [give to Kaleo directly](#), so that the full impact of your gift can contribute to our work and our community.

Change--and the work of transformation towards justice--doesn't happen in a straight line. It comes in creeps and bursts and spirals. It comes with wonderful surprises and profound disappointments, with joy and struggle. And through it all, we know as an absolute truth that we can't do it alone. Thank you so much for supporting the Kaleo Center and for joining us in community.

Peace,

**The Kaleo Team:** Steve, Liz, & Chelsea

P.S. We're putting the finishing touches on the Kaleo Annual Report! Expect it in your mailbox or email inbox this month!

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## Why Claire supports Kaleo Center

"Kaleo holds a sacred space in a complex and changing context that widens the circle of equity and justice by inviting all those committed to learning, action, and the common good. The work and leadership of the Kaleo staff, board, and members is a source of inspiration and renewable positive energy toward equity and justice. Thank you for inviting me on the journey." - Claire Chang

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## Are you over 55 and want to spend your future working for a better world?

Encore Impact engages a diverse group of 55+ adults in a four-month program of discernment, dialogue, and experience with what an "encore" stage of productive, social-purpose focused adulthood might look like. The group will meet evenings for eight, three-hour sessions on Tuesdays approximately every two weeks to work through critical questions and develop individual plans of Encore lives in social justice and social purpose. Kaleo's own Steve Newcom will be leading the course beginning in January 2018.

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## KaleoExpress Update: October & November

Last month, over 30 folks gathered to listen and learn with Carin Mrotz, executive director of Jewish Community Action. We explored the role of Jews in the U.S. in building movements towards justice, the ways that anti-Semitism show up in our current movements, and the way that white supremacy requires and depends on the existence of anti-Semitism. The discussion was honest, insightful, and illuminating. We are so grateful for Carin for the time and energy she put into creating an extraordinary morning of connection and learning.

### **November's KaleoExpress is coming up on Wednesday!**

Lena Gardner will lead us through an exploration of the visionary work of movement builders Grace Lee Boggs and adrienne maree brown. Click below to learn more.

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Kaleo exists because of the excitement and commitment of individual donors. In order to continue this work, we need our community to continue to sustain it. Build with us at the intersection of faith and justice through a financial contribution today!

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