

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

Fifth Annual Facing Race Ambassador Awards to Honor Minnesota Racial Equity Advocates

*Award celebration to feature keynote by national diversity consultant, writer and spoken word artist **Mohammed Bilal***

What: The Saint Paul Foundation will host a celebration to honor those committed to creating a racially equitable community at the **Fifth Annual Facing Race Ambassador Awards on May 3**. The event, which is free and open to the public, will honor the achievements of five anti-racism advocates and will feature keynote speaker, Mohammed Bilal—a well known diversity consultant, musician, writer and alumnus of MTV's Real World.

2011 Facing Race Ambassador Award Recipients:

- Nathaniel Abdul Khaliq, Community Activist and Retired NAACP president
- Velma J. Korb, Director, Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights

Honorable Mentions:

- A. Lori Saroya, Chairwoman and Co-Founder of Council on American-Islamic Relation, Minnesota
- Reverend Paul Slack, Pastor of New Creation Church in Brooklyn Park
- Dr. Anton Treuer, Professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University

When: Tuesday, May 3, 2011
6:00 p.m.: Networking and appetizer reception
7:00 p.m.: Program and awards ceremony
8:00 p.m.: Dessert reception hosted by the Saint Paul Foundation Board

Where: Crowne Plaza Riverfront, located at 11 E. Kellogg Boulevard in St. Paul

Tickets: **Tickets are free; RSVPs are required** as seating is limited. \$5.00 event parking is available; for more information and reservations visit www.FacingRace.org.

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About Facing Race

Facing Race *We're all in this together*® is an initiative of The Saint Paul Foundation that addresses racism. The vision of Facing Race is to create a more equitable, just and open community where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. Facing Race meets people and institutions where they are, giving them the tools they need to discuss issues of race and racism, and moving them to take action to end racism and discrimination. For more information, visit www.FacingRace.org.

About The Saint Paul Foundation

The Saint Paul Foundation is the community foundation for Saint Paul and surrounding areas. It connects and supports donors, nonprofits and partners to enrich lives and communities through philanthropy. Since 1940, The Saint Paul Foundation has granted more than \$600 million to nonprofit organizations contributing to the health and vitality of the community. Through community initiatives and programs such as the Community Sharing Fund, SpectrumTrust, Management Improvement Fund, Words Work! and Facing Race, the Foundation works with the community to identify and address key issues. For more information, visit www.saintpaulfoundation.org.

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