



# HOPE SPRINGS INSTITUTE

*From this Place Springs Hope for Inner and Global Peace*

## An Invitation to Join the *Change Agents' Leadership Laboratory*

Each of us has individually asked and been asked, “What can we do to make this world a better place?” We, the members of Hope Springs Institute’s Change Agents’ Leadership Laboratory (CALL), invite you to join us as we work to answer that question.

We believe transformations are needed for individuals, organizations, and systems to function and interact justly in this world. We want to work alongside people interested in becoming the leaders who create change that unites us and the communities in which we live, work, and love—leaders who advance mutual respect across all diversities and cultures.

Many of you will read this and be inspired and know you want to join us; some of you may question if you are a “leader.” Rest assured that we recognize multiple ways of being a leader, and none of them is a solo activity. We will build a community that holds and supports the cohort, helping each member find their unique path to leadership.



CALL is a three-level, experiential program, designed to develop the knowledge, skills, and experience of individual learners. Participants will commit to one level at a time. It is grounded in topics of privilege, oppression, self-discovery, inclusion, spirituality, and support from the Land. We will critically analyze the root causes and consequences of personal and social conflict, and we will explore methods to create possibilities for change that lead to peace in our lives, our communities, and on this planet.

The CALL program offers the following:

- Multiple courses of study focused on intrapersonal, interpersonal, group, and global systems theory
- Rigorous commitment by staff to inclusion, diversity, and social justice
- Balance of theory-based and experiential learning
- Accountability Group experience between sessions
- Distance and in-person learning
- Cohort-based classes
- Team teaching design with teacher/mentor support
- Multidisciplinary, experienced, and diverse staff
- Community funded scholarships
- Change project as the culmination of the experience

The expected outcome is for each leader to envision, design, and implement a change project for a community of their choosing. Equipped with the tools and strategies explored in our time together and with staff support, each leader will design the project to create the envisioned change. Additionally, members of the Leadership Laboratory will play an integral part of this process by sharing their experiences, and **as a community we will encourage and grow our call to action.**

This is a personal invitation to this community experience. We encourage you to take time to sit with this invitation and tune into yourself. Do you feel attracted to this work, this project, this community? Do you feel resistance? Do you want to join but see barriers rising up?

We encourage you to notice yourself and the possibilities you imagine as you contemplate such a journey. Give yourself some time, jot down your questions, and contact any one of us to be in conversation. You can find more information on our website, [www.hopespringsinstitute.org](http://www.hopespringsinstitute.org) and can contact any one of us by emailing [info@hopespringsinstitute.org](mailto:info@hopespringsinstitute.org) or calling 937-587-2602.

We hope that you will join us on a journey toward peace and social action. Apply now!



Sincerely,

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#### Dates of Onsite Sessions – Online Activities Start February 1, 2019

Level One: Session 1: March 5-10, 2019	Level One: Session 2: October 22-27, 2019
Level Two: Session 1: April 21-26, 2020	Level Two: Session 2: October 6-11, 2020
Level Three: Session 1: April 20-25, 2021	Level Three: Session 2: November 2-7, 2021