

The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread Appoints Marcus White, President

RACINE, WISCONSIN, December 11, 2019... The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread today announced Marcus White has been named President of the world-class conference center. In this capacity, Mr. White will oversee strategic programming, partnerships and business operations for the storied Racine, Wisconsin-based foundation. He starts officially in January 2020, succeeding Roger Dower who announced his retirement earlier this year.

“At our core, we want to make the world a better place by fostering dialogues that serve as a catalyst for positive change in critical areas. Marcus brings a breadth of unique experiences and proven expertise perfectly aligned with this mission, and importantly a shared commitment to a vibrant, thriving future for people and business in the communities we call home,” said Helen Johnson-Leipold, Chairman, The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread.

“I am humbled and excited by the opportunity to join an organization with a great legacy of convening the right people at the right time and in the right way on important issues that bring forward meaningful and actionable solutions. It is my hope to pay homage to that great legacy by continuing to build upon it in the future,” commented Mr. White.

About Marcus White

Born in England, White grew up in communities throughout the Midwest and has called Milwaukee home for nearly 30 years. He holds an A.B. in political science and religion from Wabash College, and an M.S. in Urban Studies from the



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University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. A college sabbatical in South Africa working in the anti-apartheid movement, which included internships with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Koinonia and Africa Enterprise, ignited his lifelong passion in engaging diverse groups around conversations and solutions for the betterment of the community. This passion defines White's career and contributions to Southeastern Wisconsin. As Executive Director of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee he led ecumenical efforts on poverty and homelessness, and championed advocacy initiatives focused on racial equity, restorative justice and affordable housing, among others. Most recently, he served as Vice-President – Civic Engagement, Greater Milwaukee Foundation where he developed new strategies, policy agendas, public/private partnerships and increased funding opportunities to drive positive impact in the community. Mr. White has served on numerous public and non-profit organization boards, has received accolades and honors for his lifelong service to the Milwaukee community, and is a sought-after speaker and frequent contributor to national, regional and local media.

About The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread

The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread is dedicated to serving as a catalyst for change by bringing together leading thinkers and inspiring new solutions on important issues affecting future quality of life. The Foundation's Resilient Communities Initiative builds on the learnings and experiences from other communities faced with increasing pressures inhibiting growth and limiting opportunities and launched a community-wide dialogue focused on finding ways to ensure our local communities' long-term economic and social wellbeing. For additional information or to learn more about The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread, please visit www.johnsonfdn.org.