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**Minneapolis Foundation kicks off yearlong climate series  
with “The Intersection of Climate and Equity” event**

***Feb. 23 panel discussion to feature emerging climate justice leaders***

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Kicking off a year of learning and action focused on the climate crisis and its intersection with racial equity, the Minneapolis Foundation will host a virtual gathering where guests will hear from a panel of emerging leaders who are doing exciting work on climate justice in Minneapolis.

The Foundation will host “The Intersection of Climate and Equity” from noon to 1 p.m. on Feb. 23. This event, which will be held on Zoom, is free and open to the public. Register online at <http://mplsfdn.org/ClimateEquity>.

Featured panelists will include:

- Neely Snyder, Executive Director, and Jessika Greendeer, Seed Keeper & Farm Manager, Dream of Wild Health
- Paul Schroeder, CEO of HOURCAR
- Julia Nerbonne, Executive Director of Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light
- Kristel Porter, Founder and Executive Director of Minnesota Renewable Now

Guests at the gathering will learn what these leaders are doing to make a tangible difference on fossil-fuel emissions, how local actions can make a global impact, and the critical importance of work led by the diverse communities that are already disproportionately affected by climate change. Panelists will also discuss how they are leveraging support from the Minneapolis Climate Action and Racial Equity Fund, which the Minneapolis Foundation holds in partnership with the City of Minneapolis and the McKnight Foundation.

This panel discussion launches *Climate Re:Action*, a yearlong series of learning opportunities and online resources that the Minneapolis Foundation will curate in order to build a common

understanding of the factors impacting climate change and develop new partnerships for local, national, and global actions to meet the challenge. The Foundation also aims to promote understanding of emerging climate-oriented organizations that focus on equity, including grantees of the Minneapolis Climate Action and Racial Equity Fund.

“We want to create a space where people can find others who care about protecting our climate through an equity lens, so that we can form a more powerful, more generous community that takes meaningful action together,” said R.T. Rybak, President and CEO of the Minneapolis Foundation. “It’s a big world and no one of us can protect it alone, especially with the crisis we face. But together we can, and must, do more.”

Upcoming *Climate Re:Action* events and resources will be announced over the course of the year. To learn more, go to <https://www.minneapolisfoundation.org/climate-reaction/>.

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