



**Alvin Herring**

*Director of Racial Equity and Community Engagement*

Alvin Herring is director of racial equity and community engagement at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan.

In this position, Herring provides strategic oversight for the Racial Equity and Community Engagement team and grant portfolios related to racial equity, racial healing and community engagement that advance the foundation's mission to support children, families and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success in school, work and life. On an enterprise level, he actively guides the integration of community engagement and racial equity into all aspects of the foundation's national grantmaking strategy and place-based efforts in Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico and New Orleans.

Prior to joining the foundation, Herring was the deputy director/senior leader at the PICO National Network. He also previously held positions as the executive director for the Working Interfaith Network in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; a community organizer for the Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization in Richmond, California; the principal and lead consultant for Side By Side in Alameda, California; the executive director for the Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice in Louisville, Kentucky; and was the dean of students/assistant vice president for student life at the University of Louisville. He was also founding partner for the Fusion Partnership, Inc. based out of Baltimore, Maryland and worked as the chief operating officer for the National Coalition Building Institute in Washington, D.C.

Herring holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and pan-African studies from the University of Louisville and master's degree in counseling from the University of St. Francis. He has also pursued post-master's work in counseling at Purdue University and pursued religious studies at the Ecumenical Institute, St. Mary's Seminary.

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have an equal opportunity to thrive, WKKF works with communities to create conditions for vulnerable children so they can realize their full potential in school, work and life.

The Kellogg Foundation is based in Battle Creek, Michigan, and works throughout the United States and internationally, as well as with sovereign tribes. Special emphasis is paid to priority places where there are high concentrations of poverty and where children face significant barriers to success. WKKF priority places in the U.S. are in Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico and New Orleans; and internationally, are in Mexico and Haiti. For more information, visit [www.wkkf.org](http://www.wkkf.org).