



WE BEGIN

Calling upon the Source of All There is,
ever was, and will be,
We stand in gratitude
for the opportunity of this gathering.
As people committed
to social and environmental justice,
human and civil rights, and economic equity.

We recognize the thread of continuity
that runs through and connects all of us
and we are committed to learning from those
who have given their life in the struggle
to better our world.

In full faith, we know today that the manifestation
of governmental recognition of the rights of all people
is imminent and we are devoted to helping bring it to fruition.

Stand with us as we create a world
in which all of us live with dignity and abundance.
By the power of love and unity,

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- Chaka Khan

