



## Take Academy Fellow Lance Secretan's Inspire Pledge

"Inspire!" is what great leaders do, and what we all must do, according to Academy Fellow Lance Secretan, Ph.D. He has 40



years of experience in inspiring others through his work as the former CEO of a Fortune 200 Company and advisor to 12 of Fortune's Best Companies and 30 of Fortune's Most Admired Companies. He is the founder of the [Secretan Center](#) and

ranked among the top 10 speakers in North America. His video "[Namaste](#)" gives an idea of the quality of his leadership.

In late January, Lance had a conference call with about 100 people to discuss what would happen if everyone pledged that day to be inspiring. That call led to other conference calls and to many people taking his "Inspire Pledge." He explains the pledge and poses the challenge:

"Suppose that you and I make a decision that the very first thing we do each day is to make a commitment that all our thoughts, communications, and actions will be inspiring. If we make this simple pledge and then follow through on our intention, our impact on those around us will be remarkable and we will change our lives—and theirs. And if a million people took this pledge, we would change the world. Are you prepared to make this commitment? And are you prepared to take action by enrolling your friends and colleagues in this simple endeavor? With your help, support, encouragement and passion, this can become a *movement*."



Take Lance's [Inspire Pledge](#): "I pledge to be an inspiring person in every thought, word and deed!" Then ask 10 more people to do the same. As he says, "When one million people make this pledge, we will change the world." His new book, *The Spark, the Flame, and the Torch*, is due out this May.

## Academy Fellow Rabbi Michael Lerner rallies progressives

Academy Fellow Rabbi Michael Lerner, Co-Founder and Chairperson of the inter-faith [Network of Spiritual Progressives](#) (NSP) and the editor of *Tikkun Magazine*, is leading efforts to stop the corporate takeover of American society and to counter the Supreme Court's recent campaign finance



decision. NSP is working on its own version of a new [Global Marshall Plan](#) to heal the world.

NSP and *Tikkun* are partnering with other organizations to hold a [Strategy Conference of Liberals and Progressives](#) in Washington, DC June 11-14. The theme of the conference is "Support Obama to BE the Obama you voted for, and resist the corporate takeover of America."



The 9th Cultural Transformation Tools (CTT) International Conference of the [Barrett Values Centre](#), founded by **Academy Fellow Richard Barrett**, will be held September 22-24 at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N. Carolina. The conference's theme is "[Leading Cultural Change](#)."