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Subject: Proposal Notification: 2026 CMS Think-Tank Summit
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Dear Dr. Barry,

Thank you for submitting a proposal for an “Ideas-into-Action Talk” at the 2026 CMS Think-Tank Summit, taking place January 16–18 at the University of Houston’s Moores School of Music.

Following careful review, the [2026 CMS Think-Tank Summit Program Committee](#) is delighted to invite you to serve as a featured presenter. Your Ideas-into-Action Talk will be an integral part of the Summit’s collaborative programming. CMS President and Summit Host Dr. Brian Kai Chin, along with “Belonging” Pillar Program Chair Shawn Copeland (both copied here), will be in touch over the coming months to support the development of your presentation and coordinate its integration into the final program. You’ll receive confirmation of your presentation’s date and time later this fall.

To proceed with next steps, we kindly ask that you ensure your CMS membership remains current through the Summit and that you [register for the event](#) by Wednesday, October 1st at 11:59 pm MT. Early registration confirms your participation and secures your place on the Summit program.

Please see below for a special note of gratitude and invitation from CMS President Brian Kai Chin:

Thank you for submitting a proposal for the 2026 CMS Think-Tank Summit in Houston, Texas! We’re excited to use this gathering as a vehicle for advancing music and higher education. Our goal is to engage every participant in active planning for our shared future.

The four Pillar program committees have carefully designed the Ideas-into-Action Talks to lead directly into action group sessions, helping us chart a collective path forward. We’re also thrilled to feature a wide range of Sound Bites and Innovation Presentations that showcase the inspiring work already underway.

I look forward to seeing you in Houston and encourage you to bring others from your institution who are eager to contribute. This Summit is built on active participation, and [we’ve structured our pricing to make it easy for teams to attend together](#).

We can’t wait to see you in January!

Thank you again. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, and thank you for your time, creativity, and innovation on this initiative.

Sincerely,

Hannah

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