

PERSONAL BIO – Chris Nollette

One day when Gandhi was on a train pulling out of a station, a European reporter running alongside his compartment asked him, “Do you have a message I can take back to my people?” It was a day of silence for Gandhi, part of his regular practice, so he didn’t reply. Instead he scribbled a few words on a piece of paper and passed it to the journalist: “My life is my message”

Just as Gandhi embraced a cause that defined his life we all must embrace a cause that will define our message – our legacy. A message that will live on in the hearts and minds of our families, friends, students and our profession. So I believe in the following as it pertains to being a great servant leader:

I believe in a courageous heart – willing to stand for what is right, what is honorable, even in the face of great difficulties that may put us at odds with our egos or our peers.

I believe in being an authentic person who lives their values and has the courage to let their life be an example to others through their integrity, faith and compassion.

I believe in servant leadership – someone who understands that true leadership is serving others first through mentoring and inspiration. Following the Romans early system of government – to be first among equals.

I believe in being a passionate person – the world is filled with people who lack passion for life and each other.

Finally, I believe a leader must lead with vision - Proverbs speaks to this: Where there is no vision the people perish....this is the cornerstone of leadership.