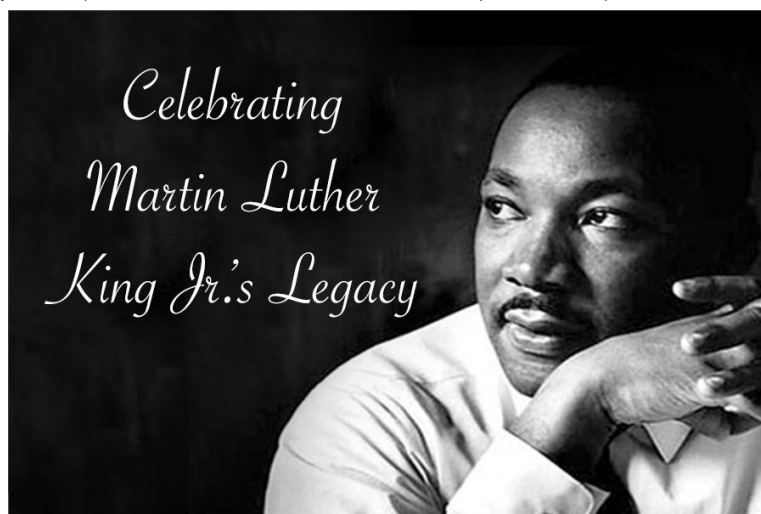




THE PEOPLE'S A.M.E. CHURCH & THE CHELSEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MLK BREAKFAST: CELEBRATION OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



THEME: "THE GOSPEL OF FREEDOM: I AM A HUMAN BEING"

Monday, January 13th, 2023

Venue: Clark Avenue Middle School, 8 Clark Avenue, Chelsea

*"We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.
Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Letter from a Birmingham Jail"

By Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



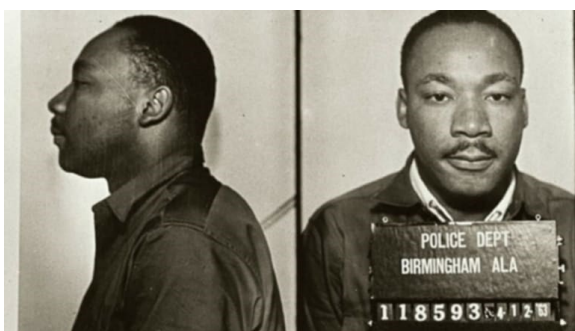
16 April 1963

My Dear Fellow Clergymen: While confined here in the Birmingham city jail, I came across your recent statement calling my present activities "unwise and untimely." Seldom do I pause to answer criticism of my work and ideas. If I sought to answer all the criticisms that cross my desk, my secretaries would have little time for anything other than such correspondence in the course of the day, and I

would have no time for constructive work. But since I feel that you are men of genuine good will and that your criticisms are sincerely set forth, I want to try to answer your statement in what I hope will be patient and reasonable terms.

I think I should indicate why I am here in Birmingham, since you have been influenced by the view which argues against "outsiders coming in." I have the honor of serving as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization operating in every southern state, with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

We have some eighty five affiliated organizations across the South, and one of them is the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights. Frequently we share staff, educational and financial resources with our affiliates.



Several months ago the affiliate here in Birmingham asked us to be on call to engage in a nonviolent direct action program if such were deemed necessary. We readily consented, and when the hour came we lived up to our promise. So I, along with several members of my staff, am here because I was invited here. I am here because I have organizational ties here. But more basically, I am

in Birmingham because injustice is here. Just as the prophets of the eighth century B.C. left their villages and carried their "thus saith the Lord" far beyond the boundaries of their home towns, and just as the Apostle Paul left his village of Tarsus and carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to the far corners of the Greco Roman world, so am I compelled to carry the gospel of freedom beyond my own home town. Like Paul, I must constantly respond to the Macedonian call for aid."

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

– Martin Luther King Jr.

~ **THE PROGRAM** ~

Master of Ceremonies

Rev. Dr. George Walters-Sleyon
Pastor: People's AME Church

Prelude

"Oh Freedom" & "Over My Head"

Welcome

Mrs. Joan Cromwell
President Chelsea Black Community

Opening Song

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
Led by Chelsea Public High School Band

Words by Brother James Weldon Johnson/ Music by Brother J. Rosamond Johnson

1. Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

*"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all."*

Musical Selection

Pastor George Walters-Sleyon
"Hold You Will Survive"

***Be a bush if you can't be a tree. If you can't be a highway, just be
a trail. If you can't be a sun, be a star. For it isn't by size that
you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are.***

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Invocation

*Sis. Beverly Martin Ross
People's AME Church/Chelsea*

Reading:

"Letter from a Birmingham Jail" By Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

George, Jr., William Walters-Sleyon and Senai Finch

Greetings

*The Honorable: Dr. Almudena Abeyta
Superintendent of the Chelsea Public Schools*

Presentation to: Winners of Essay, Poem, and Artwork

Presenter of Certificates:

The Honorable: Dr. Almudena Abeyta

***ELC School**

Andy Landaverde Hernandez (Kindergarten)

Drawing: Doc. Dec. 5th- We Belong

Teacher, Ms. Capelotti. (1st)

Genesis Palacios Umana (Kindergarten)

Drawing: 114305jpg "I Love my Friends"

Teacher, Mrs. Fowler (2nd)

***Berkowitz School**

Sara Mesa Matamoros (3rd grade)

Essay: "I am Special"

Teacher Ms. Cimino

Brian (3rd Grade)

B101 poem "I am a Human Being "

Briana (1st Grade)

Drawing B105 "I'm Human. I have a dream"

Teacher Ms. Dichiara.

The Context of the Occasion

Video: His Life

Greetings

The Honorable State Senator Sal DiDomenico

Presentation to: Winners of Essay, Poem and Artwork

Presenter of Certificates:

The Honorable State Senator Sal DiDomenico

***Sokolowski School**

Dominic Mejia Rivera

*Drawing: DMR MLK.HEIC "I am a Human Being"
Rm. 211 Teacher Ms. Drew (1st)*

Christina Griswold (4th Grade)

Drawing: CG MLK. HEIC "I Love Myself" (2nd)

Sotayi Umberto

Poem SU MLK. HEIC "I Love my Family"

***Kelly School**

Melanie Carias (5th Grade)

Essay: "I am a Human Being"

Sadiel Hernandez (5th Grade)

Drawing: MLK

***Browne School**

Mauricio 416

Essay: "I am a Human"

Nakoa Washington

Poem: "I too am Human"

Yuliana Padilla Sanchez (6th Grade)

*Drawing: 9415jpg. "I am human being"
Teacher Kopech*

Dance Selection

Sis. Celeste Williams

"Justice Song"

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.

The moral arc of the universe bends at the elbow of justice.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Greetings:

*Keith Houghton
Chief of the Chelsea Police Department*

Presentation to: Winners of Essay, Poem, and Artwork

Presenter of Certificates:

Keith Houghton

***Wright School**

Christopher Rodriguez (7th Grade)

Essay: "The different Human"

HM Room: 309 WSTA

Keysha Dolce (7th Grade)

Poem: "I too am Human"

Teacher Mr. Heaner

Kaylee Carmona Amayer (5th Grade)

Drawing K.C.A MLK: "I am a Human Being"

Teacher Ms. Noolan

Musical Selection

Pastor George Walters-Sleyon

"Am I Worthy As I Am"

Greetings:

*Dr. Tamara Blake-Canty,
Chelsea Public Schools, Chief Academic Officer*

Presentation to: Winners of Essay, Poem, and Artwork

Presenter of Certificates:

Dr. Tamara Blake-Canty,

***Chelsea High School**

Valeria Soriano (9th Grade)

Essay: "I am a Human Being"

Zeynab Ghelle (9th Grade)

Poem 36303. "I am a Human Being."

Jaeden Tucker

Drawing: "Humanity"

If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

“Community Service-Donation”

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

*Dr. Aaron T. Jennings, MSW,
Equity, Diversity, & Excellence Officer*

Musical Selection

*Chelsea Public High School Choir: Canata
“How Good.” Composer: Michael Engelhardt*

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dr. Ellis Washington

*Pastor: St. Paul’s African Methodist Episcopal Church
Cambridge*

Closing Remarks

*Rev. Dr. George Walters-Sleyon
“His Eye is on the Sparrow”*

Announcement

Special Acknowledgements:

Sis. Deborah Washington

People's A. M. E. Church/Chelsea

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People's African Methodist Episcopal
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Mr. Michael Bednarsky, Director

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Brayan Vasquez

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Thania Simon
Melanie Soto
Josue Mateo Toloza Acevedo
Sophia Vasquez Dominguez

Closing Song

“We Shall Overcome” (Traditional)

Led by Chelsea Public High School Band

*Traditional Lyrics adapted by Zilphia Horton, Frank Hamilton, Guy Carawan, and
Pete Seeger.*

(African American Heritage Hymnal # 542)

1. We shall overcome,
We shall overcome,
We shall overcome some day

CHORUS:

Oh deep in my heart,
I do believe,
we shall overcome some
day

2. We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand,

We'll walk hand in hand some
day

3. We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace some day

4. God will see us through,
God will see us through
God will see us through today

Closing Prayer & Blessing

History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE



1. Nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people.

- It is active nonviolent resistance to evil.
- It is assertive spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.
- It is always persuading the opponent of the justice of your cause.

2. Nonviolence seeks to win friendship and understanding.

- The end result of nonviolence is redemption and reconciliation.
- The purpose of nonviolence is the creation of the Beloved Community.

3. Nonviolence seeks to defeat injustice, not people.

- Nonviolence holds that evildoers are also victims.

4. Nonviolence holds that voluntary suffering can educate and transform.

- Nonviolence willingly accepts the consequences of its acts.
- Nonviolence accepts suffering without retaliation.
- Nonviolence accepts violence if necessary, but will never inflict it.
- Unearned suffering is redemptive and has tremendous educational and transforming possibilities.
- Suffering can have the power to convert the enemy when reason fails.

5. Nonviolence chooses love instead of hate.

- Nonviolence resists violence of the spirit as well as of the body.
- Nonviolent love gives willingly, knowing that the return might be hostility.
- Nonviolent love is active, not passive.
- Nonviolent love does not sink to the level of the hater.
- Love for the enemy is how we demonstrate love for ourselves.
- Love restores community and resists injustice.
- Nonviolence recognizes the fact that all life is interrelated.

6. Nonviolence believes that the universe is on the side of justice.

- The nonviolent resister has deep faith that justice will eventually win.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S STEPS OF NONVIOLENCE

Step 1: Gather Information

Learn all you can about the problems you see in your community through the media, social and civic organizations, and by talking to the people involved.

Step 2: Educate Others

Armed with your new knowledge, it is your duty to help those around you, such as your neighbors, relatives, friends and co-workers, better understand the problems facing society. Build a team of people devoted to finding solutions. Be sure to include those who will be directly affected by your work.

Step 3: Remain Committed

Accept that you will face many obstacles and challenges as you and your team try to change society. Agree to encourage and inspire one another along the journey.

Step 4: Peacefully Negotiate

Talk with both sides. go to the people in your community who are in trouble and who are deeply hurt by society's ills. Also go to those people who are contributing to the breakdown of a peaceful society. Use humor, intelligence and grace to lead to solutions that benefit the greater good.

Step 5: Take Action Peacefully

This step is often used when negotiation fails to produce results, or when people need to draw broader attention to a problem. it can include tactics such as peaceful demonstrations, letter-writing and petition campaign.

Step 6: Reconcile

Keep all actions and negotiations peaceful and constructive. Agree to disagree with some people and with some groups as you work to improve society. Show all involved the benefits of changing, not what they will give up by changing.

About the Keynote Speaker
Rev. Dr. Ellis I., Washington
St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church: Cambridge



Rev. Dr. Ellis I. Washington, a native of Detroit, Michigan, is now a servant of Cambridge, Massachusetts at St. Paul A.M.E. Church. He has been noted as “The Voice” and “The Communicator,” a former Gospel Radio announcer on 1380 WAOK in Atlanta, Georgia. He is also formerly the host of the number-one rated “Quiet Storm” on V-103 in Atlanta and “Sunday Morning Praise & Worship” on Magic 98.3 in Columbus, Georgia. Rev. Dr. Washington currently serves as Senior Pastor of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Rev. Washington’s interest in communications was sparked while in high school through participation in persuasive speaking competitions. Simultaneously, he accepted his calling to the Christian Ministry while a sophomore. After meeting the requirements of the Board of Examiners, he was ordained Deacon in the A.M.E. Church at age seventeen and ordained Elder at age nineteen in the Michigan Annual Conference of the Fourth Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church.

While attending Morehouse College as a Broadcast Communication major, he began his ministerial career as Pastor of New Hope A.M.E. Church in Senoia, Georgia, where he served for six years. Additionally, he became fond of radio as an intern at WCLK Radio, Clark College. Rev. Washington moved on to provide five years of dynamic leadership to the Mount Zion A.M.E. Church, College Park, Ga. This pastor’s next assignment was the St. Luke A.M.E. Church in Cartersville, GA, where his ministry inspired parishioners for four years. An assignment to St. John A.M.E. Church in Columbus, Georgia followed, where he served over six years while dramatically increasing the church’s active membership. This was followed by an assignment to St. Matthew A.M.E. Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the flagship congregation of the Philadelphia Conference. During his ministry there, the membership increased, and numerous ministries were added. Next, he was assigned to the Grant A.M.E. Church in Boston, MA where his ministry focused on teaching for spiritual and numerical growth for over four years. Rev. Dr. Washington is a graduate of Columbus State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, and Turner Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia, with the Master of Divinity degree. Has also received the Doctor of Ministry from Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, OH.

Rev. Washington has served as President of Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity and while in that post led the organization in endorsing Barak Obama for Democratic Nominee for President of the United States. He has appeared on CNN’s Election Center with Campbell Brown and American Morning as well as CBS Evening News with Katie Couric. While serving in Cartersville, he was instrumental in persuading the city council to rename a street in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. By his selfless efforts, he demonstrates a true commitment to the betterment of the total community. He is a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, Who’s Who among American Colleges and Universities, Prince Hall Free & Accepted Masons, and a recipient of the Isaac R. Clark preaching award from the I.T.C. Additionally, he has completed the Foundations of Christian Leadership program at Duke Divinity School.

Considering himself an aircraft enthusiast, Dr. Washington is studying to gain a private pilot license. He is a noted community leader, radio personality, freelance commercial voice talent, a sought-after public speaker, and a servant of God. He is married to the former Ms. Nathine Johnson of Gary, IN.; they have one daughter, Keturah NatEll.