

November 30, 2019

**RE: 2020 Martin Luther King Academic Bowl and Oratorical Contest Guidelines**

**Dear Supporters:**

On January 20, 2020, at 10:00 A.M., at the Blackwell Memorial Cultural Center, the Martin Luther King Committee will sponsor its Annual MLK Academic Bowl and Oratorical Contest. The Academic Bowl challenges young people to learn the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King along with the history of local citizens and current events.

Academic Bowl Teams will consist of students from sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) through twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grades. **Each group/team will consist of four (4) students. Alternates are only permitted to participate in the Academic Bowl, if a previously designated participant is unable to attend. A student can only represent 1 organization.** There will be **ONLY ONE TEAM** representing a given church, group, club or organization. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams. If there is a tie, tie breaker questions will be asked. Additionally, answers to "MLK Weekend of Events" Questions may be found on our website and/or on promotional material. All pages of questions are numbered. **Please note that some questions are worth 2 points.**

Youth may also participate in the **Oratorical Contest**. Individuals from middle through high schools will have the opportunity to write and deliver a speech on our **theme** "We Can't Change the World, Unless We Change Ourselves."

Your speech **MUST** be centered around the theme. **SPEECHES should be between three (3) to five (5) minutes** in length and **MUST BE MEMORIZED**. **Anyone using notes or reading his/her speech will not be considered in the competition.**

Points will be awarded according to judges' score sheets. Appearance was added as a category in 2017. A copy of the evaluation form is on our website. **Please study it carefully.**

If you, your youth group or organization plan to participate, you must register by emailing [info@emlkpc.org](mailto:info@emlkpc.org) by January 11, 2020. In your registration email, be sure to include **the area (Academic Bowl and/or Oratorical Competition), Name, Age, Grade, and Organization (School or Church) of each participant.** **Those not registering by the deadline will not be considered for competition. No Exceptions!** Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,



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