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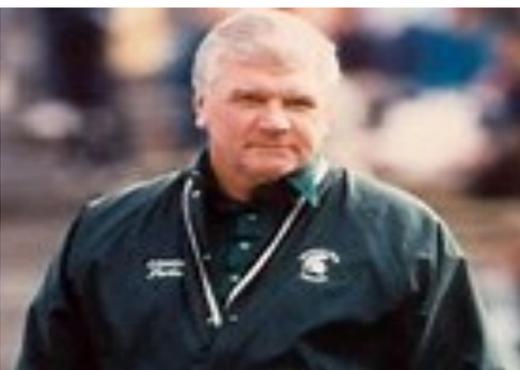
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Kenny Barron Trio picture courtesy of Wharton Center

MLK JR. SPECIAL EDITION



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Who Was Martin Luther King Jr.?

Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist minister and civil-rights activist who had a seismic impact on race relations in the United States, beginning in the mid-1950s.

Among his many efforts, King headed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Through his activism and inspirational speeches, he played a pivotal role in ending the legal segregation of African-American citizens in the United States, as well as the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

King won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, among several other honors. He continues to be remembered as one of the most influential and inspirational African American leaders in history.



Martin Luther King Jr. picture AP

Origins of the MLK Holiday

Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day is no long-standing tradition, and its establishment was no sure thing. Here's how the occasion became as central to January in America as New

Year's resolutions.

Beginning almost immediately after King's assassination, members of Congress proposed that his birthday ought to be a national holiday, but bills mandating the occasion went nowhere. The effort received more publicity when, after about a decade, shortly after the failure of a bill that was introduced by Rep. John Conyers Jr. of Michigan in September of 1979, Stevie Wonder released a song called "Happy Birthday." Despite its cheery title, it was specifically meant to make a case for the holiday, calling out anyone who didn't support the idea; Congress finally passed a bill designating King's birthday as a national holiday, to be celebrated on the third Monday in January, starting in 1986. from Times Magazine excerpts.

Congressman John Lewis to Serve as Keynote Speaker at 35th Annual Day of Celebration



John Lewis picture by Bing

EAST LANSING, MI. Tickets are now available for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan's 35th Annual Day of Celebration, which will take place on Monday, Jan. 20 at 11 a.m. at the Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave.

Tickets can be purchased at both the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, and Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 for a table of eight.

The theme for the 2020 luncheon is: "There Comes A Time When Silence is Betrayal." In addition to celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King, the 2020 luncheon will also commemorate the 55th anniversary of the Selma, Ala. marches. Congressman John Lewis, often called "one of the most courageous persons the Civil Rights Movement ever produced," will serve as the keynote speaker for the 2020 luncheon. Congressman Lewis was one of the leaders of the Selma marches, including the march on Bloody Sunday. Additional information about Congressman Lewis can be found on the MLK Commission's website: <https://mlkmidmichigan.com/guest-speaker>.

The Jan. 20 program will also include recognition of the middle school and high school students who participated and placed in the Commission's essay and scholarship program. For more information, call (517) 319-9642

Additional Related MLK Event

In coordination with the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan, with the support from Delta Dental and the MSU Broad Art Lab. Up to 20 applicants will be selected to have their work on display at the Art Lab starting January 14th through January 21st. The evening will include an announcement of the Grand Prize, First Runner-Up and Second Runner-Up prize winners on January 14, 2020, at the MSU Broad Art Lab located at 565 E. Grand River Ave., from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The event is free to the public, for additional information call 517-884-4800.



News, Views & Commentary

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This program will help you undo financial bondage.

Imagine the surprise of Christmas when thereafter Christians understand that one can retire from a certain occupation but for the remainder of their lives on earth they should never retire from good works. Those who continuously serve the gospel inside and outside their local church (in their homes, workplaces, social gatherings, etc.) by evangelizing other people and making disciples, show that God's love is truly in them and takes priority over anything and everything else. Such good works will be overt (clearly displayed for others around you) and at other times covert (concealed in your lifestyle, communications, or private encounters with others).

Paid ministry can be very valuable and sometimes is absolutely necessary within the Church, yet other types of work are just as valuable. In fact, every one of the LORD's children should see themselves as full-time ministers as we serve in any field of legitimate work including accounting, auditing, household domestic engineering, clerical, administrative support, janitorial, doctoral, etc. Along with using the great intellect and physical ability He gives us to make the widgets, technological advances, and business increases favorable for our lives and the lives of other people, we also seek to influence them to Christ by our ever "maturing in Christ" lifestyle and communication. In His kingdom and to people who see truth clearly, volunteer and low wage workers are just as valuable as high wage, executive, and famous workers when their feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

God and those who know Him honor every one in any legitimate field who seeks to be productive and fruitful in building the kingdom of God in the hearts of men. This benefits society by reproducing men and women with godly moral fiber. For example, honor should always be placed on a wife or mother who does not work for an employer but works to meet her family's needs and communicates the hope of salvation and eternal life to them and other people through how she lives, maintains the home, and communicates.

You should never retire from being fruitful in evangelizing & discipling others. That is never God's plan for you. The bible never identifies that possibility for the faithful though you can certainly enjoy a pension and greater freedom from having to work for income because the LORD has provided and you have been disciplined to steward and grow investments to be more than enough for you to live on for the rest of



your life. A faithful Christian, no matter his / her age, only replaces one mission field for another group of people to which he / she will minister and never retires to a life of complete inactivity or leisure, so the gates of hell (the devil's tactics, strategies, fiery darts, accusations, etc.) will not prevail against you. So before you retire from your current workplace, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in crafting a plan identifying the ministry you will engage in your next field of endeavor.

Please pray for this ministry and email me with any questions. May the LORD bless you richly as you follow His plan!

Genesis 2:3, Proverbs 10:4, Romans 12:11-13, 2Thessalonians 3:10-14

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I TOO, DREAM: Ode To Martin

I too, dream that we, as a people, will surely rise. Rise to the top, as cream rises, for we have too long been on the bottom of life's totem pole. We can rise, if each one will reach one - if each one will reach one - if each one will reach back and lift another to the level and status we know we must all reach - being inextricably intertwined, if we, as a nation, are to truly rise. I too, dream that we, as a people, will elevate ourselves to meet the challenges set before us by those insensitive to and uncaring of our needs. I dream we will continue to scrutinize the oppressions caused by racism, Jim Crowism, exploitation and disenfranchisement and see these dwindle to the point of non-existence. I dream we will overcome, for we now have more resources, around which we must unite. We now recognize more opportunities, so I implore you to persevere, dig deep, buckle down, get on with it, knuckle down, hop to it and just do it. I too, dream that we will soon "break loose from the shackles of prejudice...". I dream that someday there will be no need for our children to be comforted by the words of a loving parent, saying "Honey you are as good as anyone else", because there will no longer be such a label. I dream this misplaced concept of subservience or inferiority, will be squelched, uprooted, demolished, dismantled, and displaced. I dream that we won't let the half-truths, that flow from the forked tongues of those yet untouched by God, keep us down. Nor will we let those half-truths impede our forward thrust to full and total equality. I dream we will rekindle our quest for equality. We will get back on the right track- headed in the right direction, and led by the Grace of God, we'll be transformed into a blessed and prosperous nation of people of which we can all be proud to be a part. Our charge is to imbue the minds of our youth. There--build an unshakeable foundation. Instill and firmly implant within them the urgency and the need for creative, positive and prompt action. We must let them know that their heritage is a great legacy, coming from Royalty & commoners; Slaves & sharecroppers; preachers & teachers; Kings and Queens. They must know that only through them, will we continue to be the proud and beautiful people that is our God given destiny. For Dr. King, I Too, Dream!!! I too, dream that if we, as a people, will ALL pull together, we will prevent the continuous decline and deterioration of our morals, our values, and our sense of dignity for self. We'll be able to look uncertainty, indecisiveness, and every single challenge straight in the eye. I too, dream that we won't allow the stigma of ignorance, with which we've been so casually characterized, to interfere with our show of intelligence, impede our acquisition of higher education, or fester and taint our inner concept of self-worth. We will be able to conquer our weaknesses, fears, and most obstacles placed to hinder us. I dream with heads held high; we'll strengthen our capability to unite. We'll connect and bind. We'll join, together, we'll come together, we'll bond together, and we'll support each other, so that we can become that LOUD voice to be heard and reckoned with -as should have been our unquestionable and inalienable rights from birth. Yes Dr. King, I Too, Dream!!! I too, dream that we will all come together and make the necessary sacrifices to ensure that we all have: Food enough to feed our bodies -- Education enough to enrich our minds Dignity enough to hold high our heads -- Spirituality enough to encourage the soul -- Equality enough to rejuvenate our spirits -- Justice enough to calm our sense of injustice --- and Freedom enough to bring to fruition all of our heartfelt dreams. For with our cultural identity intact, our renewed vision secured, we'll press forward to a dauntless and encouraging future and we will reach the promise land. Yes, Dr. King, I Too, Dream!!! I too, dream that one day, we won't have to have laws to make others respect us as individuals or full citizens of this nation. I dream that we will soon wipe the slate clean. Once and for all, we will wipe out the laws that have us counted as partial human beings. And oh yes, our votes will be counted, whenever and wherever they're cast, not discarded at the whim and discretion of others. I dream we will soon receive every single political, social and civil right, and then have all privileges as every other creed and race of this nation. I TOO, DREAM, 'WE'LL HAVE EQUALITY'. I dream our voices will be clearly heard-not muffled. I dream our contributions will be fully acknowledged and have their places in history-not partially accredited to us and shared by others or even yet, not noted to us at all. I dream of a colorblind nation. I dream the vast hues of our skin will no longer be a distraction, will no longer determine our social status, will no longer cause negative reactions. But these beautiful and varied hues will be recognized as the base of the Rainbow, and as the heart of the Melting pot of this great Nation. I dream we will all be members of a unified and caring Human Race, and we'll be accepted, yes, fully accepted as God has always intended. We know that Dr. King left us with a great legacy. He did his best to show us the Way!!! I dream we'll soon pull it all together and make Him proud of us one day! We'll hold on to our heritage and onto our cultural identity, We'll follow his lead - Rising majestically to the top, where we'll undoubtedly be totally free. We'll then say with deep conviction & resolve. We'll say with solemn pride. And this meaning will ring true...It'll Ring loud and it'll Ring wide!!! Its message will ring, echo and reverberate like a mighty thunderous Blast!! For Dr. King, I too, dream that One Day we'll be "Free at last." We can then all say it proudly "Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, We're free at last." What is your Dream??



*Celebration
Announcements*

By Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration

Birthdays in January 2020

Mr. Marquist Spencer celebrates his 40th birthday on January 1st. Marc, there will always be a special place in my heart for you my brother!!! Love always and forever, Tracy G.

Mr. Juan Jordan celebrates his birthday on January 2nd. Ms. Laurie Bush celebrates her 55th birthday on January 2nd. Ms. Chari Johnson celebrates her 54th birthday on January 2nd. Ms. Juliett Wheeler celebrates 35th birthday on January 3rd. "We love you Jewels" states her mother Ms. Betty "Capitol City" Wheeler.

Mr. Daniell James celebrates his birthday on January 3rd. Mr. Jackson D. Barron celebrates his birthday on January 3rd. Ms. Heather Keyton celebrates her birthday on January 4th. Ms. Brianna Brown celebrates her 29th birthday on January 5th. Your family loves you very much.

Mr. Andrew Peralez celebrates his 32nd birthday on January 5th. Ms. Contisha Salinas celebrates her 40th birthday on January 5th. Mr. K-9 celebrates his 50th birthday on January 6th. Ms. Sheree Shiver celebrates her 51th birthday on January 6th. Mr. Dip J.D. Johnson celebrates his birthday on January 6th. He partied

Mr. Alvin Whitfield celebrates his birthday on January 6th. Ms. Denise Johnson celebrated her birthday on January 6. 501s in January 201 Get down!!!

Ms. Jessica Robinson celebrates her 34th birthday on January 6th. Mr. Christopher Wimberly celebrates his 25th birthday on January 6th. Ms. Arianna Loudon celebrates her 19th birthday on January 6th. Ms. Mildred Hall celebrates her birthday on January 6th.

Mrs. Georgia Lee Brown (Lansing's Mother of the Year in 1953) born on January 7th, 1913 departed this life July 24th, 2013 living 100 years, 6 months and 17 days. Mrs. Brown stated, "I thank God for every moment of my life!" We... her family say... "To the greatest Mother on earth... Thank you for Loving us and teaching us to Love others!!!"

Mr. Randall Barron celebrates his birthday on January 7th. Ms. Brandi Day celebrates her 35th birthday on January 7th. Mr. Carson Reilly Mrazek celebrates his birthday on January 8th. Mr. Marion Shipman celebrates his 103rd birthday on January 8th. Mr. Jeffrey Brown celebrates his birthday on January 9th. Ms. Angie Cooper celebrates her birthday on January 9th. Ms. Jessica Marcolini, on January 9, 2016, celebrated her 37th birthday with family and friends.

Ms. Helena Dubose celebrates her birthday on January 10th. Mr. Ernest Colwell celebrates his birth on January 10th. Keep the Faith!!!

Mr. Mark Guy celebrated his 56th birthday on January 11th, family and friends.

Ms. Julie Lundberg celebrates her 39th birthday on January 11th, with friends.

Mrs. Coral Brown celebrates her birthday on January 12th, with her loving husband Andy, daughters Aerimya, Miakoda and Son Sequoia.

Mr. Mike Cole celebrates his birthday January 12th. Ms. Debra A. Warren celebrates her birthday on January 13th. Mr. Cornelius Lewis celebrates his birthday on January 13th. Right on Brother!

Mr. Thomas Glast celebrates his birth on January 13th. Mr. Steven Childress celebrates his birthday on January 13th. Mr. Kobe Williams celebrates his 17th birthday on January 14th. "Happy Birthday - Kobe - I love you- Love Mom!!"

Ms. Beverly Lewis celebrates her birthday on January 14th. Dr. Eva Evans celebrates her birth on January 14th. Ms. Rosemary Glast celebrates her birth on January 14th. Mrs. Marta Barron celebrates her birthday on January 14th. Ms. Peach, Detroit native, celebrated her birthday on January 14, having graduated, Social Science degree from MSU, December 2016.

Mr. David Vashaw AKA Bill Gierke will celebrate his 52nd birthday on January 15th, with family and friends

Mr. Ernest Wallick celebrates his birthday on January 15th. Mr. Melvin Hackel celebrates his birthday on January 15th.

***Anniversaries**

Mr. Claude and Mrs. Woodia Browne were married on January 3rd. "To GOD be the Glory!!!"

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"The greatest thing in all my life is loving You. The greatest thing in all my life is praising You." Sung by Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. at West Angeles Church of God in Christ New Year services.

"AND GOD, one lesson I learned in 2019 and taking with me into 2020 is that my end is Your beginning. I can never give back to You on any appreciable level, Your Gift and gifts to me. Bless You, Co-creating God and Eternal Friend and Wisdom. As we continue breathing the breath of God as living souls, may we practice reciprocity amid those things that bring social justice, equal opportunities, affordable health care, marriage equality, reasonable housing, joy of heart, grace, peace of mind, and unconditional love. In this new decade and new year, impress upon our Heart that You are with us always and, especially in the NOW."

For the past three years, I have developed a reciprocal relationship with Minister (now Chaplain) Maureen Burns. At The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries Convocation 2019 (TFAM), Bishop Yvette A. Flunder, Prelate of TFAM, elevated Minister Maureen to the Office of Chaplain, the first within the City of Refuge United Church of Christ, Oakland.

As you may see in her photo, she is beaming with excitement and gratitude. My fellow Veteran has prayed for and desired to be a Chaplain since her service in the US Armed Services. I am proud to have had a hand in her advancement.

Very often, humanity is more likely to pray when there is trouble. What kind of relationship is that? A one-way relationship wherein prayer time becomes a minute or two citing a list of requests. Meditation (listening to God) is all but non-existing. Our relationship with God comes with benefits beyond our imagination. The amazing thing about Grace – gratuitous favor – is that God answers our requests and petitions.

Are you aware? Are you awake to a reciprocal relationship with God?

Please pray for service members that are being recalled to yet another needless war.

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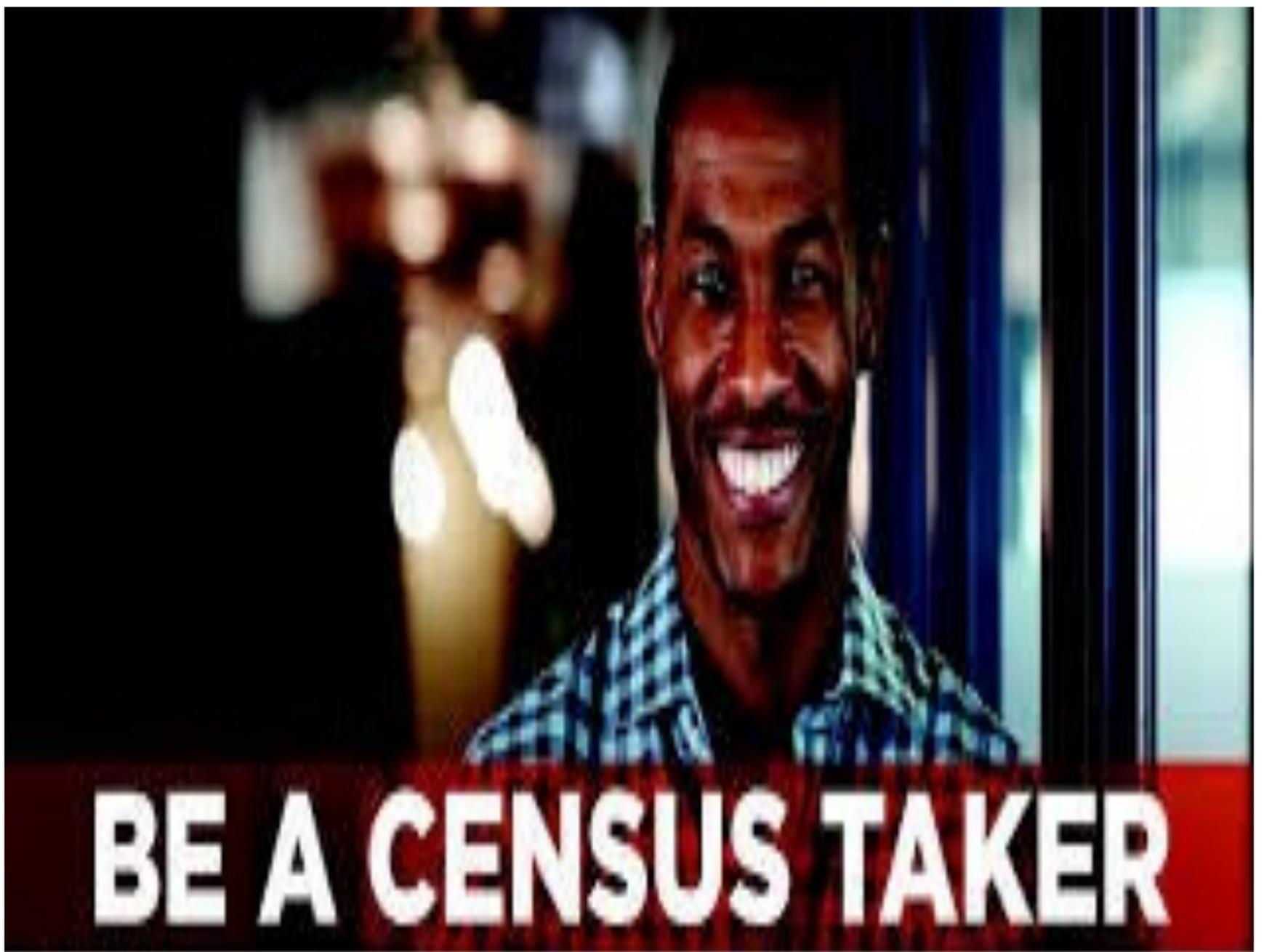
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**WE SHALL OVERCOME
A CELEBRATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 8:00PM

Inspired by the words and actions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., *We Shall Overcome* ties together a living lineage of music and culture that includes traditional gospel, modern gospel, classical, jazz, Broadway and spirituals interwoven with spoken word from Dr. King's recorded speeches. Astounding singers and a band led by music director Damien Sneed bring together songs from Aretha Franklin, Duke Ellington, Stevie Wonder, Nina Simone and Donny Hathaway, as well as traditional spirituals to evoke the inspirations, struggles and triumphs of civil rights activists and defenders.

Damien Sneed was recently named a 2019 Artist-in-Residence at the Carr Center in Detroit, along with Debbie Allen, George Shirley and Savion Glover.



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New health department campaign, “This is life with HIV,” shares stories of local people, dispels myths

LANSING, Mich. – Life with HIV looks a lot different today than it did 30 years ago. That is the message of “This is life with HIV,” a campaign just launched by the Ingham County Health Department and Ingham Community Health Centers to share accurate information about what living with HIV means.

The campaign addresses misinformation and features local people living with HIV. People are encouraged to get tested and, if positive, connect to care. Testing and care are available at Forest Community Health Center through the health department and the Ryan White Program.

“People living with HIV can live long, happy and healthy lives,” said Ingham County Health Officer Linda S. Vail. “Modern treatment options are drastically improved, but unfortunately work to reduce stigma around HIV hasn’t made as much progress. There is a lot of unnecessary fear and outdated beliefs in our community when it comes to HIV. Addressing this is key to HIV prevention and treatment.”

The campaign shares the stories of local people living with HIV and is initially launching with two local campaign models. One is Jackie, a grandmother who is living with HIV and who has opted to use a pseudonym, and the second is Jonathan, a writer who is living with HIV.

“Most people are surprised when they hear the worst part of having HIV is just the hatred and death wishes from the community,” said campaign model Jonathan Thurston. “People treat me like a walking disease, but, realistically, since I’m on meds, I’m about as contagious as someone with diabetes.”

The campaign will run through September 2021 and will continue to recruit local models throughout the campaign to show the diversity of people living with HIV in Mid-Michigan. Approximately 500 people in Ingham County are living with HIV. The campaign will recognize World AIDS Day with a free, confidential HIV testing event at Forest Community Health Center located 2316 S. Cedar Street in Lansing from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on December 2. Everyone tested will receive a free gift card. Campaign materials will also be on display.

The campaign is largely funded by an HIV Care Coordination grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. For more information and to read more about Jackie and Jonathan, visit www.lifewithhiv.org



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- Plan to attend a college or university in fall of 2020 (verification of enrollment will be required)

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- Official high school transcript
- Transcript must include the cumulative GPA, signature of designated school official and/or named school official. (Designated school officials are: Academic Counselor, Secretary, Registrar, Records Clerk, or Principal)
- Two one-page letters of recommendation from individuals other than family members who are familiar with your accomplishments. Letters must be signed and should be on letterhead, when appropriate.
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- A typed essay answering the question: As you reflect on your educational and career goals, why do you think you would be a worthy recipient of this scholarship? (Please type on separate sheet. Your essay should be 500-750 words)
- Signed Photo Release Form and a recent photo

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SERVICE IN OUR JUDICIARY

January 20, 2020, marks the 25th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This day is observed each year on the third Monday in January as “a day on, not a day off,” MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities for everyone. As a jurist and attorney, this is a special time to reflect on the role of law, attorneys and our judiciary in protecting the rights of everyone and assuring equal access to justice.

In choosing this vocation from a young girl, my primary focus was to serve others and to positively impact my community. It was not enough to just earn a living; which was obviously important, but I wanted to contribute to improving my community. And while it may sound cliché, I did not want my living on this earth to be in vain. It was through the law that I saw my opportunity to make a difference. Through my life experiences, I’ve learned not only what to do to improve the lives of others, but what Not to do! I bring all of these lessons to the bench with me every day and in every decision I render. Following the rule of law makes a positive difference in the lives of everyone!

Ingham County has a rich history of celebrating the MLK holiday with various long-standing events around the county, such as Lansing’s MLK, Jr. Luncheon held at the Lansing Center. It also now celebrates one of the most diverse judiciaries in the State for a county our size. For example, on our 30th Circuit Court bench, 6 of the 9 judges are women; as well as all 4 of our 54-A District Court judges are women! Ingham County courts can be proud of its diversity, where the many cultures in our community are represented. Now, when our citizens come into our courts, they are likely to see someone who looks like them presiding on the bench. This is a great reflection of our core values in Ingham County, and commitment to making the principles of equality under the law a reality.

The diversity milestones we have reached in Ingham County make me proud to be part of our legal system and the judiciary. It is such a rewarding and historic time to serve our community as we continue to “bend the arch toward justice”. Dr. King’s dream is alive!

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