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Today we honor the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a visionary civil rights leader. His legacy continues in many ways, including in the UN's Global Goals for Sustainable Development, #10 and #16 (reduced inequalities, and peace and justice).

In our first newsletter of 2022, we greet you with hope for renewed energy, and with gratitude for all you do to support global welfare. **Thank you!**

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** with programming will be **Saturday, April 2, 2022, from 10 to 11:30 AM**. Watch for more details in early March.



Registration is now open for the annual UNA-USA Summit! It is a virtual program on **February 24** from 1 PM to 5 PM. Although it lacks the excitement of being held at the UN, the national staff does a fantastic job of mixing the offerings to appeal to us all. Learn more and register at: [Global Summit 2022](#).



The Camden Conference "Europe Challenged" follows close behind the UNA-USA Global Summit. It is **February 25-27**. Once again the Conference will engage us with a topic that is both timely, and thought provoking. Don't miss the shorter, affiliated, **FREE** programs **this month and next**. The Conference itself is all virtual. Details for all programs, a comprehensive booklist, and registration for the Conference can be found at: <https://www.camdenconference.org/>

More Things to Ponder and Another Date to Save

- We are invited to join with the book group of the Portland area chapter of the League of Women Voters of Maine on **March 24** for a late afternoon virtual discussion of *I Am A Girl From Africa* written by

Elizabeth Nyamayaro. The discussion will be facilitated by leaders of both groups. Nyamayaro's book, published in 2020 is a memoir of her early life in Zimbabwe, and her later work with the United Nations in various roles, including as senior advisor on gender equality. Pick up a book at your local bookstore, online, or find it through your library. More details will be provided in early March.

- Another older book that is worth reading (or rereading), remarkably timely, is *Ralph Bunche: An American Life* by Brian Urquhart, published in 1993. A documentary based on the book was released in 2001 and is narrated by Oscar winning actor Sidney Poitier. The book is available through libraries, bookstores, and online. The film is available on Kanopy and Vimeo. Ralph J. Bunche, (1903-1971), was an African-American political and social scientist, diplomat, and US civil rights movement activist. After teaching at Howard University, he worked on forming, and then with, the UN from 1944 to 1971. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950 for his work as a UN mediator in Palestine in 1948–1949. He walked at the side of Dr. King during the 1965 civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery.

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