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### Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday events around Kentucky

#### Ashland

On Monday, Jan. 16, at 10:30 a.m., will be the Annual Ashland-Boyd County Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March, Service and Lunch will be held at The Transportation Center, 99 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Ashland, KY, 41101. The guest speaker is Rabbi Jean E. Eglinton.

An MLK Jr. Day March and Lunch will be held following the Transportation Center program at the First Presbyterian Church located at 1600 Winchester Avenue in Ashland, Ky., 41101. For more information, contact Carol Jackson, president, NAACP of Boyd and Greenup Counties, at 606.923.9544.

#### Berea

On Monday, Jan. 16, Berea College will sponsor the following events, which includes a memorial March in honor of the holiday. At 9:30 a.m., assemble at Union Church, 213 Prospect Street; at 10 a.m., march to First Christian Church 206 Chestnut Street, led by BME and Community; at 10:15 a.m., a warm-up at First Christian Church Community Room (Refreshments); at 10:30 a.m., a keynote performance by artist Mitzi Sinnott followed by a workshop; at 12:30 p.m., there will be lunch in Berea Cafeteria (Discounted lunches); at 3:00 p.m., Dr. Karsonya Whitehead, Loyola University Maryland, Convocation Speaker, Phelps-Stokes Auditorium "From Black Power to Black Lives Matter"; 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., will be a reception and conversation with Dr. Karsonya Whitehead, at the Carter G. Woodson Center for Interracial Education Gallery.

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, at p.m. Berea College will sponsor, "We've Come this Far by Faith: A Conversation on Race, Religion, and Remembrance," with Ben Groth, Berea Campus Christian Center and Kyle Brooks, Vanderbilt University. Carter G. Woodson Center for Interracial Education.

For more on the above Berea events, contact the Carter G. Woodson Center for Interracial

Education at 859.985.3785.

### **Bardstown**

Bardstown will have its annual Martin Luther King Holiday community celebration at St. Monica's Catholic Church at noon on Monday, Jan. 16. State Rep. George Brown will be the keynote speaker. Former Mayor Bill Sheckles is chief organizer and Master of Ceremonies. Kim Hickman will welcome guests. The Community Choir is under the direction of David Kimberland and the Bardstown High School Choir under Cathy Christian. The Rev. Roscoe Linton of St. John's A.M.E. Zion will read scripture, the Rev. Jewel Brock of First Baptist will give the invocation, and the Rev. Randy Cooper will give the offertory prayer. City Councilwoman Kecia Copeland will introduce the speaker. The theme is from a quote by Dr. Martin Luther King that individuals are called to play "the Good Samaritan on life's roadside, but one day we must come to see that the whole road to Jericho must be transformed."

### **Bowling Green**

On Wednesday Jan. 11, at 6 p.m., at Youth Night Activities, will be "A Night with The King: Making History Matter," at the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church located at 1035 Kenton Street in Bowling Green, Ky., 42101. The guest speaker will be Carla Rodgers Brown.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, at 4 p.m., at the Warren County Public Schools, will be the Third Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. There will also be music and Essay and Art contests. The event will be at Warren Central High School located at 559 Morgantown Road in Bowling Green, Ky., 42101. Call for more information at 270.781.5150.

On Sunday, Jan. 15, at 4 p.m., will be the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Night Celebration Presentation on Emmett Till. The guest speaker will be Dorothy Jarrett, the Middle School Principal from Norcross, Ga., and a family relative of the late Emmet Till. The event will be at the Parker Bennett Curry Elementary School located at 165 Webb Drive in Bowling Green, Ky., 42101.

On Monday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 a.m., will be the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Memorial Breakfast at Parker Bennett Curry Elementary School located at 165 Webb Drive in Bowling Green, Ky., 42101. The guest speaker will be John C. Lee Jr., who is pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Bowling Green.

On Monday, Jan. 16, at 10 a.m., will be the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial March. It will begin at the Warren County Justice Center located at 1001 Center Street in Bowling Green, Ky., 42101. The march will end at State Street Baptist Church located at 340 State Street.

On Monday, Jan. 16, at 11 a.m. will be the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Celebration at State Street Baptist Church located at 340 State Street in Bowling Green, Ky., 42101. The guest speaker will be Dr. Gerald Smith of the University of Kentucky.

### **Campbellsville**

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 10 a.m., at Campbellsville University, will be the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Chapel Service. It will be held at the Ransdell Chapel, which is located at 1 University Drive, in Campbellsville, Ky., 42718. The featured speaker will be Dr. Gerald Smith. Call 270.789.5000 for more information.

## **Covington**

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, Church of Our Savior, 246 East 10<sup>th</sup> St., Covington, Ky., 41011. For more information, contact Sister Janet Bucher at 859.491.5872.

The Annual Northern Kentucky Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the corner of MLK Jr. Blvd. and Pike Street, Covington, Ky., 41001. For more information, call 859.866.2637.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m., will be the Annual Northern Kentucky Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Martin Luther King Jr. Program. It will be at the Life Learning Center, which is located at 20 West 18th Street, in Covington, Ky., 41011. For more information, call 859.866.2627.

## **Cynthiana**

On Monday, Jan. 16, will be the Cynthiana – Harrison County NAACP Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day March and Program. It will begin at 10 a.m. at the Ebenezer United Methodist Church located at 205 North Locust Street, in Cynthiana, Ky., 41031. The program will be held at Macedonia Baptist Church following the march. The church is located at 103 East Pearl Street in Cynthiana. For information, call Rev. Kenneth Newby at 859.707.1599.

## **Danville**

On Saturday, Jan. 14, at 8 p.m., will be a musical performance by René Marie and Experiment in Truth, at the Norton Center, which is located at 600 W Walnut St, in Danville, Ky., 40422. The singer is known for her vocal vibrancy and self-possessed boldness. The event presents a distinctly American mélange of jazz, soul, blues, folk, and gospel. Admission is from \$38 to \$49. Call the center at 859.236.4692 or visit the website at <http://usa-eventer.com/event/rene-marie-experiment-in-truth-at-the-norton-center-danville-ky>

On Monday, Jan. 17, at 12 Noon, will be The Downtown Danville March, First Baptist Church, 200 West Walnut Street, Danville, Ky., 40422. At 2 p.m. is a program and MLK Jr. Service at the First Baptist Church. For more information, contact President Marvin Swann of the Danville-Boyle County NAACP at 859.236.5193.

On Monday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m., will be the Resilience of Memory, a presentation by Georgia State Rep. Stacey Abrams, at the Norton Center for The Arts, in the Newlin Hall of Centre College, located at 600 West Walnut Street, in Danville, Ky., 40422.

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 11 a.m., will be the Founders Day Presentation by Frank X. Walker who was the first African American Poet Laureate of Kentucky. The event will be held at the Norton Center for the Arts in Newlin Hall of Centre College, 600 West Walnut Street, in Danville, Ky., 40422.

## **Frankfort**

On Thursday, Jan. 12, at 4 p.m., will be the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commission Awards Program. It will be held at the Clark Historical Society Center located at 100 West Broadway Street, in

Frankfort, Ky., 40601. For more information, contact the Governor's Office of Women and Minority Empowerment at 502.564.2611.

### **Franklin**

On Monday Jan. 16, there will be a Martin Luther King Day March in Franklin. The festivities begin at 8 a.m. with a Commemorative Breakfast at First United Methodist Church, which is located at 107 N College St, in Franklin, Ky., 42134. Pastor Mark Stacey will speak at the breakfast. Afterward, the march will begin at the church and proceed to the Greater Taylor A.M.E. Church at 604 Jefferson St. There will be a Commemorative Service at the Greater Taylor church with Pastor Peter Williams speaking at 10:30 a.m. The Franklin-Simpson Human Rights Commission is sponsoring the event. Contact Wanda Tuck for more information at 270.598.9189.

On Sunday, Jan. 15, at 3 p.m., will be the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration. It will be held at the Elevated Missionary Baptist Church located at 306 Bell Street in Franklin, Ky., 42134. The keynote speaker will be Pastor Brian Hogg of Alpha Baptist Church in Franklin. Music will be performed by the Alpha Vessels of Praise Youth Choir. For more information call the African American Heritage Center of Franklin at 615. 319-6531.

### **Georgetown**

On Saturday, Jan. 14, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., will be the Fourth Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast. It will be held at the First Presbyterian Church Conference Center located at 317 East Main Street, in Georgetown, Ky., 40324. Tickets are \$20 for Adults and \$10 for children 12 years old and under. The event is hosted by the Georgetown-Scott County NAACP. For more information, contact Byron Moran at 859.338.9897.

On Monday, Jan. 16, at 4 p.m., will be the Martin Luther King Day March. It will begin at the Georgetown College Ed David Learning Center, which is located at 151 Ed Davis Lane, in Georgetown, Ky., 40324. Beforehand at 3:30 p.m., Dr. Derek King, a nephew of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be present to greet those in the community. The march will also end at the Ed Davis Learning Center. There will be a program at 5 p.m. at the Georgetown Baptist Church, which is located at 207 South Hamilton Street. The speaker is Dr. Derek King of Indianapolis, Ind. The vocalist, former Miss Kentucky Clark Janell Davis will perform. A reception with refreshments will be held at 6 p.m. The events are sponsored by the local NAACP, the City of Georgetown, and Scott County.

### **Harrodsburg**

11<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Day Event, "Dream. Believe. Become." All events are on Monday, Jan. 16: 8 a.m. (FREE pancake breakfast); 9 a.m. (Commemorative March); 9:30 a.m. (Special Program). The events will be at Harrodsburg Intermediate School, 443 East Lexington Street Harrodsburg, Ky., 40330. Donations will be accepted at the breakfast and will benefit Mercer Transformation (the organization managing the old Harrodsburg High School campus on Lexington St.) FREE pink t-shirts will be given to the first 200 attendees in honor of cancer awareness this year. Contests for the t-shirt design, essay and banner are open to everyone. More information, call Mercer County Extension Office at 859.734.4378 or email [luci.hockersmith@uky.edu](mailto:luci.hockersmith@uky.edu).

### **Hazard**

On Monday, Jan. 16, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Hazard Community and Technical College will sponsor a free breakfast at First Presbyterian Church, 160 Broadway.

A short March will immediately follow the breakfast through downtown Hazard. Children are especially welcome!

Immediately following the March, there will be a service at Consolidated Baptist Church, right across the street from First Presbyterian.

### **Lexington**

From Friday, Jan. 13 to Tuesday, February 14, at the Transylvania University Morlan Gallery, from noon to 5 p.m., daily, will be an exhibition of visual artists and poets sharing how those connected to Appalachia tell the story of the United States through visual and written culture. Appalachia embraces a spectrum of people who consider Appalachia home or identify strongly with the trials and triumphs of being of this region. (It will be closed Jan. 16 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.) Also see the exhibit by special appointment. Admission is free. <http://www.transy.edu/about/arts/morlan/exhibitions>

On Saturday, Jan. 14, at 11:30 a.m., will be the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Coretta Scott King Spirit of Ivy Awards Luncheon. The event will be at 1801 Newtown Pike, Embassy Suites Lexington. The women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. will host the event. The award, named for civil rights activist Coretta Scott King, widow of the late Rev. Dr. King Jr., will recognize Lexington area women who have and continue to exemplify the spirit of the ivy—strength and endurance—in facing and overcoming obstacles. The keynote speaker will be Judge Pamela Goodwine.

On Monday, Jan. 16, from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m., is the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Unity Breakfast. The event will be held at the Lexington Convention Center. The breakfast initiates the King Day commemoration and is presented to honor Dr. King, his work, his dream and his legacy. Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Commissioner D. Anthony Everett is the 2017 Unity Breakfast chair. For information and tickets, visit <https://www.evansi.us/23rd-annual-unity-breakfast-lexington-convention-center/188523486>

On Monday, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be The Lexington Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Lexington will commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with its fourth annual family-friendly day of volunteer activities supporting the underserved. "It's amazing what a community can do!" <http://www.lexingtonmlk.org/>

The Martin Luther King Holiday Freedom March, will begin at Lexington Center Heritage Hall 10 a.m., Monday, Jan. 16. Line-up begins at 9 a.m. in the corridor on the Main Street side. Visit for more details the website, <http://www.uky.edu/mlk/content/how-participate>. A special program featuring civil rights advocate Otis Moss III and the a cappella group "committed" will follow at 11 a.m. in heritage hall. At 2:30 p.m., the film, "Race," the story of U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist Jesse Owens, will be shown at the Kentucky Theater. All of these events are free. For more information, visit [WWW.UKY.EDU/MLK/](http://WWW.UKY.EDU/MLK/).

Late Night and the Martin Luther King Center present Fruitvale Station, on Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 4 to 8 p.m., in the Memorial Hall MEH Lobby. Contact: Zach Lamb or [zach.c.lamb@gmail.com](mailto:zach.c.lamb@gmail.com). Group: Student Center Director's Office. Visit <http://calendar.uky.edu/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=43428>

## **Louisville**

From Friday, Jan. 13 to Friday, Jan. 20, the University of Louisville Cultural Center will present a week-long series of events to honor the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. These will be held to provide information for the Louisville campus and community on the importance of actualizing Dr. King's ideals of social justice, non-violence, education, and service. For more information, visit the website at <https://louisville.edu/culturalcenter/programs/mlkweek>

On Monday, Jan. 16, will be The PRIDE Martin Luther King Jr. Motorcade. The motorcade will assemble at 10:30 a.m. at McDonalds at 28<sup>th</sup> and Broadway. It will end with a service at Hughlett Temple located at 2115 W. Jefferson St., in Louisville, Ky., 40212. Call (502) 772-7902 for more information. PRIDE is an acronym for the organization begun by Louisville civil rights activist George Burney, the People's Rights in Demanding Equality Inc.

On Jan. 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., will be the Martin Luther King Day of Service. It will start at the University of Louisville Student Activities Center (SAC) Multi-Purpose Room. "Become part of the UofL community in making it a "day on, not a day off." Students will be transported to various service locations around the city. Visit the website at <http://louisville.edu/studentactivities/service-opportunities/mlk-day-of-service>. Or, contact Brittany Barnes at 502.852.3754 or [brittany.barnes@exchange.louisville.edu](mailto:brittany.barnes@exchange.louisville.edu)

On Saturday, Jan. 14, will be the Louisville Section of National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Breakfast Celebration. It will be at 9:30 a.m., at the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Hotel in the Coronet Ballroom. The hotel is located at 830 Phillips Lane, Louisville, Ky., 40209. The keynote speaker will be State Representative Attica Scott. Tickets are a \$40 donation.

On Friday, Jan. 13, is the Louisville Bus Civil Rights Tour, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It begins at the University of Louisville Cultural Center located at 120 East Brandeis Street, in Louisville, Ky., 40292. Call 502.852.6656 for information. The City of Louisville was an active site during the Civil Rights Movement. Join this free bus tour to explore the Louisville Downtown Civil Rights Trail. Register online at <https://orgsync.com/87983/forms/232309>

On Monday, Jan. 16, will be The Martin Luther King Day of Service will begin at Shelby Park located 600 East Oak Street in Louisville. It will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The MLK Day of Service is a way to transform Dr. King's life and teachings into community service that helps empower and strengthen local communities. Help make our community parks extraordinary and make it "A Day On, Not a Day Off!" <http://www.olmstedparks.org/events/>

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m., will be the Women in the Movement Discussion with Dr. Kaila Story, at the University of Louisville Cultural Center located at 1120 East Brandeis Street in Louisville, Ky., 40292. Call 502.852.6656 for more information. Learn more about the many women who played important roles in the Civil Rights Movement, from leading local civil rights organizations to serving as lawyers on school segregation lawsuits.

On Thursday, Jan. 19, at 6 p.m. will be a movie viewing & discussion of the "Children of the Civil Rights Movement". It will be held in the Chao Auditorium of the Ekstrom Library at the University of Louisville. The library is located at 2301 South Third Street in Louisville, Ky., 40292. For more



information, call 502.852.6757. Take a step back in time to a group of children's six-year odyssey to freedom before the 1964 Civil Rights Act. .

On Friday, Jan. 20, from 12 Noon to 2 p.m., will be a Martin Luther King Wall Signing at the University of Louisville Cultural Center located at 120 East Brandeis Street, Louisville, Ky., 40292. Gather for lunch in the Cultural Center and sign the commemorative MLK Wall with messages of love, inclusion and hope for equality for all. For more information, contact Dominique McShan at [dom.mcshan@louisville.edu](mailto:dom.mcshan@louisville.edu).

On Monday, Jan. 16, will be a Martin Luther King Day film screening of "I Have a Dream." It will be held at the Muhammad Ali Center, 144 N. Sixth St., in Louisville, Ky., Monday, Jan. 16. The first screening is at 10 a.m., and will take place hourly thereafter. A panel discussion, "Continuing the Dream, Living the Legacy" will follow the 11 a.m. showing. Members of the Muhammad Ali Center Council of Students will have a discussion on how young people are continuing the work of Dr. King and Muhammad Ali in the community. The speech by the late Dr. King is considered one of the most powerful and significant speeches in the history of the Civil Rights Movement. For more information, visit the website at <http://alicenter.org/calendar/>

### **Madisonville**

On Saturday, Jan. 14, from 4 to 7 p.m., is the Hopkins County 33<sup>rd</sup> Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. It will be held at the Byrnes Auditorium located at 750 Laffoon Street, in Madisonville, Ky. The event will honor the life and legacy of the great civil rights leader with an evening of special guest performances. The keynote speaker is Hilary O. Shelton, who serves as senior vice-president for Policy and Advocacy and director to the NAACP Washington Bureau. Kentucky Human Rights Commissioner Timothy Thomas is organizer of the event Call him at 270.836.2281 for more information. Also, visit the website at <https://www.evensi.us/hopkins-countys-33rd-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-celebration/192253466>

### **Maysville**

On Sunday, Jan. 15, at 1:30 p.m., there will be a Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday March from Bethel Baptist Church, which is located at 501 Forest Ave., in Maysville, Ky., 41056. Following will be a program at Scott United Methodist Church, which is located at 118 Fourth Street.

### **Newport**

On Monday, Jan. 16, at 11:30 a.m. will be the Annual Northern Kentucky NAACP MLK Jr. Luncheon at the Syndicate Event Center, which is located at 18 East Fifth St., in Newport, Ky., 41071. For more information, call 859.442.7476.

### **Pikeville**

On Monday, Jan. 16, at 11 a.m., the Big Sandy Community and Technical College in conjunction with the City of Pikeville will sponsor a Martin Luther King Day Unity March. The march begins at First Baptist Church, which is located at 126 Fourth St., in Pikeville, Ky., 41501. The march will end at the Pikeville City Park, which is located at 101 to 199 Cumberland Ct. For more information, contact Tina Terry of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College at 606.886.7374.

### **Princeton**

On Monday, Jan. 16, at 1 p.m., will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Holiday celebration luncheon at the Central Presbyterian church, 206 W Main St., in Princeton, Ky., 42445. There is a \$5 charge and everyone is invited. The Rev Dr. M.O. Fort, pastor of Virginia St. Baptist Church of Hopkinsville, Ky., will be the guest speaker. Call Central Presbyterian Rev. Ken Godshall at 914.643.3419 for more information.

### **Richmond**

On Monday, Jan. 16, from 9 to 11 a.m., will be the Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast. It will be held at the First Christian Church, which is located at 412 West Main Street, in Richmond, Ky., 40475. Admission is free. The guest speaker is Dr. Aaron Thompson, interim president of Kentucky State University. For more information, call 859.623.1000 at City Hall or call 859.248.5564 or visit the website at [Humanrights@richmond.ky.us](mailto:Humanrights@richmond.ky.us) The event is sponsored and by supported by the Richmond Human Rights Commission and Eastern Kentucky University.

### **Somerset**

On Sunday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m., there will be a Lake Cumberland Area Martin Luther King Holiday Community event. It will be held at First Baptist Church, 128 N. Main Street, in Somerset, Ky. The guest speaker at the program will be Rev. Richard N. Hughes, the College Minister of St. Stephen Church of Louisville, Ky. Contact the church for more information at 606.678.5106.

### **Cincinnati, Ohio**

On Monday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 a.m., will be the King Legacy Breakfast and Awards Program. It will be held at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center at 50 East Freedom Way in Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202. Tickets are \$35 per person. Seating is limited. Call 513.333.7606 for information.

On Monday, Jan. 16, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., will be the Annual MLK Cincinnati Coalition Fountain Square Commemorative March and Interfaith Service. The march will begin at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center located at 50 East Freedom Way, in Cincinnati and end the Fountain Square located at Fifth and Vine Streets in Cincinnati.

On Monday, Jan. 16, at 11:30 a.m., will be the Annual MLK Cincinnati Coalition MLK Commemorative Celebration at the Taft Theatre located at 317 East Fifth Street in Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202. For more information, call 513.232.6220.