

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Weekend Celebration



LIVING THE DREAM - IT STILL AIN'T EASY
Sunday, January 17, 1988 - Prairie U.W. Society

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
August 28, 1963

"My father has a magnificent dream, but it is still only a dream. It is easier to build monuments than make a better world. If we choose to honor him in words alone, it will be a grotesque farce."

Yolanda King
January 20, 1986

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Prelude - Civil Rights songs on tape

Procession - "We Shall Overcome"

Solo - "Lift Every Voice and Sing"
Mike Sheehy

Chalice

Lighting - "I Have a Dream" Martin L. King
Linda Ellen

WHAT IS RACISM? Boston teens describe rascist incidents - from TV special
"Working It Out - Kids and Race"

Prairie Sharing Time

Song - "This Little Light of Mine"

IT TAKES COURAGE Boston teens in assertiveness exercise

Selma, Alabama demonstrator
Jimmy Webb faces sheriff's men -
from "Eyes on the Prize" civil
rights documentary

I RESOLVE. . .

Song - "We Shall Not Be Moved"

(NO ANNOUNCEMENTS!)

Noon Potluck. All welcome. Building Committee to meet before and during potluck.

MON. JAN. 18, 6:30 p.m. - Rally in Capitol Rotunda and march to the Madison Civic Center for 7:00 p.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day public celebration.

*This service was planned by Mary Mullen, Dorothy Wetherby and Linda Ellen. Singing led by Mike Briggs.

Chronology of Dr. King's Life

1929. January 15. Born in Atlanta.

1948. Received the BA through a special program for the gifted at Morehouse College, Atlanta.

1951. Received the bachelor of divinity degree from Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania.

1953. While studying at Boston University, married Coretta Scott, an Alabamian who was studying at the New England Conservatory of Music.

Became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

1955. Received the Ph.D from Boston University.

Became leader of the Montgomery bus boycott, which began December 1 when Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a White and which ended December 21, 1956.

1957. Became president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) at its founding meeting.

1958. Wrote *Stride Toward Freedom*, a description of the Montgomery boycott and of his own first involvement in the Civil Rights Movement.

1960. Became copastor with his father of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Arrested in a sit-in at an Atlanta lunch counter; released from jail through the intervention of Presidential candidate John F. Kennedy.

1963. April. Led Birmingham desegregation campaign, in which nonviolent demonstrators faced the dogs and fire hoses of Bull Connor's police.

August 28. Delivered "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial to an audience of 250,000 who had come to Washington to protest against discrimination.

1964. Wrote *Why We Can't Wait*, a description of the events of 1963 and an analysis of the next directions for the Civil Rights Movement to take.

Won the Nobel Peace Prize.

1965. Led voter registration campaign in Selma, Alabama, and the march from Selma to Montgomery.

1966. Led campaign for open housing in Chicago.

1967. April 4. Speaking at Riverside Church in New York, condemned the Vietnam War as unjust, thus going beyond the established scope of the Civil Rights Movement.

November. Began organizing the Poor People's Campaign to demonstrate the needs of poor people of all races in the United States.

Wrote *Where Do We Go from Here? Chaos or Community*, an examination of discrimination and poverty as the causes of national discord.

1968. April 4. Assassinated in Memphis while supporting a strike by sanitation workers.

LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING

Lift ev'ry 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.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears have
been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the
blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

- words by James Weldon Johnson
music by J. Rosamond Johnson

"but the black people should have a
country to defend themselves"

Books by Martin Luther King, Jr.

1. Strength to Love 252 K58
2. Stride Toward Freedom 326 K58
3. The Trumpet of Conscience 309.173 K58t
4. Where Do We Go From Here 301.451 K58w
5. Why We Can't Wait 301.451 K58

Books About Martin Luther King, Jr.

1. Lewis, David L. King, A Biography 323/40924
K585Q2
2. Lincoln, C. Eric, ed. Martin Luther King, Jr.:
A Profile 901 K585Q1
3. Schulke, Flip, ed. Martin Luther King, Jr.:
A Documentary...Montgomery to Memphis
323.4092 K58s