



Martin Luther King, Jr.
State Holiday Commission

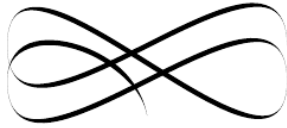
2017
Commemoration
and Celebration of
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*"I Believe That Unarmed Truth and
Unconditional Love Will Have The Final
Word In Reality" (Martin L. King, Jr.)*



Monday, January 16, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Asbury United Methodist Church
501 Elizabeth Street
Charleston, West Virginia



Greetings from the Governor



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1900 KANAWHA BOULEVARD, EAST
CHARLESTON, WV 25305
(304) 558-2000

EARL RAY TOMBLIN
GOVERNOR

GREETINGS FROM GOVERNOR TOMBLIN

As Governor, it is my pleasure to once again welcome you to today's celebration of the life of a truly invaluable icon of American history, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I am sorry I cannot join you today as you celebrate both his life in general and the magnitude of his contributions of our society; however, I am thrilled to see such an important tribute take place in the Mountain State.

Dr. King was among the greatest leaders of the 20th century and, having been endowed with this incredible fight, he accepted what must surely have seemed like insurmountable challenges with immeasurable resolve. His extraordinary vision and perseverance were cornerstones of a revolution, which changed the face of America forever. Dr. King made his mark upon individuals and society alike, working diligently toward the advancement of improved racial relations and understanding. His tireless efforts are to be praised and looked upon as a sterling example for us all.

On behalf of the citizens of West Virginia, please accept my most sincere best wishes for a successful and enjoyable celebration today and in the future. It has been a privilege to work with this commission in our efforts for the state to celebrate and commemorate the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sincerely,

Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor



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Dr. Carolyn L. Stuart, Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission, Chair
and Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs, Executive Director

Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr. (deceased)
West Virginia State University, President Emeritus

Dr. Michelle R. Easton
University of Charleston School of Pharmacy, Dean

Mr. David M. Fryson, Esq.
Vice President, Division of Diversity, Equity and
Inclusion, West Virginia University,

Mrs. Kay Goodwin
Secretary of the WV Department of Education and the
Arts, (Retired)

Ms. Julie C. Palas, J.D.
James “Tiger” Morton Catastrophic Illness
Commission, Executive Director, and West Virginia
Women’s Commission, Interim Executive Director

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WV Division of Culture and History

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Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO), Chair

Reverend Dr. B.J. Roberts
Kingdom Life Fellowship Church, Pastor

Justice Larry V. Starcher
WV Supreme Court, Retired and Senior Status Justice

Mrs. Patricia Wilson
West Virginia State University, Associate Professor

Dr. Anthony T. Woart
Bluefield State College, Professor

**We thank the following for your support and participation in the
2017 Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration and Celebration**

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| Appalachian Children’s Chorus | University of Charleston |
| Asbury United Methodist Church | West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services |
| Bluefield State College | West Virginia Council of Churches |
| Charleston Black Ministerial Alliance | West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts |
| Charleston Police Department | West Virginia Division of Culture and History |
| Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs | West Virginia Office of the Governor |
| Islamic Center of West Virginia | West Virginia State University |
| James “Tiger” Morton Catastrophic
Illness Commission | West Virginia University |
| Martin Luther King Jr. Male Chorus | West Virginia Women’s Commission |
| Temple Israel | |



Order of Ecumenical Service



Presiders

Dr. Michelle Easton

Dean of the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy
Commissioner, Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission
and

Deputy Commissioner Jacqueline A. Proctor

Bureau of Senior Services
Commissioner, Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

Call to Worship and Invocation ————— **Reverend Joseph Jarrett**
Pastor, Asbury United Methodist Church

Meditations and Prayers ————— **Dr. Ibtesbam “Sue” Barazi**
Vice President of the Islamic Center of West Virginia
Reverend Jeffrey S. Allen
Executive Director of the West Virginia Council of Churches
Rabbi James D. Cohn
Temple Israel

Greetings ————— **Dr. Carolyn Stuart**
Chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission
Executive Director, Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs

Musical Selection ————— **Appalachian Children’s Chorus**

Living the Dream Awards Presentation ————— **Mrs. Patricia Wilson**
Chair of Education, West Virginia State University
Commissioner, Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission
Chair of the Living the Dream Awards Committee

Dr. Julie Palas
Executive Director of the James “Tiger” Morton Catastrophic Illness Commission
Interim Executive Director of the West Virginia Women’s Commission
Commissioner, Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

Musical Selection ————— **Martin Luther King Jr. Male Chorus**



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Introduction of West Virginia University Students ————— **Dr. Michelle Easton**
Dean of the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy

Introduction of Keynote Speaker ————— **Sara Berzingi**
Jihad Dixon
West Virginia University Students

Keynote Speaker ————— **Mr. David M. Fryson, Esq.**
Vice President of the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, West Virginia University

Musical Selection ————— **Combined Choirs**

Unison Prayer ————— **Reverend Roberta Smith**
Pastor of the Henderson Chapel, African Methodist Church, Wellsburg WV
President of the Charleston Black Ministerial, Alliance Inc., Charleston, WV
President of Restore ruptured relationships, Establish connections, Strengthen alliances,
Empower leadership and Transform our community (RESET), Charleston, WV

God of Justice, whenever we settle for the way things are instead of the way you would have them to be, forgive us. When we are paralyzed by fear or limited in vision, increase our trust in you. Whenever we offer charity, but fail to work for justice, show us the more excellent way that your love requires. When we tire of the struggle, restore our hope. Whenever we forget those who have gone before us or act as if we were the first to follow in the Way, allow us to recognize our arrogance. May the witness of our brother Martin encourage us to dream and work toward building the Beloved Community. Ignite within us fires of creative compassion to sustain our connection with each other and confirm our kinship with all creation. Amen.

Hymn of the Movement ————— **“We Shall Overcome”**

Benediction ————— **Mr. David M. Fryson, Esq.**



Introducing the Keynote Speaker



West Virginia University Students

Sara Berzingi

Sara is an undergraduate student in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences at West Virginia University. She has a double major in Biology and English, with a minor in Professional Writing and Editing. Passionate about undergraduate research, Sara is involved with a clinical research project at the WVU Chestnut Ridge Center and serves as a Team Lead in the Auditory Development and Connectomics Laboratory in the WVU Centers for Neuroscience.

She is actively involved as the President of the WVU Muslim Students Association and advocates for diversity initiatives in her role as the Student Government Diversity Executive, Diversity Ambassador for the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and as a student participant in the Greater Morgantown Interfaith Association.

Jihad Dixon

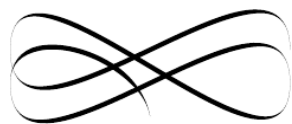
Jihad is a senior majoring in political science at West Virginia University. In 2016, he was elected to the Student Government Association Student Senate with a platform of “making WVU students’ voices heard.”

The Charleston native is the former president of the WVU chapter of the NAACP, a residential assistant, a Student Diversity Ambassador for the WVU Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and a Peer Empowerment Leader for the WVU Successful MALE Initiative.

In 2016, Dixon participated in numerous panels discussing how to lead by example regarding diversity and inclusion, was presented with the Outstanding Service and Commitment Award at the WVU NAACP Image Awards, and received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Award at the 26th Annual MLK Unity Breakfast. Recently, Dixon was selected as one of WVU’s Eight Most Influential People of 2016.

Dixon is an advocate for social justice and civil rights issues on campus and across the state.





Keynote Speaker **David M. Fryson, Esq.**



David M. Fryson is the Vice President for the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at West Virginia University. He previously served as the Deputy General Counsel for WVU. He has practiced law for over 25 years in a variety of legal and advocacy settings. In addition to heading his own law office for many years, Fryson served as staff attorney for the Honorable Randolph Baxter, Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Ohio in Cleveland, Ohio, as senior attorney for the West Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission and the West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner and was an associate with Preiser Law Offices and McQueen and Brown Law Offices. He was counsel in successful and historic civil rights cases and other major litigation. He also served as the Chief Legal Official for two municipalities and, before becoming an attorney, served on the Governor's Economic Development staff for two West Virginia governors. In 2013, he was appointed to the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission.



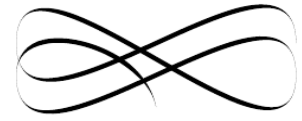
Fryson received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from West Virginia State University and was awarded the Doctor of Jurisprudence from West Virginia University. Attorney Fryson has spent his life dealing with the issues of diversity. In 2001, he served a term as the National Vice-President for the legendary Rev. Dr. Leon Sullivan's OIC of America establishing a national office in Washington DC. In addition, he has been involved with the NAACP, the Job Corps Center and is a supporter of WV Multi-Fest — the largest diversity gathering in the state.

Fryson is also an ordained pastor and has served as an elder and pastor for over 30 years. He was most recently the Chief Ministry Officer for the House of the Lord, a progressive, diverse church with a membership of over 6,000 in Akron, Ohio. As Chief Ministry Officer Pastor Fryson had oversight over all the more than 30 ministries of the church, the nine pastors and over 300 ministers, deacons and church leaders who served the congregation. He was President and CEO of the Beth-El Fellowship of Visionary Churches, a consortium of over forty churches. Pastor Fryson holds the ecclesiastical title of Overseer as a member of the Joint College of Pentecostal Bishops.

Fryson is a dynamic speaker, an experienced attorney, innovative educator, manager, mediator, skilled musician, and an exceptional motivator. He is known for his understanding of African-American political and cultural history, writes a statewide newspaper column for the Charleston Gazette and has often appeared as political commentator and pundit on radio and television programs such as Talkline with Hoppy Kercheval and West Virginia Public Television. His book, *Bitter or Better: The Seven Principles of Adversity in a Believer's Life*, is available nationally from Amazon.com. Fryson has been married to the accomplished Joy Morris Fryson for 40 years and has three children David, Jr., Aaron and Kristina and three grandchildren Aaron Allen, Jr., Aidan Allen and Elijah David.



2017 Martin Luther King, Jr. Living the Dream Awards



Advocate of Peace – Advocate of Social Change in a Nonviolent Way

**Diana Bell
Wheeling West Virginia**

Diana Bell has been an advocate of social change in a non-violent way, thereby exemplifying the King principle of peace. She agrees with Ralph Waldo Emerson who wrote that our purpose on earth is “to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.” She has spent her professional and personal life working to end racism, promote peace and justice, empower girls and build a better community.

To help children of color learn about their heritage and develop pride and confidence, she organized and chaired the African American Jubilee from 1991-2011 in Wheeling, WV. She started Women Helping Youth to develop programs for disadvantaged youth in the Ohio Valley. As a founding member of the board of directors of the James Paige Learning Center, she assisted in providing afterschool tutoring, computer access and mentoring for disadvantaged children.

Today in her position as center coordinator of Catholic Charities’ 18th Street Neighborhood Center, Diana continues her efforts to help people find food, clothing, homes, jobs and personal worth. As a licensed social worker, Diana has used her years of experience in social services personnel leadership, operations management, and administrative coordinator to find a way to serve the people of the Wheeling area and to help them develop the skills that will improve their lives.

Sharing of Self – Selfless Leadership in the Public and Private Sector

**Annette Fetty Santilli
Philippi, West Virginia**

Annette Fetty Santilli epitomizes the motto of “sharing of self” through her work and the work that she has done in the Barbour County communities. She serves as the administrator for the Barbour County Health Department, and under her leadership the agency has finished in the black for the past two years. Prior to serving in this capacity, she worked at Alderson Broaddus University for 28 years. Outside of her work duties she served as volunteer Cheerleading Coach, Collegiate 4-H Advisor and an advisor to a social sorority.

She currently serves as a member of the Board of the Jackson’s Mill Jubilee, president of the Philippi Convention and Visitors Bureau, and is chair of the Barbour County Local Emergency Planning Committee. To fulfill a promise to her brother who died in 2007 from pancreatic cancer, she has become the Community Advocate for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Many people state that no one person has made more of an impact on a disease than Annette has.

There is not one day that goes by that she does not do something towards ‘waging hope’ in the fight against pancreatic cancer. She has been to Capitol Hill eight times in her fight to raise funds and awareness. She lives her life by this motto taken from Dr. Seuss’s The Lorax, “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” This personal motto has guided her life as she has given so much to so many in her community.



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Human and Civil Rights – Advocate for Social Change and Equality

Cody Corliss

New Martinsville, West Virginia

Cody Corliss' life exemplifies his active involvement in the pursuit of equality for others and an advocacy for social change. A native of New Martinsville, WV, he is currently serving on assignment with the United Nations in The Hague. Mr. Corliss is a war crimes prosecutor, where he serves as Associate Legal Officer at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia where he is part of the trial team in the prosecution of former Bosnian Serb General Ratko Mladic for war crimes, including genocide, crimes against humanity and violations of the laws and customs of war.

Mr. Corliss is an expert on international truth commissions and his work has appeared in magazines, newspapers and legal journals throughout the United States. As a Rotary Scholar in the Netherlands, he researched the European integration of immigrants from majority-Muslim nations with a particular focus on Dutch integration policies.

He served as a law clerk to Justice Margaret Workman on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and has been a regular book critic for the *Charleston Gazette-Mail*. He has long been active in public affairs in West Virginia.

Scholarship – Significant Contributions in the area of Education Excellence

Dr. Shelvy Campbell

Huntington West Virginia

Dr. Shelvy Campbell's work in higher education has spanned thirty years. She is a tireless advocate for minority students in the areas of medicine and pharmacy. Since her appointment as the Assistant Dean for the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Pharmacy in 2012, she has developed, maintained and monitored the progression of minority students into the health professions field while assuring compliance with accreditation standards.

Dr. Campbell established the Health Care Pipeline Initiative (HCPI) which provides curriculum and hands-on learning projects based on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning for high school students across the state of West Virginia. Through her efforts she has established partnerships with staff and faculty from the schools of engineering, physical therapy, medicine and pharmacy to assist with facilitation of the HCPI goals and objectives.

Another achievement of Dr. Campbell is the Project P.R.E.M.E.D. program. This program attracts dozens of students from across the country to the Huntington area to study under the tutelage of various health professionals thus encouraging students to attend Marshall University. Several students that participated in the program are attending or have pledged to attend the Marshall Medical School.

Dr. Campbell is a diligent advocate for minority students in higher education. Her work as the Assistant Dean for Diversity highlights her responsibility for developing diversity and equity programs for the schools of medicine and pharmacy to ensure a quality and inclusive educational experience for all students, faculty and staff.



2017 Martin Luther King, Jr. Living the Dream Awards



Governor's Living the Dream – The Embodiment of Dr. King's Vision and Legacy

**Rev. Wesley Dobbs
Carolina, West Virginia**

The Governor's Living the Dream award is given to a person who best exemplifies all of the characteristics of justice, scholarship, sharing of self, human and civil rights and advocacy of peace. This person should present a recognizable sense of civic awareness and public service.

Rev. Wesley Dobbs is a native West Virginian, having graduated from Fairmont Senior High School. After graduation he joined the military for four years. He graduated from Methodist Theological College and in 1974 he received his license to preach and was ordained in 1976. He has served as the Pastor of Morningstar Baptist Church since March 1, 1987. Through his leadership and spiritual guidance, the church has experienced many accomplishments and an overwhelming growth in membership and special ministries.

Rev. Dobbs exemplifies all of the characteristics associated with the Living the Dream Award. In the area of Justice he serves as lieutenant for the home confinement office in Marion County. He exemplifies scholarship through his mentoring of more than fifty associate ministers and deacons. His sharing of self is exemplified by his availability to his parishioners and the community at large. In 2008, he was appointed by Governor Joe Manchin as a Commissioner to the WV Human Civil Rights Board and continues to serve in that capacity. As a minister, he is an advocate of peace through his pastoral leadership and his service to the church and community. In 2014, he was an honoree at the Governor's 11th Annual Civil Rights Day.

Rev. Dobbs gives back to his community in many ways by participating and working with the NAACP where he served as treasurer, past member of the Fairmont General Hospital Board, and current board member of Marion County Senior Citizens, Inc.





Martin Luther King, Jr.
State Holiday Commission

2018 Living the Dream Award Nomination Form

The Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission is now accepting names of persons and organizations in consideration for the “Living the Dream” awards. The awards will be presented on Monday, January 15, 2018 as part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Observance.

Five individual awards, and up to three Service Organization awards will be given to those who best exemplify, through action, and/or personal traits, the principles and ideals characterizing Dr. King in his pursuit of social change.

The six categories and criteria are:

- I. *Advocate of Peace:*** A person who has been an advocate of social change in a non-violent way.
- II. *Sharing of Self:*** A person who has rendered to others in the public or private sector.
- III. *Human and Civil Rights:*** A person who has been actively involved in the pursuit of equality for others; an advocate for social change.
- IV. *Scholarship:*** A person who has made significant contributions in the area of education.
- V. *Governor’s Living the Dream Award:*** A person who best exemplifies all of the characteristics of justice, scholarship, sharing of self, human and civil rights, and advocacy of peace; with a recognizable sense of civic awareness and public service.
- VI. *Service Organization Honor Roll:*** Qualifying organizations must have demonstrated one or more of the principles for which Dr. King stood: the promotion of human and civil rights, providing assistance to underserved communities, promotion of tolerance, and resolving conflict in a nonviolent manner.

Complete nomination packets must include:

1. A brief typewritten statement (no more than one page) that discusses the qualities of the nominee that best meets the standard of a specific award category.
2. A biography of the candidate or mission statement/activities of the organization.
3. Materials (e.g., newspaper articles) that describes the nominees community involvement.
4. The category in which your nominee is nominated.
5. Submissions by USPS mail, e-mail and/or fax must have a post mark or date stamp no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 27 2017.

Only complete (i.e., nomination form and supporting documents) nomination packets will be considered

Name of Candidate/Organization: _____

Address of Candidate/Organization: _____

Candidate/Org Phone Number: _____ Candidate/Org Email: _____

Nominator’s Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Submit Complete Nomination Packet via USPS, Email or Fax to:

MLK, Jr. State Holiday Commission
Chairperson Carolyn L. Stuart
State Capitol, Building 1, Room 35
1900 Kanawha Boulevard
Charleston, WV 25305

Email: Carolyn.L.Stuart@wv.gov
Fax: 304.558.2722
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We Shall Overcome

By Charles Tindley



We shall overcome, We shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday
Oh deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome, someday.

We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand,
We shall overcome, someday.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome, someday.

The Lord shall see us through
The Lord shall see us through
The Lord shall see us through, someday
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
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