

**2014 STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
COMMEMORATION &  
CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2014**

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## **We Shall Overcome**

By Dr. 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'll walk hand in hand, 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  
We shall overcome, someday.

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



# Ecumenical Service of Commemoration and Celebration

Asbury United Methodist Church

10:30 a.m.

The Honorable Tod J. Kaufman, Presiding

Call to Worship.....Reverend Joseph Jarrett  
Pastor, Asbury United Methodist Church

Invocation.....Reverend Roberta Smith, President, Charleston Black Ministerial Alliance

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

Statement of Purpose .....Right Reverend Dr. Emmanuel A. Heyliger  
Senior Pastor, Ferguson Memorial Baptist Church

Introduction of Elected Officials.....The Honorable Tod J. Kaufman  
Judge of the Kanawha County Circuit Court//Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

Musical Selection.....Appalachian Children's Chorus

## Meditations and Prayer

Islamic Prayer..... Imam Dr. Ehteshamul Haque, Islamic Association of West Virginia

Hebrew Prayer.....Rabbi Jim Cohn, Temple Israel of Charleston, West Virginia

The Unison Prayer .....Led by Reverend Kay Albright, Pastor, Bridges of Grace, United Church of Christ

*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.*

## "LEGGING KING'S LEGACY FOR COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY"

Jon Amores, Esq., Compassionate City Interfaith Coalition  
Sister Rose Ann Hefner, Counselor and Therapist  
Reverend Sky Kershner, Exec. Director, Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center

Hymn of the Movement..... "WE SHALL OVERCOME"  
(Lyrics are located on inside cover)

Closing Selections.....Combined Choral Selections

Benediction.....Pastor David M. Fryson, Esq.  
Chief Diversity Officer, West Virginia University/Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

# Bell Ringing for Peace

North Side, State Capitol Building

12:30 p.m.

The Honorable Tod J. Kaufman, Presiding

Musical Performance.....Appalachian Children's Chorus

Statement of Purpose.....Dr. Hazo W. Carter  
President Emeritus, West Virginia State University/Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

Introductions .....The Honorable Tod J. Kaufman  
Judge of the Kanawha County Circuit Court/Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

Remarks.....The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin  
Governor, State of West Virginia

Remarks.....The Honorable Joseph A. Manchin  
U.S. Senator, West Virginia

Remarks.....The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
U.S. Congress Representative, West Virginia

## Bell Ringing for Peace

Participants: Appalachian Children's Chorus, Mountaineer Montessori School and the Outreach for Christ Youth Department

Benediction.....Rabbi Victor Urecki  
B'nai Jacob Synagogue, Charleston, West Virginia

# Awards Luncheon

Culture Center ~ Great Hall

1:00 p.m.

Mrs. Patricia A. Wilson, Presiding

Welcome.....Cabinet Secretary Kay Goodwin  
Cabinet Secretary WV Department of Education and the Arts/Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

The Occasion.....Mrs. Patricia Wilson  
Associate Professor, West Virginia State University/ Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission  
Chair, Contest and Awards Committee

Invocation..... Reverend B.J. Roberts  
Pastor, Kingdom Life Fellowship Church/Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

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# Awards Luncheon Program (continued)

## Award Presentations

Wheeling YWCA Annual "Project on Racism Essay Contest".....Ms. Rita Gupta  
Cultural Diversity Community Outreach Program Director

Commendation to Honorees.....Mr. Charles Lorensen  
Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor, State of West Virginia

Presentation of Service Organization Honor Roll..... Dr. Hazo W. Carter  
President Emeritus, West Virginia State University/Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

Presentation of "Living the Dream Awards".....Dr. Hazo W. Carter  
President Emeritus, West Virginia State University/Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

Presentation of the "Governor's Living the Dream Award".....Mr. Charles Lorensen  
Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor, State of West Virginia

Benediction..... Reverend B.J. Roberts  
Pastor, Kingdom Life Fellowship Church/Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

## YWCA Annual "Project on Racism" Essay Contest Winners

### Grade 1 – 4

- 1st Place Ethan Thomas, Grade 3, (Fayette County) New River Elementary School
- 2nd Place Devyn Poole, Grade 3, (Ohio County) Ritchie Elementary School
- 3rd Place Jackson Ward, Grade 3, (Mercer County) Bluefield Intermediate School

### Grade 5 – 8

- 1st Place Skylar Koontz, Grade 5, (Ohio County), Woodsdale Middle School
- 2nd Place Mallory Griffith, Grade 6, (Ohio County), Bridge Street Middle School
- 3rd Place Paushaly Sau, Grade 8, (Ohio County), Triadelphia Middle School

### Grade 9 – 12

- 1st Place Nanda Siva, Grade 12, Wood County, Parkersburg High School
- 2nd Place Amber Elliott, Grade 11, Pleasants County, St. Mary's High School
- 3rd Place Moujhuri Sau, Grade 11, Ohio County, Wheeling Park High School

## Living the Dream Service Organization Honor Roll

Washington High School Senior Citizens Association  
London, West Virginia

## Living the Dream Awards

Advocate of Peace - Mr. James C. Hunt  
Human and Civil Rights - Dr. Darrell W. Cummings

Sharing of Self - Reverend Matthew J. Watts  
Scholarship - Reverend James L. Patterson

## The Governor's Living the Dream Awards

The Right Reverend Dr. Emmanuel A. Heyliger

Mr. Ellis Ray Williams, Sr.

# Commemoration and Celebration Concert

Culture Center ~ Norman L. Fagan West Virginia State Theatre

3:00 p.m.

Reverend Ronald English, Presiding

Musical Selection .....Unity in the Community Choir  
Directress Teresa Figgins

Musical Selection .....Pan Jammers  
Charleston, West Virginia  
Directress Linda Ealy

Dance Selection .....Psalms 91  
Beckley, West Virginia  
Directress Jean Garrett and Lisa Hairston

Musical Selection .....Unity in the Community Choir  
Directress Teresa Figgins



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

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

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University of Charleston School of Pharmacy, Dean

Commissioner Randall Reid-Smith  
WV Division of Culture and History

Reverend Ronald English

Ms. Sylvia C. Ridgeway  
State NAACP, President

Mr. David M. Fryson, Esq.  
West Virginia University, Chief Diversity Officer

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

Secretary Kay Goodwin  
West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts

Justice Larry V. Starcher  
Retired

Judge Tod Joseph Kaufman  
Kanawha Circuit Judge

Mrs. Patricia Wilson  
West Virginia State University, Associate Professor

Ms. Julie C. Palas, J.D.  
Governor's Office of Health  
Enhancement and Lifestyle Planning

Dr. Anthony T. Woart  
Bluefield State College, Professor



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Martin Luther King Male Chorus  
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West Virginia Division of Culture and History  
West Virginia Division of Tourism  
West Virginia Office of the Governor  
West Virginia State University  
West Virginia University  
YWCA - Wheeling, West Virginia



*"Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a quantitative change in our lives. It is this type of spirit and this type of love that can transform opposers into friends. It is this type of goodwill that will transform the deep gloom of the old age into the exuberant gladness of the new age. It is this love which will bring about miracles in the hearts of men."*

*~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



The 2014 State of West Virginia Martin Luther King Jr., Commemoration and Celebration Activities sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission is intended to commemorate and celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King in two dimensions. First, to honor the goal of the King Center that the day will accent community service and secondly, to recognize the continued need to build a more compassionate community beyond compassion shown after acute, crisis events in which compassion has been genuinely exhibited in communities across our state. The commission is pleased to work collaboratively with a contingent of West Virginia University students and staff who are participating in the MLK Day of Service by being involved in community improvement projects throughout Charleston's West Side. The MLK State Holiday Commission believes that community service juxtaposed with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorative activities hosted throughout the state is one way to translate Dr. King's life and teaching into our present everyday realities that confirms our connection with each other and all of creation. Through service and celebration we endeavor to live the vision of Dr. King's "Beloved Community."