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.

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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. Fryso, 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 Jurecki
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

~ LUNCHEON ~
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 ........................................................................................................................................ Revere 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 Davyn 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), Woodside 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 Silva, Grade 12, Wood County, Parkersburg High School
2nd Place Amber Elliott, Grade 11, Pleasants County, St. Mary's High School
3rd Place Mounthuri 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
Sharing of Self - Reverend Matthew J. Watts
Human and Civil Rights - Dr. Darrell W. Cummings
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

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

Reverend Ronald English

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

Secretary Kay Goodwin
West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts

Judge Ted Joseph Kaufman
Kanawha Circuit Judge

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

Deputy Commissioner Jacqueline A. Proctor
WV Division of Tourism

Commissioner Randall Reid-Smith
WV Division of Culture and History

Ms. Sylvia C. Ridgeway
State NAACP, President

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

Justice Larry V. Starcher
Retired

Mrs. Patricia Wilson
West Virginia State University, Associate Professor

Dr. Anthony T. Woart
Bluefield State College, Professor
The Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission would like to thank all program participants along with the following departments, and/or organizations for their support of the 2014 State of West Virginia Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration and Celebration activities.

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Asbury United Methodist Church
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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."