Celebration of Martin Luther King Day

A Reflective Citizens Gathering

Sunday January 16, 2022

4:00-6:30 PM

If King were alive today, he would doubtless encourage those who celebrate his life to recognize their responsibility to struggle as he did for a more just and peaceful world….
--Clayborne Carson, Professor of American History at Stanford University and King Scholar

Join us to talk and dream together about racial relations today as we remember and honor Martin Luther King, Jr.

A Virtual Gathering to Create a Reflective Space

4:00-4:10 Welcome

4:10-4:40 Social Dreaming Matrix

4:40-5:20 Large Group

5:20-6: 00 Small Groups

6:00-6:30 Large Group / Review and Application / Goodbyes

Hosts

Richard Gilman	**Tina Ali Mohammad**
Dale Godby	**Everett Moore**
Christina Lee	**Carla Pulliam**
Ben Meyers	**Aurolina Valdés**

KING QUOTES

LOVE

Love is mankind's most potent weapon for personal and social transformation.

--*The Strength to Love,* p. 23

Power without love is reckless and abusive and … love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice.

--*Where do We Go from Here?* p. 90

HATE

Hate is just as injurious to the person who hates. Like an unchecked cancer, hate corrodes the personality and eats away its vital unity.

--*Where do We Go from Here?* p. 64

NONVIOLENCE

Nonviolence … does not seek to defeat or humiliate the opponent, but to win his friendship and understanding.

--*Stride Toward Freedom,* p. 102

Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon. It is a weapon unique in history, which cuts without wounding, and ennobles the man who wields it, it is a sword that heals.

--*Why We Can't Wait,* p. 26

The aftermath of nonviolence is the creation of the beloved community, while the aftermath of violence is tragic bitterness.

--*Stride Toward Freedom,* p. 102

Other Ways to Celebrate Martin Luther King Day
Monday January 17, 2022

Dallas Dinner Table (https://dallasdinnertable.com/)

Dallas Dinner Table exists to:

1. Encourage communication about race relations and the impact of ethnicity on relationships
2. Educate participants about perspectives held by others related to race relations
3. Empower citizens to develop relationships with people from a variety of racial/ethnic groups.

Dallas Dinner Table meets on the evening of MLK and achieves their goals by focused conversations led by experienced hosts. A great way to meet and discuss these issues with concerned citizens of Dallas and now that we are virtual this year folks from around the country.

Dallas Institute of Humanities (http://dallasinstitute.org/mlk-jr-symposium-2/)

For the past 15 years the Dallas Institute of Humanities brings nationally known individuals to speak on topics related to Dr. King's legacy after which a panel engages with the speaker and the audience. Due to the Pandemic this is still to be announced for certain.

JANUARY 17, 7:00 – 8:45PM
Reception, 6:00PM
Venue: Moody Performance Hall – 2520 Flora Street, Dallas

PURSUING RACIAL JUSTICE IN 21st CENTURY AMERICA
The Dallas Institute continues its tradition of beginning the New Year with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium, which emphasizes the continuing impact of Dr. King's legacy on civil rights in America

Selected Martin Luther King, Jr. Readings

Andrus,M. (2021). *In the beloved community: The friendship of Thich Nhat Hanh and Martin Luther King, Jr.* Berkeley, CA: Parallax Press.

Ayres, A. (1993). (Ed.). *The wisdom of Martin Luther King, Jr.: An A to Z guide to the ideas and ideals of the great civil rights leader.* New York: Penguin Group.

Baldwin, L.V. (2012). (Ed.). "*In a single garment of destiny": A global vision of justice. Martin Luther King, Jr.* Boston: Beacon Press.

Carson, C. (1998). (Ed.). *The autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.* Boston: Grand Central Publishing.

This is an edited work by the foremost King scholar. King having been assassinated at 39 didn't write an autobiography. Clayborne Carson put this together from his writings. In the Audible edition Carson uses actual recordings of King in many places, which brings one close to the living King.

Carson, C. (2013). *Martin's Dream: My journey and the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.: A memoir.* New York: Palgrave Macmillan

King, C. S. with B. Reynolds (2018). *Coretta: My life, my love, my legacy*. New York: Picador: Henry Holt and Company.

West, C. (1992). (Ed.). *The Radical King.* Boston: Beacon Press.

The King Institute at Stanford University.
(https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/)

This website is the best place to learn about King scholarship. It grows out of Clayborne Carson's life's work. King's papers are being published in what is projected to be a 14-volume series. The first 7 volumes are currently available.