Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On this coming Monday, many will reflect on the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Listed below are ways some of the members of Seventh-day Adventist Church in North American are remembering the life of Dr. King:

Lake Union:

2012 MLK Celebration at Andrews University

"Prophetic Imagination: Breaking Through To A New Vision" is the theme for this year’s Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration to be held January 12–17, 2012, on the campus of Andrews University:

World-renowned Old Testament scholar and author Walter Brueggemann will give the celebration keynote. Through his presentation, "The Prophetic Imagination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,” Brueggemann validates Dr. King’s universal contribution to the important role of prophets as peace makers and advocates of justice."

• 1/12/12 - Brueggemann will present “The Prophetic Imagination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.” as part of the University Forum lecture series at 11:30 a.m. in Pioneer Memorial Church. Later that same day, at 2:30 p.m. in the Seminary Chapel, he will present “The Revolutionary Practice of Sabbath.” Both lectures are free and open to the public.

• Through the weeklong celebration, three 2012 Martin Luther King Legacy of Freedom Awards will be presented. The Legacy of Freedom Awards were instituted at Andrews in 2006 to recognize individuals or organizations who exemplify King’s values of civility and equality.

• 1/12/12, during University Forum, Berrien Springs’s own Elaine Chaudoir will be presented with a 2012 MLK Legacy of Freedom Award. Chaudoir began her volunteer service in 1958 as a charter
member of the Berrien Springs Civic League. Her example of community involvement has influenced her family and impacted our community in countless ways. She has logged more than 29,000 hours as a volunteer with Lakeland Healthcare and held volunteer positions supporting Berrien Springs Public Schools.

• 1/14/12, James and Gloria Hippler, local business owners, will also receive a 2012 MLK Legacy of Freedom Award for their indefatigable global, as well as local, service to the under-resourced. The award will be presented during the 11:20 a.m. worship service on Sabbath at Pioneer Memorial Church.

• 1/14/12, During the 11:30 a.m. New Life Fellowship Worship service in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary chapel, seminarian Richard White will be presented with a 2012 MLK Legacy of Freedom Award. White is being honored for his contribution to Harbor of Hope Mission and his work with Harbor Habitat.

Also during New Life Fellowship worship service, Seminary student Richard Means will deliver “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop.” This was Dr. King’s last speech, delivered April 3, 1968, the day before his death.

Original works of poetry and drama, as well as religious and secular music, based on this year’s theme, are all part of Praize Café, held Saturday evening, from 7–10 p.m. in the RESA Building, 711 St. Joseph Ave (Old U.S. 31). Student organizers welcome everyone to enjoy the presentations and café atmosphere.

• 1/17/12, Celebration events conclude on Tuesday, with two Academic Choices options at 11:30 a.m. A screening of “Angelina Jolie: Skin Deep” will run in the Newbold Auditorium of Buller Hall. “Skin Deep” goes beyond the hype of Hollywood and the red carpet to explore Jolie’s unconventional life. Mother, philanthropist and goodwill ambassador, she is a woman on a mission, a high-profile supporter of humanitarian causes, who donates generously of both her time and finances.

Also at 11:30 a.m., the 2012 MLK Social Justice Symposium will be held in the Garber Auditorium of Chan Shun Hall. “The Spoiled Inheritance: Four Looming Crises” is the topic for presentations and discussions by students in ENGL 215. Presentations will explore topics such as global economic change, emotional depression and media influences on gender ideals.

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration is planned each year by a committee of Andrews’ staff members under the auspices of the Office of the Provost. Events are designed to honor the life and legacy of King and challenge the community to engage in finding peaceful solutions to issues of civil rights, poverty and social injustice.

Mid-America Union:
**Powery to present at Union College Martin Luther King, Jr. Day service**

• 1/17/12, At a special Union College chapel celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Dr. Luke Powery will present “Lessons from the Unknown Black Bards,” a musical journey through the history of black Americans as seen in the lyric and melody of spirituals.

Powery currently serves as the Perry and Georgia Engle Assistant Professor of Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary. He has served in an ecumenical capacity at churches in Switzerland, Canada and the United States and authored Spirit Speech: Lament and Celebration in Preaching and the upcoming Dem Bones: Preaching, Death and Hope, an exploration of spirituals as a resource for preaching.

The chapel service will take place at 10:30 a.m. in the College View Seventh-day Adventist on the campus of Union College. The service is free and open to the public.

North Pacific Union:
**Walla Walla University to Present Two Events on MLK Day**

1/16/12, What does it mean to live in poverty? This year’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Day events at Walla Walla University will provide a personal view of this experience. Donna Beegle, a prominent scholar and speaker on poverty, will share her life story and perspectives at these two events:

• "War on Poverty: The Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.", 11 a.m., Walla Walla University Church
• "Where Do We Go From Here? Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Final Advice for Breaking Poverty Barriers", 7 p.m., Village Hall

Beegle is a prominent scholar, speaker and writer. She is the author of "See Poverty, Be the
Difference" and "An Action Approach to Educating Students Who Live in the Crisis of Poverty."
Beegle has studied the social and cultural effects of poverty for the last 20 years. Her life and work
have been featured in newspapers and television documentaries.  Full story

Pacific Union:
Orlan M Johnson to present at the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Los Angeles.
• 1/14/12, Fulfilling The Dream ....Creating A Healthy Beloved Community. This event will last all
day, concluding with the Summit, Starting at 11 o’clock when Mr. Orlan M. Johnson, Chair,
Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), appointed by President Obama and confirmed
by the US Senate, will speak. Summit at 3:30 p.m. at the Berean Adventist Church, 4211 W.
Adams Blvd., Los Angeles 90018. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Andrews University and currently a
member of the Capitol Hill Adventist Church. Please note that Johnson will be speaking at the
Prayer Breakfast for the LASD Clergy Council Prayer Breakfast from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the
H.O.P.E. for Life Foundation located at Manchester and Normandie, Los Angeles. Info: 323-735-
0228

• 1/16/12, Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church pastor, Michael B. Kelly II, is serving as an
honorary chairperson for the 19th annual Martin Luther King 3k Walk-A-Thon in Riverside, Calif.
The Walk-A-Thon is an opportunity for residents of the greater Riverside community to gather in
celebration of the life of this great American, Nobel Prize winner and civil rights leader, the Rev.
Martin Luther King Jr.

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