



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968

38th Annual Commemoration Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

“Honoring the Dream Today with Hope, Compassion, and Unity For All!”

Presented by: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Unity Committee, City of Fresno, CA.

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

Friday, January 14, 2022 - Opening Garlanding Ceremony 11:45 A.M. -12:45 P.M.

Location: Fresno County Courthouse Park (at MLK Memorial Bust, on the west side of park facing Van Ness) 1100 Van Ness Avenue Fresno, CA. 93724. Fresno Martin Luther King Unity Committee Facebook Page and City of Fresno Facebook Page and on Zoom (ID: 870 4811 5825) Welcome by City Council President Nelson Esparza, Councilmember Miguel Arias. Remarks by, FCSOS Superintendent Jim Yovino. Featuring Special Guest Speaker: Mayor Jerry Dyer, in honor of Rev. Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Contact: Dr. Sudarshan Kapoor (559) 435-2212 or Gail Gaston (559) 681-3140.

Friday, January 14, 2022- Awards Ceremony & Community Reception 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Location: Fresno City Hall, Council Chambers, 2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA. 93612. Fresno Martin Luther King Unity Committee Facebook Page and City of Fresno Facebook Page and on Zoom (ID: 870 4811 5825) The Award Recipients for this year are Ellie Bluestein (Posthumous)-Mr. Les Kimber Community Organization Award, Mona Tatum MLK Community Service Award, Trustee Valerie Davis -MLK Education Award, Mayor Jerry Dyer- MLK Public Service Award. Contact: Summer Gaston-Gehris, Summer.Gaston-Gehris@fresnounified.org or Dr. Jeff Hunt (559) 246-4432.

Saturday, January 15, 2022- Virtual: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Program: 9:00 A.M. View on Clovis Police Department's Facebook Page @ClovisPoliceDepartmentCalifornia. Keynote Speaker: Ms. Terri Kimber-Edwards, (Lifelong Educator/Kimber Legacy). Contact: Erin Ford-Horio (559) 324-2476 or erinf@cityofclovis.com.

Saturday, January 15, 2022 – M.L.K. Candlelight Peace Vigil 6:00 P.M.

Location: Fresno City Hall Breezeway, 2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA. 93721 Virtual: Fresno Martin Luther King Unity Committee Facebook Page and City of Fresno Facebook Page and on Zoom (ID: 870 4811 5825) Candles will be provided. Contact: John Sturdivant (559) 974-2503 or Dr. Sudarshan Kapoor (559) 435-2212.

Monday, January 17, 2022 – M.L.K. Community March 9:15 A.M.-10:45 A.M.

Location: St. John Cathedral, 2814 Mariposa Avenue Fresno, CA. 93721. Virtual: Fresno Martin Luther King Unity Committee Facebook Page and City of Fresno Facebook Page and on Zoom (ID: 870 4811 5825) Marchers assemble at 9:30 A.M. March begins at 10:00 A.M., stops at City Hall then proceeds to Veterans Memorial Auditorium (2425 Fresno Street) where program will conclude. Contact: James Lett III (559) 284- 6420, Gail Gaston (559) 681-3140.

Monday, January 17, 2022 - Virtual: Commemoration Program 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Virtual: Fresno Martin Luther King Unity Committee Facebook Page and City of Fresno Facebook Page and on Zoom (ID: 870 4811 5825) Join us on our social media platforms and via Zoom. In celebrating the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr. and his contributions to community diversity and our enriched culture. Commemoration Program Keynote Speaker Mr. Tyrone Willimas, CEO of Fresno Housing Authority. Contact: Ms. Terri Kimber Edwards (559) 908-0639 or email: Hon. Eric Payne at Eric.paynecmc@gmail.com.

Other VIRTUAL M.L.K. Events happening throughout Fresno you may wish to attend...

Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.- Virtual: Fresno County Students M.L.K. Speech Contest. Fresno County Superintendent of Schools will have an MLK Speech Contest. Contact: Dr.Jeff Hunt (559) 246-4432.

Thursday, January 13, 2022, Noon- 1:00 P.M. -Virtual: West Fresno Ministerial Alliance - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration 2022. Presented By: Moving Unity Forward Committee-Guest Speaker: Rev. Matthew Aaron Quainoo, Pastor of Solid Rock Community Church of God, in Kissimmee, FL.
Contact: Mrs. Celeste Cooper (559) 237-1444.

Sunday, January 16, 2022, at 3:00 P.M. - Virtual: M.L.K. Thematic Exploratorium Program, "Relive the experience of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church!" Fresno Martin Luther King Unity Committee Facebook Page and City of Fresno Facebook Page and on Zoom ID: (870 4811 5825) Contact: Bishop John A. Sims (559) 512-9836.

Friday, January 21, 2022, 12:00 P.M.- 12:50 P.M. - Dr. King Commemoration for Spring 2022.
Location Fresno State University, Peace Garden 5241 N. Maple Avenue Fresno, CA. 93740.
Contact: Brianna White (559) 278-4435.

Thursday, February 10, 2022, Virtual: Program begins at 6:00 P.M.- Fresno County Superintendent of Schools will have an M.L.K. Speech, Arts, and Essay Awards.

Special Thanks to Our Community Partners:

Mayor Jerry Dyer, City of Fresno
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Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Fresno Unified School District
Clovis Unified School District
Fresno Police Department California
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Fresno City Councilmembers Luis Chavez
And a Special Thanks to Councilmember Miguel Arias, District Three

M.L.K. Unity Committee Officers:

Founding Member & Chair: Dr. Sudarshan Kapoor

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