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NWA and U of A Communities Come Together to Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
March, vigil and banquet are highlights of the holiday

Thursday, January 16, 2014

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – The annual Northwest Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Day march and vigil will be held in honor of the slain civil rights leader’s legacy on Monday, Jan. 20 in Fayetteville. The march will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Walton Arts Center parking lot on Dickson St. and progress to Arkansas Ave. and Maple St. before ending at the Arkansas Union on the University of Arkansas campus. The march has been organized by the NWA Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Council. All community members are invited to participate.

Prior to the march the City of Fayetteville will present its MLK award to the city employee who best exhibits the spirit and legacy of Dr. King.

The MLK vigil will begin at noon, immediately following the march, in the Verizon Ballroom in the Arkansas Union, and the public is welcome. The event will feature a video montage of scenes from the civil rights struggle
in the 1950s and 60s, a video of Dr. King’s 1963 speech during the Great March on Washington, a poem by Kristin Smith and musical performances by Shirlandria Enoch and the U of A Inspirational Chorale. John Jones, director of the university’s Center for Multicultural and Diversity Education will deliver the keynote address.

The vigil is sponsored by the Associated Student Government, the Multicultural Center and the Black Students Association.

That evening the NWA Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Council will host the 18th annual Recommitment Banquet, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Fayetteville Town Center. The theme of the banquet – and of all the MLK Day events – is “Living Together as Brothers.” During the banquet local high school and college students will be awarded MLK scholarships from the council, and the annual Salute to Greatness will recognize four individuals and one organization for outstanding community service.

This year the banquet’s keynote address will be delivered in the form of a one act play, “Bound by Blood”, written and directed by Clinessha D. Sibley, associate professor of drama at the University of Arkansas, and performed by U of A drama students Britney Walker-Merritte and Brandyn Smith. The play is part of Sibley’s trilogy, King Me: Three One Act Plays Inspired by the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet ticket information is available at 479-575-4825 or http://www.nwamlk.org/mlk-banquet/tickets.

Several other events are also scheduled as part of the MLK Day celebration.

A Blanket, Hat, Scarf, and Glove Drive is being held all day Saturday, Jan. 18 at the St. James Missionary Baptist Church, 764 W. North Street in Fayetteville. The MLK Council will be collecting new and gently used blankets for the Peace at Home Family Shelter and will also be making fleece blankets for children in the shelter. The U of A Center for Community Engagement is working with the Office of Diversity in the Sam M. Walton College of Business to collect gloves, scarves, and hats that can be dropped off at the church, or at any MLK event during the week. Students from the university will prepare these items for distribution to local programs working with children and the homeless in NWA.

A memorial service, honoring Dr. King’s life and legacy will be held at 3 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 19, at St. James Missionary Baptist Church. Eli Jones, dean of the Sam M. Walton College of Business will be the keynote speaker. This event is hosted by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and NWA Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Council.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will begin in Fayetteville with the annual Youth Prayer Breakfast at 8 a.m. in the U of A’s Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House at 491 N. Razorback Rd. This event gives local youth a chance to come together in prayer and reflect on ways Dr. King's dream has impacted their lives. The prayer breakfast is followed by an activity session at 9:30 a.m. in the U of A HPER building, where the young people can play games such as basketball, volleyball and soccer. These events are sponsored by the NWA MLK Council, U of A Intramural Sports, and U of A Intercollegiate Athletics.

At 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, Arvest Bank on the Fayetteville Square will host a reception in its main lobby to honor the spirit and memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charles Robinson, vice chancellor for diversity and community and professor of history at the University of Arkansas will be the featured speaker. The Holcomb Elementary School Choir, directed by Paula Aldama, will also perform.

The MLK Day observance will conclude on Wednesday, Jan. 22, with a Day of Service event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Arkansas Union Connections Lounge. The event has been organized by the university’s student Volunteer Action Committee. A dozen local agencies and programs will have on-site service projects set up in the Lounge for any students, faculty, staff or community members who want to help out. Volunteers can also help pack the scarves, gloves and hats collected during the winter clothing drive.

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King’s compassion arose from his locating the sources of racist bigotry, wars, and poverty in the structures of society, its myths and institutions. We must change those if we are to end bigotry, wars, and poverty. --Dick

Martin Luther King, Jr. quotes
from the book
The Wisdom of Martin Luther King, Jr.
http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/Martin%20Luther%20King/MLKing_quotes.html

KING VS. US RACIAL BIGOTRY

1. Racism. No Way.: Fact Sheets: Martin Luther King Jnr (1929-1968)
   Martin Luther King Jr, the great civil rights leader, spoke these words on the ... the city's garbage workers against low wages and intolerable working conditions.
2. Images for martin luther king against racism
   - Report images

3. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Fighting for Equal Rights in America...
   https://tavaana.org/.../martin-luther-king-jr-fighting-equal-rights-america...
   However, these victories could not dismantle the systemic racism that ... Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. sought to raise the public consciousness of racism, to end racial ....Police forces in many Southern cities did not hesitate to use violence against ...

4. Martin Luther King Jr. - Why His Dream for Racial Equality
   www.everystudent.com/features/dream.html

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led the civil rights movement for equal rights and equality.... The lingering vestiges of America's past challenge .... the winds of disaster blow, and the tidal waves of grief beat against our lives, ...

“A Class Divided,” A Class They Would Never Forget

1. Join The Discussion | A Class Divided | FRONTLINE | PBS
   www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/divided/talk/index2.html

At least racists can see when they are attacking the others; gay bigots often ... and when I tell him they a...
KING VS. US MILITARISM, EMPIRE, WARS

Everyday. somewhere in Afghanistan, Somalia, Yemen, Pakistan as before in Libya and Iraq, children perish in air strikes.

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

International Campaign for Awareness of King's Condemnation of U.S. Wars and the "unjust overseas predatory investments they are meant to maintain."

In remembrance of Martin Luther King, an international campaign to petition pastors of all faiths to condemn ongoing US wars in a half-dozen innocent poor nations in the Middle East as King would have mightily condemned them. King was murdered after fiercely condemning US wars maintaining predatory investments all around the world.

This King Condemned US Wars Revival was kicked off at Riverside Church, the site of King's world shaking sermon condemning US wars, the "unjust overseas predatory investments they are meant to maintain," and the absurd lies that make them acceptable, with an internationally distributed petition to all pastors to lead us in King’s footsteps.

If you believe in Martin Luther King's dream and that King rightly condemned U.S. imperialist wars, please add your support to that of former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark, author of the Civil Rights Acts.
In this age of instant communication a few thousand King followers will awaken many millions to what King taught about these wars and their causes. The world wide beloved image of King will be the catalyst for people everywhere to realize their capability to make wars unacceptable.

The [http://kingcondemneduswars.blogspot.com/](http://kingcondemneduswars.blogspot.com/) campaign is in memory of Howard Zinn’s radio broadcasts’ call to echo Martin Luther King's sermon, *Beyond Vietnam, a Time to Break Silence*. Endorsed by Fellowship of Reconciliation, Pax Christi International, Pastors For Peace, Buddhist Peace Fellowship, Thomas Merton Anti-War Committee, Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship, Father Paul Mayer, Dr. Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary, Rev. Emmanuel Char. McCarthy, Center Christian Nonviolence, Dr. Cornell West, Rabbi Michael Lerner, Rev. Bruce Southworth (see complete list)

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**King Condemned US Wars & Unjust Overseas Predatory Investments**

**Petition to All Pastors**

In remembrance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we ask that you forthrightly and unequivocally condemn this blowing apart of our brothers and sisters and their children all around the world just as King condemned it.

We ask further that you condemn, as King did, the lies used to justify the murder and maiming of families in their own homes and villages, and the subversion, destabilization and destruction of their homelands in the interests of predatory investments,

Finally, just as Dr. King, in his sermon *Beyond Vietnam - a Time to Break Silence*, recounted to us the history of the lies, from 1945 onward, used to trick Americans into supporting the Vietnam war, we ask you to expose the lies that have concealed secret arrangements for CIA covert crimes against humanity in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere in the world since 1953, - arrangements that always originate within a dominant financial element that rules our society through ownership and manipulation of 98% of all electronic and print media sources of information.

Reverend, please repeat Martin Luther King’s public denunciation of American homicide abroad, currently being heartlessly practiced in six Muslim nations. King
cried out, “The Greatest Purveyor of Violence in the World Today is My Own Government,” “Every man of humane convictions must protest, we must all protest.” King warned us, “Silence is betrayal” "The hottest fires in hell are reserved for those, who in times of moral crisis, maintain neutrality."

King was silenced so the imperialist wars he condemned could go on. We are no longer silent. May our clergy lead us in prosecuting those promoting war.

signatures

RAMSEY CLARK

(100+ of the Congregation at Riverside Church signed, Sunday, July 10, 2011)

Petition to All Pastors (short version -abbreviated from the full worded Petition)

In remembrance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we ask that you forthrightly and unequivocally condemn this blowing apart of our brothers and sisters and their children all around the world just as King condemned it.

We call upon you to repeat Martin Luther King’s, public denunciation of American homicide abroad and the unjust overseas predatory investments Dr. King said these US wars are intended to force upon vulnerable nations.

signatures

Ramsey Clark
RESOLUTION PROPOSED FOR ALL ANTIWAR CONVENTIONS

A recent week-end national conference of antiwar organizations saw the introduction of the following prescient resolution by a Korean war veteran, long a member of Veterans For Peace:

"Whereas during WW II and the Allied occupation of Germany afterward, we soldiers, our folks back home and the citizens of the Germany invaded, bombed, and occupied nations in their hearts, to a great degree, held the German people responsible for the crimes of their soldiers and government, and

- whereas there be few adult Americans, who are not in some way or another complicit in the crimes against humanity of their brothers and sisters in colonially impoverished nations since WW II,

Be it resolved -
- that we will seek to make the public aware of its power to end war acceptance; end war capability in our society; be aware of our citizen responsibility for the crimes against humanity illegally ordered by our elected public servants; and consider the shame of our participation. For during the year before his assassination, Martin Luther King Jr. demanded Americans take responsibility for the wars that were atrocities, agonizing over his own previous silence."

King was planning a march of the poor on Washington after condemning the wars and the
"unjust predatory investments they are meant to maintain," the Bertrand Russell - Jean-Paul Satre Vietnam War Tribunal was in the news and at the trial for sedition of Benjamin Spock, King's prospective running mate should have decided to run for president, lawyers were attempting to introduce the Nuremberg Principles of Crimes Against Humanity. King taught that the American people are responsibility for the wars and have the capability to make them unacceptable and inoperable through non-participation. When enough citizens are allowed to know all this, it will happen just as King demanded that it happen.

Getting to Know "A Time to Break Silence!"

- Beyond Vietnam Time to Break Silence 4/4/67
- Christ Mass in OWS 'Liberty Park' Honored Rev. Martin Luther King Pacifism, CBS, Associated Press
- King Condemned US Wars Maintaining Predatory Capitalist Investments and Was Shot Dead
- King Monument And King's Condemnation Of U.S. Wars
- King Would Have Demanded Nuremberg Style Indictment of US Leaders and We Will!
- King Would Have Stopped Vietnam and TODAY'S WARS as He Stopped Segregation!
- King's Anguish versus Our Apathy Then and Now
- Listen to King on YouTube re Source of Wars
- MLK in 1967, "America is Approaching Spiritual Death!" (2011, America is Spiritually Dying!)
- MLK Jr. & Acceptable Killing of Children by Air Strkes in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Yemen, Pakistan, Libya
- MLK Was Murdered Exactly One Year After Condemning U.S. Imperialist War and Capitalism
- National Petition Launched Encouraging Pastor to Condemn U.S. Wars As King Did
- Quote A Martyred Progressive's Condemnation of U.S. Wars
- Rev. King Jr. Re: U.S. Extermination Programs and 1/2 Humanity living on $2 a Day
- What Tony Bennett Said About 9/11 Martin Luther King Jr. Would Have Also
- Why I Am Opposed ... MLK, 4/30/67

Martin Luther King Postal Stamp
Petition to All Pastors (short version)

King Condemned US Wars & Unjust Overseas Predators

International Campaign for Awareness of King's Condemned U.S. Wars

About King Condemned U.S. Wars

Origin and Goals

Noam Chomsky-"America must prosecute its own war criminals"; Chomsky and Ed Herman, "If the Nuremberg laws were applied, then every post-war American president would have been hanged"; Former US Att. Gen. Ramsey Clark, author of "US War Crimes in the Gulf, “The greatest crime since World War II has been U.S. foreign policy"; Elliot Adams, former President, Veterans For Peace, author of "The indictment of President Obama and all who follow his criminal orders"-read at the US Air Force Drone Base, Hancock, NY; Rev. Jeremiah Wright-"God Damn America for her crimes against humanity"; Cindy Sheehan,"War criminals need to go to prison for what they have done, no pardon"; Cornel West, "Drones are War Crimes!"; KIm Peterson, Dissident Voice, “Justice is required, otherwise what would serve as a brake on future war crimes?” Bill Blum, AntiEmpire Report; Tom Feeley, publisher of Information Clearing House; Angela Keaton, Antiwar.com/Come Home America”; peoples historian jay janson, coordinator, King Condemned US Wars International Awareness and of this website. Full list at page bottom.

View my complete profile

MLKjr on Source of Wars Following in Dr. King's Footsteps
MLKjr on Source of Wars

"Look across the seas and see individual capitalists of the West investing huge sums of money in Asia, Africa, and South America, only to take the profits out with no concern for the social betterment of the country. This is a role our nation has taken, ... refusing to give up the privileges and the pleasures that comes from the immense profits of overseas investments. This is not just."

"The greatest purveyor of violence in the world today is my own government."

Endorsements

Riverside Church Global Justice and Peace Ministry, NYC
Medical Journal of Therapeutics Africa

Fellowship of Reconciliation
Pax Christi International
Pastors For Peace

Buddhist Peace Fellowship
Thomas Merton Center Anti-War Committee
Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship
Father Paul Mayer
Climate Crisis Coalition
Dr. Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary
Rev. Emmanuel Char. McCarthy, (Byzantine- Melkite)
Center for Christian Nonviolence
Dr. Cornel West
Father Simon Harak, S.J.

Marquette U. Center for Peace Making

Father Jude, Yaounde, Cameroon
Rabbi Michael Lerner
Bruce Gagnon, Global Net Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space

Veterans For Peace
former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark

Pete Seeger, folksinger

Wynton Marsalis, trumpet soloist, composer
Rep. Cynthia McKinney

Cindy Sheehan, antiwar activist

John Carlos, Olympic medalist
John Piger Australian Journalist, Film Maker

Activists Celebrate King's Birthday Demand for Wall St. Wars King Prosecuted

King Who Condemned US Wars Again Supporting Clergy's Praise

King Condemned US Wars versus Obama Continues Starts Wars Lies About 'em

MLKjr' Condemnation of Predatory Capitalism Deleted in Black History Month

A Letter to MLK Jr., re the Same Media He Fought & the FCC

The Silence of Clergy Today versus Rev. King's Betrayal!

A Nation Always Murdering in Smaller Rich Investors Is Evil

MLK Assassination Anniversary Yesterday Useful Today

Dems, GOP, Fear Rev. Martin Luther Shake 'em Up! Quote King!

Corporate Media Keeps King "in his place"! Buries King's Fiery Condemnation of US Wars

MLK at 83 Would Still be Debating the Slaughters and Lies of Capitalist Imperialism

Black History Month Ignores MLK Jr. U.S. Wars, Predatory Capitalism

Media Suppression of MLKjr's Condemnation of Vietnam War as an Atrocity Helped McCain Candidacy

Unveiling The Monument But NOT King's Condemnation Of U.S. Wars for Wall St.

PROSECUTE US CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY NOW (adjunct web site)

See MaryKnoll Newsletter, Sept/Oct http://www. maryknollogc.org

Pastors Who Condemn(ed) U.S. War

Rev. Bill Coffin (deceased) indicted for A Call to Resist
Michael Parenti

Paul Craig Roberts, journalist
Joel Kovel, author, "Enemy of Nature"

David Amram, composer
Richard D. Wolff, economist, U. of Massachusetts
James Vrettos, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Bill Blum, Anti-Empire Report
International Action, Sara Flounders
Black Agenda Report, Glen Ford
War Is A Crime, David Swanson
American Iranian Friendship Committee (AIFC)

Voices For Creative Non-Violence, Kathy Kelly

Information Clearing House, Tom Feeley
Cultures of Resistance Network

Come Home America US, Angela Keaton

CODEPINK
Grandmothers Against the War
John O'Connor, Vice Pres. Local 802 Musicians AFL
Ann Wright, Colonel US Army (Ret.)

Gen. Smedley Butler Chapter VFP
Minority Perspective United Kingdom
Counter Currents, Kerala, India

Women Against Military Madness (WAMM)

Stephen Lendman, Pacific Radio News Hour

Dissident Voice
Finian Cunningham

Ron Fisher, WeThePeople.com and Prosecute War Criminals
Friends of Sabeel--North America

Stephen Chan OBE U. of London

We Want World Peace
Rev. Bruce Southworth
OpEdNews

Illegitimate Authority"

- Rev. Jeremiah Wright damned the nation for its crimes against humanity

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Petition initiative actively supported by Global Justice
Riverside Church; Pax Christi International; Fellowship
Reconciliation; Veterans For Peace; Pastors For Peace;
Office For Global Concerns; Archbishop Desmond
widest publication and distribution; Come Home America
Countercurrents, Kerala, India, Minority Perspective
promoting its spread.

Anyone wishing to help this MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
CONDEMNED US WARS INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS
CAMPAIGN accelerate toward fulfillment of Rev. Dr. King's
command that WE THE PEOPLE make "these immoral, illegal
undeclared ATROCITY WARS, ALL MEANT TO MAINTAIN
UNJUST PREDATORY INVESTMENTS," become
and inoperable through NON-PARTICIPATION,
NON-SUPPORT, NON-ACQUIESCENCE and CONSCIENTIOUS
OBJECTION, may email us at:
WarsForPredatoryInvestments@yahoo.com
And Dr. King was planning the Poor People's Campaign when he ...of capitalism but in a higher synthesis...that combines the truth of both”.

2. Martin Luther King's Progressive Legacy | ThinkProgress
thinkprogress.org/.../celebrating-martin-luther-kings-progressive...
by Igor Volsky - in 731 Google+ circles
Jan 21, 2013 - King Said Poverty Made Him “Question The Capitalistic Economy”: King ... “If it hadn’t been for Martin Luther King Jr., there would be no Barack ...

3. Martin Luther King: We Are Not Interested in Being Integrated into...
rajpatel.org/.../martin-luther-king-we-are-not-interested-in-being-integrat...
Jan 18, 2010 - It's Martin Luther King Day here in the US. We celebrate ... One day we must ask the question, “Why are there forty million poor people in America? ... When you ask that question, you begin to question the capitalistic economy.

4. Quotes About Capitalism (446 quotes) - Goodreads
www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/capitalism
446 quotes have been tagged as capitalism: Carl Sagan: 'One of the saddest ... Quotes tagged as "capitalism" (showing 1-30 of 446) ... Martin Luther King Jr. ... of values will soon look uneasily on the glaring contrast of poverty and wealth.

5. Womanist Musings: Martin Luther King Jr: A Legacy Ignored
www.womanist-musings.com/.../martin-luther-king-jr-legacy-ignored.ht...
Jan 18, 2010 - Martin Luther King on racism, poverty, capitalism, and other big questions ... There is a reason why few will quote Dr. King after 1963.

6. dr. martin luther king, jr: “question the capitalistic ... - Voice of Detroit
voiceofdetroit.net/.../dr-martin-luther-king-jr-question-the-capitalistic-ec...
Jan 21, 2013 - The Southern Christian Leadership Conference Presidential Address: Dr.King on racism, poverty, capitalism, and other big questions.

7. There Is Something Wrong With Capitalism: Martin Luther King and the
www.huffingtonpost.com/.../martin-luther-king-capitalism_b_2506893.h...
Jan 22, 2013 - As we honor Martin Luther King, Jr. it's important that we honor who the... King died on April 4, 1968, preparing to lead a Poor People's March ...
8. The Economics of Martin Luther King, Jr. – LewRockwell.com
https://www.lewrockwell.com/.../the-economics-of-martin-luther-king-jr/
Feb 1, 1991 - We're supposed to venerate Martin Luther King, Jr., but that's not ... Time and again, King called on us to “question the capitalistic economy” and “restructure America. ... resources, as in the U. S. S. R., mean chaos and poverty.

9. Martin Luther King, Jr., SCLC Presidential Address, 1967
Speech ...
www.democraticunderground.com › ... › General Discussion (Forum)
Jan 16, 2012 - 1 post
Martin Luther King on racism, poverty, capitalism, and other big questions. This is Martin Luther King, Jr.'s last presidential address to the ...

10. The Martin Luther King Jr we don't remember – socio-economic critic ...
freedomthistime.wordpress.com/.../the-martin-luther-king-jr-we-don't-re...
Jul 11, 2011 - Martin Luther King Jr, in his capacity as critic of racism and deliverer of the famous ... The Martin Luther King Jr we don't remember – socio-economic critic, anti-capitalist and ... What solutions did Dr King advocate to poverty?

11. Martin Luther King's last fight - International Socialist Review
isreview.org/issues/58/feat-MLK.shtml
They are too poor even to rise with the society, too impoverished by the ages to ... In truth, Dr. King's political ideas, while firmly rooted in Christian ideals, were far ...themselves up “by their own bootstraps,” and was highly critical of capitalism.

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