WHAT IS YOUR POSITION

IN TIMES OF CHALLENGE AND CONTROVERSY?

Martin Luther King Jr.
Celebration 2018

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The 2018 MLK Celebration theme is “What is your position in times of challenge and controversy?” It is inspired by the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy.”

SUNDAY, JAN. 14
Northside Ministerial Alliance 32nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, 4 p.m.
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 120 Roberson St., Kalamazoo
Keynote speaker is Pastor Jonathan Tremaine Thomas of Destiny Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

MONDAY, JAN. 15
City of Kalamazoo Communitywide Day of Service, 8 a.m.
Kalamazoo City Hall, 241 W. South St.
Volunteer opportunities are available at volunteerkalamazoo.org.

Teach-in “Addressing Threats to Justice, Climate, Civil Rights, and World Peace: A Day of Learning and Action,” 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bernhard Center, Western Michigan University
For more information, contact allen.webb@wmich.edu.

Convocation, 10:50 a.m.
Stetson Chapel, Kalamazoo College
Speaker is Mariame Kaba, organizer, speaker and author whose work focuses on ending violence, dismantling the prison industrial complex, transformative justice and supporting youth leadership development. She is also the founding director of Project NIA, a grassroots organization dedicated to ending youth incarceration, and the co-founder of the Chicago Freedom School. For more information, contact Natalia Carvalho-Pinto, (269) 337-7208 or ncarvalh@kazo.edu.

Pre-MLK Walk Lunch Discussion, 1 p.m.
Kaney Chapel Dialogue Center
Participants gather to engage in discussion surrounding the differences and similarities between the Civil Rights era and today. Posters will be available for decorating as well as food and hot chocolate. For more information, contact (269) 387-2506 or kanley-staff@wmich.edu.

Commemorative Walk, 3:30 p.m.
Gather at WMU Kanley Chapel, proceed to Kalamazoo College Red Square, then MLK Park in downtown Kalamazoo. At the park, there will be a short keynote address, brief remarks by college students and a song led by community members.

Community Celebration, immediately following Commemorative Walk, approximately 5 to 6 p.m.
State Theatre, 404 S. Burdick Ave., Kalamazoo
Hot chocolate and cookies are provided while viewing highlights of the week as well as local entertainment. Sponsored by Bronson Healthcare and Borgess Ascension. For more information, contact Mikka Dryer, (269) 341-8323, or Sister Sue McCrery, (269) 226-5937.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16
National Day of Racial Healing
Visit facebook.com/thedayofheal/ or kalfound.org or contact Lanna Lewis at lsewes@kalfound.org for updates on ways to participate and local activities hosted by Kalamazoo Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation.

Presentation of Dr. Lewis Walker Youth Social Justice Award Winners, 7 p.m.
Kalamazoo City Hall, during the City Commission meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 14
Emerging HOPE Family Strengthening Program Mental Health Forum, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Community Advocates, 3901 Emerald Drive, Kalamazoo
The forum features a keynote address by Kevin Fischer, executive director of the Michigan chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Fischer is the founder of the Dominique Fischer Memorial Foundation. He is dedicated to eliminating the stigma of mental illness, which he considers the leading barrier to early diagnoses and treatment. Following the keynote, participants can attend one of three educational workshops. Mental health agency booths will be set up. Lunch will be provided, and event t-shirts will be given to the first 100 registered participants. State Continuing Education Clock Hours and WMU Continuing Education Units will be offered for all workshops and keynote address. There is a fee for both SCECHs and WMU CEUs of $15 per participant. Registration is $25 with limited scholarships available. To register, visit surveymonkey.com/s/1QX9LPK7 or emerginghopeps.org. For more information, contact Curtis Robinson Sr. or Dr. Pamela Robinson at (269) 205-3356.