

MARTIN LUTHER KING:

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The University of Oregon, Black Student Union invites you to celebrate the First National Holiday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The theme of this year's event, "Still Striving to Keep the Dream Alive," will be expressed through the words of the program speaker, Dr. Vincent Harding.

Dr. Vincent Harding is a native of New York City and is a graduate of the City University of New York and Columbia University School of Journalism. He also holds an M.A. and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago. With his wife, Rosemarie, he worked full-time in the Southern-based Black freedom movement in the early 1960s, before becoming chairman of the Department of History and Sociology at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA. In 1968 he became director of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Center and the coordinator of the nationally televised CBS "Black Heritage" series. Harding was one of the organizers of the Institute of the Black World, and in 1969 became its first director; he is now chairman of the Institute's board. His previously published books include, *Must Walls Divide?*, *The Other American Revolution* and *There Is a River*.

This event will be held on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 4:00 p.m. in Gerlinger Lounge, 15th and University, University of Oregon, Eugene. A reception will immediately follow. Admission is free to all.

Early Childhood Center

The students and staff at Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Childhood Education Center will be presenting its annual commemoration assembly in honor of the life and accomplishments of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Traditionally, this annual commemoration is well attended by the community along with the staff and students. Expected to attend are the Mayor, the Honorable "Bud" Clark; the Portland Public School Superintendent, Dr. Matthew Prophet; District 18 Representative Margaret Carter; Rainbow Coalition and Black United Front Co-Chairman Ron Herndon; King School's Director of Instruction, Dr. William Gerald; and Neil Goldschmidt, Gubernatorial Candidate, as well as other school and community personalities.

The assembly this year will be held at the Martin Luther King Cafetorium on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 9:30 a.m.

Greater Solid Rock C.O.G.I.C.

A Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration will take place Jan. 19 at 3:00 p.m. at the Greater Solid Rock C.O.G.I.C., 1705 N.E. Dekum. State Representative Margaret Carter will be the main speaker.



Ossie Davis (left) and Ruby Dee are co-hosts and producers of **Martin Luther King: The Dream and the Drum**. The hour-long program of poetry, prose, and music coincides with the first national celebration of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Oregon Public Broadcasting, January 15, 9:00 p.m., Ch. 10.

The Dream and the Drum

In 1963 civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King gave his most famous speech in which he spoke of a dream—a dream of Blacks and whites living peacefully together, a dream of international peace, a dream of freedom and a dream of brotherhood. Public television pays tribute to Dr. King and his dream in an hour-long program of poetry, prose and music coinciding with the first national celebration of Dr. King's birth.

Martin Luther King: The Dream and the Drum takes a non-traditional approach to explore Dr. King's dream. His struggle for equality and his vision for a better society are examined through the writings of distinguished poets, lecturers, politicians and authors who shared Dr. King's vision, as well as those who disagreed with his ideals.

Program hosts Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis, along with actresses Miriam Colon, Freda Shen, Kim Hunter and actor Theodore Bikel read and perform works by Gwendolyn Brooks, Countee Cullen, Sonia Sanchez, Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Alice Walker, J. Edgar Hoover, George Wallace, Malcolm X and others. The program interweaves readings of poetry, prose and speeches with the music of Max Roach and Sweet Honey in the Rock, and includes footage of Dr. King delivering his own exquisite prose.

Public response

Close to a thousand pieces of mail are being received daily by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission, Coretta Scott King, widow of the slain civil rights leader and chair of the Commission appointed to establish the new Federal holiday, announced recently.

Mrs. King attributed the remarkable public response to the accelerated interest built up in the final month before the Nation celebrates its newest holiday and to the widespread distribution of pledge cards across the country, asking the public to endorse the principles of peace and brotherhood of Dr. King.

In addition, all except four states and Puerto Rico, have taken action to observe the holiday, either on Jan. 20, the national day of recognition or on Dr. King's actual birthday, Jan. 15. The majority of states have established state commissions to organize state and local celebrations.

Nations around the world will also participate in tribute to Dr. King, who was recognized internationally as a world leader and Nobel laureate. Pledge cards in several languages have been distributed by the United States Information Service abroad to further the observance. And the United Nations Secretary-General has been invited to participate in King Week ceremonies in Atlanta, the week of Jan. 11 to 20. Members of the President's Cabinet and members of Congress will also attend the week's events.

Numerous television and radio programs will be aired during the week before the Federal holiday, climaxed by a prime-time special produced by Stevie Wonder on Monday, Jan. 20. Wonder, who is entertainment chair of the Holiday Commission, plans to have the program originate in Atlanta, Washington, DC and New York City.

Henceforth, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday will be observed on the third Monday of January as designated by an Act of Congress.

Washington state

Clark County and Southwest Washington will observe the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This is only one phase of a state-wide observance.

Monday, Jan. 6, Mayor Bryce Seidl, of Vancouver, issued a Proclamation in observance of Dr. King's Birthday, proclaiming Jan. 12-20 as Martin Luther King Days.

Thursday, Jan. 16, 1-2 p.m. Vancouver Elementary Schools will

celebrate King's Birthday.

Thursday, Jan. 16, 7-9 p.m. a Community Celebration will be held in Gaiser Hall at Clark College. The public is invited. Program, display and refreshments will be part of the celebration.

Monday, Jan. 20 State-wide Celebration honoring Dr. King will be held, focusing in Olympia. Join the caravan to Olympia leaving Hudon's Bay parking lot at 9 a.m.

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