

# College Students Honor King

## Oregon Schools organize MLK service projects

In 1968 Martin Luther King Jr. proclaimed, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve." On Monday, Jan. 18, 1,200 students from 11 Oregon colleges and universities will honor Dr. King through a united day of service.

"The vision for the day is to join our institutions together to reflect on and learn about the life of King, as well as show the Portland metro area that college students really care about our community by serving its people," said Warner Pacific College President

Andrea Cook.

The day will begin with a rally hosted by Concordia University in northeast Portland. Students will hear from the local King



Eleven Oregon colleges offer community service during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Elementary School Choir, keynote speaker Pastor Mark Strong of the Life Change Christian Center, and Portland Pastor Emmett Wheatfall, who will recite the words of Dr. King.

Immediately following the rally, students will board buses and head out to over 15 project sites across Portland. A wide

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1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure.

At the age of 35, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he an-

nounced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tenn., where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

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Prayer Meeting & Seminar: Monday - Friday 12:00

Worship Service 12:00 Noon  
Evangelistic Service 7:00 P.M.

# Obama and King: Nobel Prize Winners

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ing that it was politically charged, and Obama had few concrete accomplishments.

King, like Obama, lived in times that were perhaps equally trying.

Looking back at newspaper headlines shortly before he was awarded the prize in 1964, the country was undergoing dramatic transformations. Civil rights marches turned violent as politicians waffled on support for the cause, and calls for more militant approaches became steadily louder.

But King stuck to the non-violent approach he modeled after Mahtma Ghandi who led India to independence from Britain in the 1940s.

The same year he was awarded the prize, King told a reporter for the New York Times that the more militant approaches to civil rights were "immoral and ineffective."

"Violence might bring about temporary victory, but it cannot bring about permanent peace," he later noted- words that Obama invoked in his acceptance speech.

King was also not without his

detractors. After being awarded the prize several conservative Norwegian papers argued that the committee was using the domestic problems of a single country "as the yard stick for the award of the prize."

Thirty five years ago, the former police commissioner of Birmingham, Ala., who had King arrested the year before during a violent protest, said that the committee was "scrapping the bottom of the barrel" in awarding King the prize.

Some critics of Obama's award said that it was ironic that he was awarded the prize for promoting fraternity between nations and working toward the "abolition or reduction of standing armies," while escalating the war in Afghanistan and taking few steps to confront the military-industrial complex.

Obama has traveled extensively during his young presidency working to reassure people across the world that America can be a source of moral fortitude and, maybe, change.

But just a year into his presidency it still remains to be seen if Obama will live up the expectations of the Nobel committee.



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