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We stand together,
richer
for our differences.

We celebrate the wisdom
of collaboration and the
strength in diversity.

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1955

- Received Doctorate of Philosophy in Systematic Theology from Boston University.
- Joins the bus boycott after Rosa Parks was arrested on Dec. 1. On Dec. 5, Dr. King is elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, making him the official spokesman for the boycott.

1956

- The Supreme Court rules that bus segregation is illegal, ensuring victory for the Montgomery bus boycott.

1957

- King forms the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to fight segregation and achieve civil rights. On May 17, Dr. King speaks to a crowd of 15,000 in Washington, D.C.

