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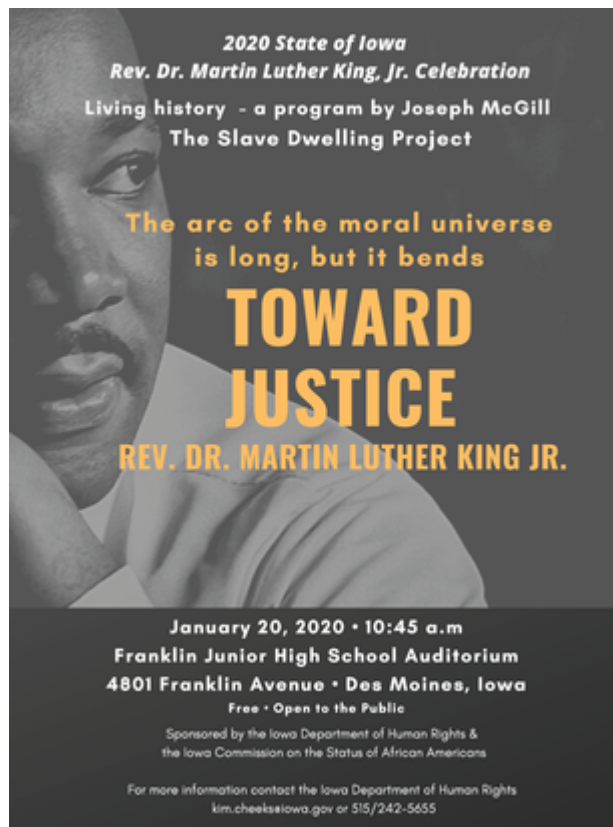
January 16, 2020

Office on Status of African-Americans

This is a compilation of information and announcements that impact the Black community. It is intended to disseminate information to service providers and other stakeholders that serve and work with Black Iowans.

2020 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Events

**State of Iowa
Iowa Commission on the Status of
African-Americans**



For Release
January 16, 2020

The State of Iowa Department of Human Rights' Office and Commission on the Status of African-Americans will host its annual celebration honoring the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 20, 2020.

Keynote

Monday's presentation will include a living history program, "The Arc of the Moral Universe Is Long, but It Bends Toward Justice", presented by Joseph McGill, Jr., founder of the [Slave Dwelling Project](#) and a former member of the Iowa Commission on the Status of African-Americans. The Slave Dwelling Project organizes overnight stays in extant slave dwellings to promote preservation of the dwellings and education about slavery and the contributions of African-Americans.

Achievement Awards

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Achievement Award will be presented to five individuals who have demonstrated commitment to the vision of Reverend Dr. King by promoting the racial equality of all people in Iowa through service, diversity, cultural awareness, and active community participation. The honorees are:

1. Lisa D. Covington, Program Coordinator of Beloved Community Initiative, Iowa City
2. Tiffany Johnson, Producing Artistic Director of Pyramid Theatre Company, Des Moines
3. Lieutenant Lillie M. Miller, Des Moines Police Department
4. Kimberly Wayne, Ed.D, Founder and Director of Jewels Academy, Des Moines
5. Susie Weinacht, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Cedar Rapids

Youth Award

A youth multi-media contest was held on the question: How would you demonstrate or promote courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service in your school or community following Dr. King's principle of non-violence? The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. youth contest award will be presented to seventh grade winner, Marqaries Neighbors of Des Moines.

Music

Musical performances will be provided by Courageous Fire and Reverend Derek Covington.

Event Information

What: Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

When: Monday, January 20, 2020

Time: 10:45 AM

Where: Franklin Junior High School Auditorium
4801 Franklin Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50310

The event is free and open to the public. There is no need to register.

Contact Information

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Des Moines, IA 50319

<https://humanrights.iowa.gov>

2020 Iowa Rev. Dr. Martin Keynote Speaker



Joseph McGill, Jr.
The Slave Dwelling Project

2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Achievement Award Recipients



Lisa D. Covington



Tiffany Johnson



Lt. Lillie Miller



Dr. Kimberly Wayne



Susie Weinacht

Des Moines University



**MARTIN
LUTHER
KING JR.
—DAY—
celebration**

Friday, Jan. 17, 2020 • 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Human Services Building 139 6th Street, West Des Moines

**MLK: A CALL TO CONSCIENCE
FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION**

Everyone is welcome!

- 11:30-noon Lunch and refreshments
- Noon-12:10 Welcome Remarks
Tom Madden, WDM City Manager
Renee Hardman, WDM Councilwoman
- 12:10-1:10 Film Screening "MLK: A Call to Conscience"
- 1:10-1:30 Film discussion and closing remarks
Lonnie Dufney, WDM Human Rights Commissioner,
WDMCS School Board member
Dr. Rich Salas, Des Moines University Chief Diversity Officer,
WDM Human Rights Commissioner

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**DES MOINES
UNIVERSITY**
MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES




Urban Dreams - Des Moines

URBAN DREAMS
MLK JR. DAY OF SERVICE
JANUARY 20, 2020 | 601 FOREST AVE. DSM, IA | 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR HALF A DAY
HELPING URBAN DREAMS HELP OTHERS



**LIFE'S MOST
URGENT
QUESTION IS:
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING FOR
OTHERS?**
—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

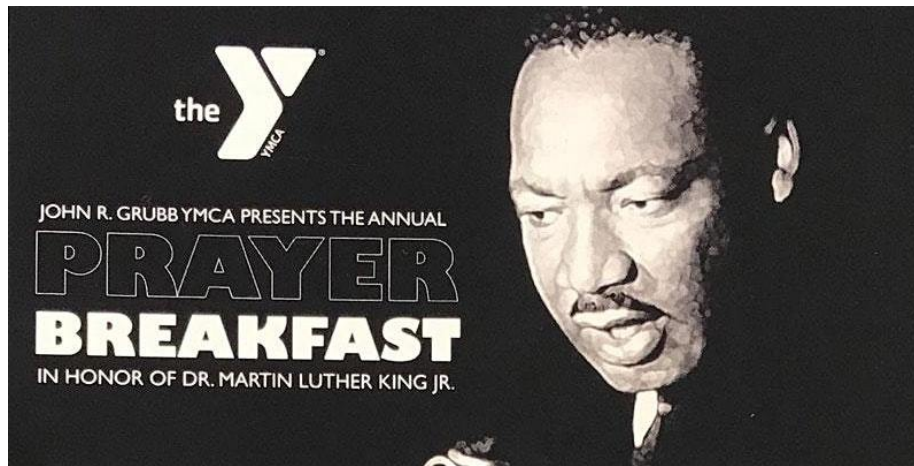


John R. Grubb YMCA - Des Moines

**Monday, January 20, 2020
7:30 - 9:30 AM**

The Knapp Center

2601 Forest Avenue
Des Moines IA 50311



**Drake University Law School
Institute of Justice Reform
sponsored by Verizon**

Verizon and Drake University Law School's Institute of Justice Reform and Innovation invite you to attend A Forum on Criminal Justice Reform: Taking the Next Step, Opportunities and Challenges.

The event will take place on Monday, January 20th at 4:30 PM (following the Black & Brown Presidential Forum).

Location: Downtown Des Moines Hilton
 Cloud Ballroom A
 435 Park Ave.
 Des Moines, IA 50309

The forum will feature criminal justice experts from a wide array of focuses, including:

Judge Mark Bennett- Former District Court Judge and Director of Drake University Law School's Institute of Justice Reform and Innovation

Beth Skinner- Director of Iowa Department of Corrections

Wendy Saumelson- Adult Division of the Juvenile Public Defender Office

Helen Miller- Chair of the Iowa Parole Board

Dennis Henderson- Program Manager with Urban Dreams and formerly incarcerated individual

Moderator- Craig Silliman, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative, Legal and Public Policy Officer at Verizon

A cocktail reception will follow the event, featuring refreshments and light appetizers.

To register, visit: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07egu5rper84b63e1c&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Forum on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM**

TAKING THE NEXT STEP Opportunities and Challenges

HOSTED BY THE

**DRAKE LAW SCHOOL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE REFORM
AND INNOVATION**

SPONSORED BY **verizon**

Monday

JANUARY 20TH

Following the

**BROWN & BLACK
PRESIDENTIAL FORUM**

4:30 to 5:30 Program & Panel Discussion
5:30 to 6:30 Reception

DOWNTOWN HILTON HOTEL

Panelists:

Judge Mark Bennett, Director of Drake University Law School Institute of Justice Reform & Innovation

Beth Skinner, Director of the Iowa Department of Corrections

Wendy Samuelson, Adult Division of the Juvenile Public Defender Office

Helen Miller, Chair of the Iowa Parole Board

Dennis Henderson, Program Manager with Urban Dreams and formerly incarcerated individual

Moderated By

Craig Silliman, EVP and Chief Administrative, Legal and Public Policy Officer, Verizon

To register, visit: <http://bit.ly/CrimJustReform>

Refreshments will be offered during the event. Any government employees or officials attending must remit payment of \$50 prior to attending the event to comply with applicable government ethics rules. To pay for this event, please contact Brianna Steier; bsteier@uappg.com; (515) 257-0339.

Brown and Black Forum



America's Oldest Minority Presidential Forum

MINORITY IMPACT STATEMENT LEGISLATION 101
ROUNDTABLE

Friday, January 10, 2020

In 2008 Iowa became the first state in America to pass the Minority Impact Statement Legislation. The internationally known Sentencing Project based in Washington, DC had concluded in their research that Iowa had the highest percentage of black males incarcerated. As an Iowa Legislator, I chose to visit the Sentencing Project to learn more about their research and what I, as legislator could do about it.

In 2008 I authored the legislation that made Iowa the first state in the nation to implement this historic legislation. Since 2008, Connecticut, Oregon and in 2019 New Jersey implemented similar legislation. Last legislative session, seven states-Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, and Vermont have introduced legislation to require racial impact statements. Just recently Oklahoma filed to implement the minority impact statement.

On Friday, January 17, 2020 at the Iowa State Capitol (old Supreme Courtroom) The Brown and Black Forums of America will be hosting a Minority Impact Statement Legislation 101 Roundtable from 2-4PM. This will kick off the Brown and Black Forums of America's Democratic Presidential Forum week of activities. On January 20, 2020 the Brown and Black Forums of America will be hosting a Democratic Presidential Forum at the Iowa Events Center. The event is a partnership between Vice TV and Cashmere Agency.

Former and current Iowa State Legislators, community leaders, lobbyists, local/ state officials, and Universities officials will discuss the legislation history, implementation, research, impact and how other states are initiating similar legislation.

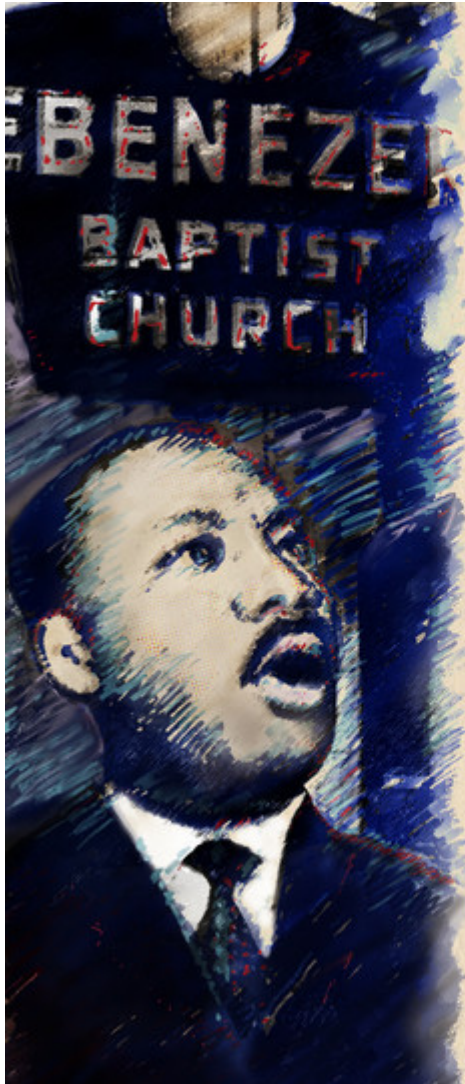
The roundtable will be facilitated by Wayne Ford who is a former Iowa State Legislator, Co-Chair of the Brown and Black Forums of America and founder of the Wayne Ford Equity Impact Institute.

PLEASE ANNOUNCE AND COVER

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Wayne Ford | Co-Chair

DMACC - Ankeny Campus





THRESHOLDS MUSIC PROJECT AND DMACC PRESENT:


SING, EBENEZER!


*SONGS & STORIES FROM
MARTIN LUTHER KING'S
NEIGHBORHOOD*

WITH FRIENDS OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR & SR.
FROM ATLANTA

 DR. ALBERT BRINSON, BARTONE
FORMER EBENEZER CLERGY

 SHERRY DUKES, SOPRANO
HOUSTON GRAND OPERA

 ROOSEVELT ANDRE CREDIT, BASS BARTONE
BROADWAY'S PORGY & BESS AND
SOUNDTRACK OF 12 YEARS A SLAVE



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SPECIAL
GUEST

BRIDGES 2 HARMONY GOSPEL CHOIR, ROOSEVELT HS
DMACC CONCERT & CHAMBER CHOIRS

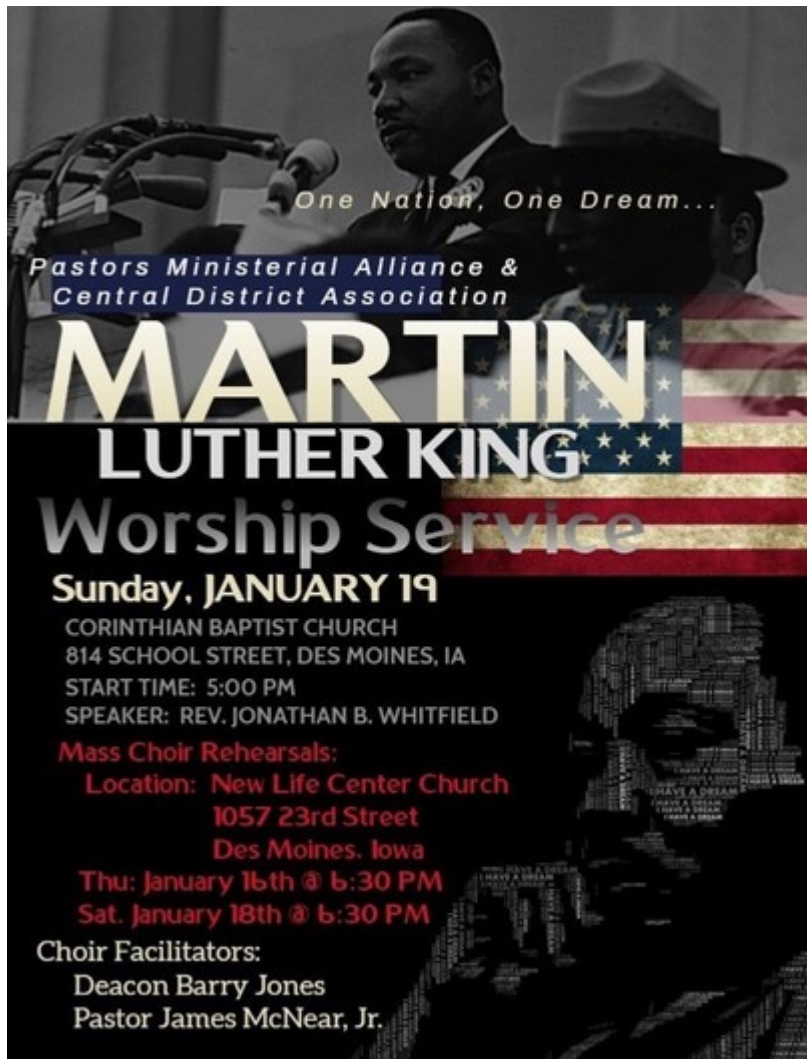
**JAN. 21, 2020
7:00 PM**

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AUDITORIUM OF THE SIMON ESTES SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

NO TICKET REQUIRED, TAX DEDUCTIBLE FREEWILL OFFERING
TO BENEFIT THE THRESHOLDS MUSIC PROJECT, INC.
MORE INFORMATION: 515-720-1030 BEN.MINDOP@JOL.COM

**Pastors Ministerial Alliance &
Central District Association**



One Nation, One Dream...

Pastors Ministerial Alliance &
Central District Association

MARTIN LUTHER KING

Worship Service

Sunday, JANUARY 19

CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
814 SCHOOL STREET, DES MOINES, IA
START TIME: 5:00 PM
SPEAKER: REV. JONATHAN B. WHITFIELD

Mass Choir Rehearsals:
Location: New Life Center Church
1057 23rd Street
Des Moines, Iowa
Thu: January 16th @ 6:30 PM
Sat. January 18th @ 6:30 PM

Choir Facilitators:
Deacon Barry Jones
Pastor James McNear, Jr.



Kim Cheeks | Program Manager

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