

Coalition for Racial Justice

500 North Clinton St, Iowa City, Iowa, 52240



Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr., in Iowa City, January 20, 2014

There are many ways to honor Dr. King and the civil rights movement in the ICCSD community in the days leading up to and through the MLK Holiday. Among the many private celebrations are several celebrations open to the general public. Visit our Facebook page for a listing of activities, which will be updated continuously. (Coalition for Racial Justice - Iowa City/Johnson County; <https://www.facebook.com/RacialJusticeCoalition>)

A sample of activities and resources is listed below.

Saturday, January 18, 2014

- Gospel Explosion's celebration begins at 4:00 pm and concludes with "A Dinner Set for a King," at 1854 Muscatine Avenue, Iowa City.



Sunday, January 19, 2014

- An interfaith service will be held at 7:00 pm at St Mark's United Methodist Church, 2675 E. Washington Street, Iowa City. The service will feature readings, music from various faith traditions, and speaker Fred Newell will share reflections on the theme, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?" There will be a reception following the service.

Monday, January 20, 2014

- Carrying on the community tradition started more than five years ago, a coalition of local community organizations and citizens presents "Unity in the Community" on the MLK Holiday. Join us on January 20, from 12:00-3:00 pm at the Spot and the Kingdom Center, located at 1030 Crosspark Avenue, Iowa City, for an afternoon of celebration, music, food, and fun! Choirs, praise dancers, and musicians will perform. Enjoy speakers, a gallery of images of community celebrations in the past, and photos of the 1960s civil rights movement shared by Marian Coleman. The gym will be open for all ages to enjoy various activities together.



- A Unity March will be held at 3:30 pm starting on the east steps of the Old Capitol in downtown Iowa City.
- Local Hy-Vee stores will sponsor a food drive to support Shelter House and the Crisis Center. You may drop off your items at any time throughout the day at four local Hy-Vee stores. Needed items are listed on this webpage: <http://mlk.uiowa.edu/#day-of-service>.

If you wish to celebrate privately

However you wish to celebrate, there are many, many resources on the web that can support you and your family's reflections on Dr. King and the civil rights movement.

- A favorite activity is to listen to and read Dr. King's sermon, "The Drum Major Instinct." You can find both here: http://mlk-kpp01.stanford.edu/index.php/encyclopedia/documentsentry/doc_the_drum_major_instinct/
- The official King Center has an archive of digital resources and current news clippings: <http://www.thekingcenter.org/>. You and your children also may add your own dream to the website: <http://www.thekingcenter.org/dreams/share>.

If you have activities you would like to announce, please post them on our Facebook page!

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