

→ One of the great liabilities of history is that all too many people fail to remain awake

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Monday, January 16, 2012
1:30 - 4:30 pm

Creating the Beloved Community

Presented by



GLASTONBURY MLK
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In partnership with the
Glastonbury Human Relations Commission

*“The aftermath of nonviolence is the creation of the
beloved community.”*

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., In a sermon at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church,
Montgomery Alabama, April 2, 1957.

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on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant and to face the challenge of change. Together we must learn through great periods of social change. Every society has its protectors of the status quo and its fraternities of the indifferent who are notorious for sleeping through revolutions. But today our very survival depends

MLK Celebration Program

Drum Call

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Welcome

Linda Ferreira

Chair, MLK Day Celebration Planning Committee

Martin Luther King Day Flyer Winner Award

Linda Ferreira

Announcement of Anytown Scholarship Awards

Debra Glass

Invocation

Rev. Amanda Akes, Associate Rector of St. James Episcopal Church

Introduction of Featured Performance

Linda Ferreira

Martin Luther King, Jr., Past, Present and Future

Connecticut Center for Nonviolence presents Victoria Christgau, the Lift Every Voice And Sing (LEVAS) Community Choir and the Peace is Possible Chorus

Invitations to Workshops and Activities

Linda Ferreira

Closing Remarks

Linda Ferreira

Anytown Scholarship Winners:

- Amanda Siskind
- Areej Jahangir
- Danielle Little
- Helen Lee
- Gabriella Green, Winner of the Joan Kemble Beloved Community Award

→ to live as brothers or together we will be forced to perish as fools. We must work passionately and indefatigably to bridge the gulf between our scientific progress and our moral progress. One of the great problems of mankind is that we suffer from a poverty of the spirit which stands in glaring contrast to our scientific and technological abundance. The richer we have become materially, the poorer we have become morally

→ and spiritually. From time immemorial men have lived by the principle that "self-preservation is the first law of life." But this is a false assumption. I would say that other-preservation is the first law of life. It is the

about preserving other selves. The universe is so structured that things go awry if men are not diligent in their cultivation of the

Workshops

- **Healing Racism Coalition** - Don Giannini to lead discussion and show a DVD, Confronting Your Prejudices. **High School Students and Adults. 2:45 - 3:30 in Room 1101.**
- **Simsbury High School** - Student-produced video on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work on a tobacco farm during summers of 1944 and 1947. **Grade 7 to Adult. 2:45 - 3:15 in teacher's lounge, off the cafeteria.**
- **Connecticut Center for Nonviolence**
 - **Beloved Community - Framework for the Future** - Victoria Christgau will lead this workshop to explore the concept of the beloved community by reading portions of Dr. King's writings and exploring the power of song in movement. **High School Students and Adults. 2:45 - 3:45 in Music Room 2.**
 - **What does a Peaceful Community look like, sound like and feel like?** Montessori teacher, Debby DeGuire, will lead children through interactive exercises to illuminate the concept of the peaceful community.
 - › **Grades K - 3 (parents welcome). 2:45 - 3:15 in Music Room 1.**
 - › **Grades 4 - 6 (parents welcome). 3:30 - 4:00 in Music Room 1.**

Crafts & Activities

Crafts and Activities will take place in the cafeteria. They will begin at 2:45. All are welcome.

- Make a Button
- Dream Pillows
- MLK Booklet
- MLK Coloring Sheets and Games
- Ukulele Sing-along
- Magnetic Poetry Board
- Design Your Own T-shirt (\$3.00 suggested donation)
- MLK Bead Bracelets
- Happy Birthday MLK Cards
- Clay Creations

Exhibits/Displays

- Anytown Diversity Camp, National Conference for Community and Justice
- CT Center for Nonviolence
- East Hartford/Glastonbury Elementary Magnet School
- Glastonbury Human Relations Commission
- Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative
- Martin Luther King, Jr. flyers designed by GHS Students
- Cultural Diversity Club, Glastonbury High School
- Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters

Light Refreshments - Cafeteria

- Open at 3:45
- Cake Cutting Ceremony at 4:00

→ other-regarding dimension. "I" cannot reach fulfillment without "thou." *The self cannot be self without other selves. Self-concern without other-concern is like a tributary that has no outward flow to the ocean.*

Speakers, Workshop Leaders And Performers



Victoria Christgau is a life long Peace/Arts Educator. She is Founder and Executive Director of the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence and a Level III Certified Kingian Nonviolence Trainer. Victoria is a Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism Teaching and Performing Artist and a Peace/Arts Educator for over 28 years. She founded and directs the Peace is Possible Chorus. In 2010 Victoria received the Hartford Courant's Tapestry Award.

As a nonviolence trainer and educator, Victoria works closely with civil rights legend, Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr., former executive staff member for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and currently a Distinguished Senior Scholar in Residence at Emory University, SCLC Board Chair and Honorary Board Chair of the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence.



Debby DeGuire has been an educator for over 25 years. She is a Montessori teacher and has integrated the teachings of peace and justice by Dr. Montessori, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other significant peace visionaries in her work with children. She uses theatre as a tool to teach experientially and has directed children between 6 and 12 years of age in Shakespeare plays for nearly 20 years. She serves on the

board of The Connecticut Center for Nonviolence (CTCN), as Secretary. Debby is a Level I Certified Kingian Nonviolence Trainer. In her 25 years of teaching in Connecticut she has collaborated in designing, teaching and performing in many peace and nonviolence events and programs.



Donald Giannini, MS, Ed, coordinator of patient and family education for Connecticut Valley Hospital, has served as chair of the Healing Racism Coalition (HRC), and is a trainer/presenter for dialogue sessions, specializing in "retelling our nation's history." He has been involved in the field of education and mental health for thirty-four years, and is certified in dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT). He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to planning, developing and

implementing training sessions for HRC, and has conducted workshops to eliminate racism with Middletown High School, Middlesex Hospital, and various DMHAS facilities.

Every nation is an heir of a vast treasury of ideas and labor to which both the living and the dead of all nations have contributed.

Stagnant, still and stale, it lacks both life and freshness. All men are interdependent.

→ Whether we realize it or not, each of us lives eternally “in the red.” We are ∞ .

Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative

What is the Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative?

- A team of 15-20 volunteers working year round since 2001
- A partner with the Town of Glastonbury Human Relations Commission
- An organization dedicated to utilizing the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to engage the community in a shared sense of belonging
- Partnerships with students, citizen groups, businesses, faith communities and organizations in Glastonbury to support the Initiative's programs and projects

What is the purpose of the Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative?

- Provide leadership and active engagement to build an inclusive community

What does an “inclusive community” look like?

- It provides opportunities to satisfy the basic human needs of societal belonging and acceptance to members of the community
- It is committed to listening and appreciating differences

What are the benefits of an inclusive community important to Glastonbury?

- Increasing levels of trust, connectedness, and civic participation in the community
- A stronger sense of belonging to, and ownership of, the community

How does the Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative provide leadership to build an inclusive community?

- Living the philosophy and beliefs of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other community building leaders to engage the community in a variety of activities, for example:
 - Organizing Community Conversations and Workshops on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Coordinating and hosting an annual Ghandi Celebration
 - Empowering youth to become effective, responsible leaders and community builders through educational opportunities and activities
 - Providing scholarships for leadership through diversity training
- Partnering with other community groups such as the Glastonbury Historical Society, Senior Services, Youth and Family services and the Welles-Turner Memorial Library in support of it's mission

How can I support the work of the Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative?

- Direct financial support is always welcome. We are a 501(c)3 organization so all donations are tax deductible
- In-kind services such as marketing services, web development, printing & catering
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→ in a speech: "Love is the ultimate force that makes for the saving choice of life and good against the damning choice of death and evil. Therefore the first hope in our inventory must be the hope that love is going to have the last word." We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, January 26, 2012, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Community Conversations, Building Community in Glastonbury – A series of dialogues about what Community means to you. Riverfront Community Center Room A - 300 Welles Street, Glastonbury, CT

Thursday, February 16, 2012, 7pm

Book presentation & discussion featuring Iris Van Rynbach, Glastonbury Author/Illustrator. Welles-Turner Memorial Library Friend's Room- 2407 Main Street, Glastonbury Parent-Child (grades 3-5) (Partnership with Welles-Turner Memorial Library Children's Department.)

Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 1:15 - 5:30 pm Hartford Stage **Cost: \$30.00**

Presentation of The Whipping Man, followed by conversation with cast members and director

Partnership with Senior Services

1:15 pm Leave Riverfront Community Center

2:00 pm Performance begins

4:15 pm Afterwards Discussion – post show review with cast members & director

5:30 pm Return to Riverfront Community Center

Cost includes transportation, performance and discussion. Payment at Riverfront Community Center. Please contact Maryleah Skoronski at 860 652-7642

This performance tells the tale of three men who are at crossroads in their lives during the aftermath of the Civil War. A Jewish Confederate soldier who has returned from battle and two slaves who were raised as Jews in his household reunite and uncover a tangle of secrets that might cost each his freedom. This extraordinary, thought-provoking tale of loyalty, deceit and deliverances will serve to encourage participants to think and share their own feelings about race, faith and history.

April 2012 Time & Place to be announced

Kathleen L. Housley, Glastonbury Author/Historian speaking on The Letter Kills but the Spirit Gives Life: The Smiths - Abolitionists, Suffragists, Bible Translators. Discussion to follow. (Partnership with Historical Society of Glastonbury and Welles-Turner Memorial Library)

Saturday, May 19, 2012 1:00 - 4:00 pm Riverfront Community Center

Art Show of Inclusion (partnership of Glastonbury's YFS/Peace Jam, Senior Services)

July- August 2012

Anytown, NCCJ's Weeklong Diversity Camp, scholarship applications available to students by contacting 860-633-6078 and applying by June 1st.

October 2012

Gandhi Celebration TBA

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→ late. Procrastination is still the thief of time. Life often leaves us standing

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- Erin Perry, GHS, '13 MLK Day Activities Poster
- Detective Nicole Mordasiewicz and The Hartford Police Explorers
- Dr. James Rosokoff, Glastonbury Ukulele Band
- Mary Wilbur, Town of Glastonbury

Over the bleached bones and jumbled residues of numerous civilizations are written the pathetic words: "Too late." There is an desperately for time to pause in her passage, but time is deaf to every plea and rushes on. naked and dejected with a lost opportunity. The "tide in the affairs of men" does not remain at the flood; it ebbs. We may cry out

→ invisible book of life that faithfully records our vigilance or our neglect. "The moving finger writes, and having writ moves on..." We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent co-annihilation.

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Welcome to our 11th annual program. Your presence here is encouragement for the work we do as members of the Glastonbury MLK Community Initiative. Our work is accomplished by a handful of committed community members. But the work does not end today. Activities are planned for your participation throughout the year and can be found on page 6 of this program.

All of our programs are free. We are dependent on you for financial support. All donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for supporting our efforts through your participation in helping make Glastonbury a more engaging place to live and visit.

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Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Beacon Press, 1967 PP. 181, 190-191, 202