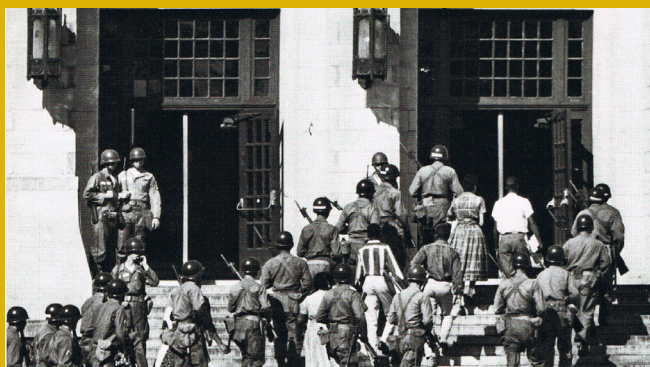




39th Annual Madison & Dane County
King Holiday Observance

Terrance Roberts, Lessons from Little Rock



Monday, January 15, 2024 | Overture Center Capitol Theater
Freedom Songs 5:15 pm | Program 6:00 pm

hosted by

*THE MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. COALITION
of Madison & Dane County*

About The King Coalition

The King Coalition was established in the fall of 1985 as a community group to plan the official City of Madison and Dane County observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The planning of this holiday celebration takes on special significance as people from all walks of life gather in the spirit of true brotherhood and sisterhood to commemorate the life and accomplishments of this renowned leader of the Civil Rights movement.

The King Coalition is happy to share with you the results of several months of planning. The Coalition consists of representatives from religious communities, organized labor, the UW-Madison, public schools, peace groups, service organizations, and city and county government. Other individuals have joined because of their personal commitment to equal rights and justice for all people.

In addition to tonight's program, the King Coalition hosts a *Free Community Dinner* the Friday before the King Holiday, an *Ecumenical Service* the Sunday before the Holiday and a *Youth Call to Service* event on MLK Day.

Membership in the Coalition is open to the community. The only commitment asked is to work together in the spirit of harmony. King Coalition activities are made possible through public and private financial, in-kind, and volunteer support. To volunteer or become a sponsor, contact Gloria Hawkins, (608) 335-8339 or Edward Lee, (608) 213-7907.

DONATIONS: The King Coalition is an all-volunteer group. Donations to the King Coalition are tax deductible and go directly to support this and our other King Holiday events. A portion of the proceeds collected tonight will also be donated to support other community needs. Over the past few years, the King Coalition has been able to donate over \$5,000 to organizations addressing local food and housing insecurity, international disaster relief, civil rights, voting rights, and more.



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The Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award winners are selected by a joint commission of the City of Madison and Dane County. The Award is presented annually to individuals who have made outstanding and significant contributions in the spirit of sisterhood, brotherhood and harmony toward making our city an ideal place in which to live. For information about appointments to the Commission, contact Norm Davis, City of Madison, (608) 267-8759 or Carrie Braxton, Dane County, (608) 266-4795.

King Coalition Members

Gloria Hawkins, Co-Chair
First Baptist Church

Edward Lee, Co-Chair
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South Central Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

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Housing Ministries of American Baptist in Wisconsin

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United Way of Dane County

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir



The MLK Community Choir has been an integral part of the official Madison & Dane County King Holiday Observance for many years. The Choir is unique in bringing together community members regardless of musical background for the purpose of performing at this event. It is directed by acclaimed musician Leotha and his wife Tamera.

Leotha has been the Music Director at Mt. Zion Baptist Church for over 40 years and he plays piano for five different choirs. In the late 1980s, he took over direction of the MLK Choir from its founder, Marilyn Parks. Leotha has written two books of music for children in addition to developing many music education projects. Leotha and his wife Tamera work as a team to direct the MLK choir.

Choir rehearsals are the Tuesday (7:00 p.m.) and Saturday (11:00 a.m.) immediately preceding the King Holiday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. To participate, community members simply need to attend these two rehearsals.

Program

Freedom Songs Sing-in, 5:15 to 5:45 p.m., Overture Center Rotunda

Led by Tamera Stanley

Musical Selection

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir

Led by Leotha Stanley & Tamera Stanley

Welcome & Introductory Comments

Christy Clark-Pujara, *Professor & Chair*

UW-Madison Department of African American Studies

Black National Anthem (audience stands), *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir

Invocation

Rev. Luis Velasquez, *Voces de la Frontera*

Musical Selection, *"Lord Don't Move That Mountain"*

Karren Lawson, Soloist

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards

Joe Parisi, *Dane County Executive*

Satya Rhodes-Conway, *City of Madison Mayor*

Musical Selection

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Christy Clark-Pujara

Keynote Speaker

Terrence Roberts

Consultant & One of the "Little Rock Nine"

Litany of Re-Dedication (audience stands)

Carla Vigue, *Director of Tribal Relations*

UW-Madison

Call to Action

Major General Marcia M. Anderson

Closing Remarks

Christy Clark-Pujara

"We Shall Overcome" (audience stands)

Audience and Choir

Litany of Re-Dedication

The Litany of Re-Dedication, based on key words and principles of Dr. King, was written by the Reverend Mark Clinger, former senior pastor of First Baptist Church.

We pledge ourselves to the American promise that all people "are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

We pledge to live in mutual cooperation with all our brothers and sisters. We will weave our lives together into a single garment of destiny.

We will avoid the use of violence within our world, our nation, our county, our city, our neighborhood, our home, and our family. We will harbor no hatred within our hearts.

We will seek peaceful solutions in every conflict and will preserve and protect the dignity and worth of every person.

We will not cooperate with evil. Neither will we be patient with injustice. Now is the time for us to do what is right.

We will treat every person as a being of infinite value and intrinsic worth. We will never use another soul as a means to our own advancement.

We will keep hope alive in our hearts. We believe that the universe is on the side of justice. We believe that truth is stronger than evil.

We believe that this is no time for our apathy, silence or complacency. We must work unceasingly to lift this nation that we love to a higher destiny. This is a time for our vigorous and positive action, so we pledge to lift high the banner of peace, justice, reconciliation and beloved community in our day and in this community.

American Sign Language interpretation provided by Michele Guyette & Kim Barr

Tonight's event is also broadcast live on WORT-FM

Tonight's event will be re-broadcast on Madison City Channel starting on January 16 and throughout 2024 on

Charter Digital 994, AT&T U-Verse 99, madisoncitychannel.com, Roku, & Apple TV

Thanks to Mary Rouse, UW-Madison Dean of Students Emerita and former King Coalition member, for donating the Multicultural Banner displayed on stage tonight. The banner was made by artist Munio Makuuchi (1934-2000) while an MFA student here. He became one of the foremost Asian American artists in the country. His art was greatly influenced by his years spent in a Japanese relocation camp as a youth and later in the U.S. Army.

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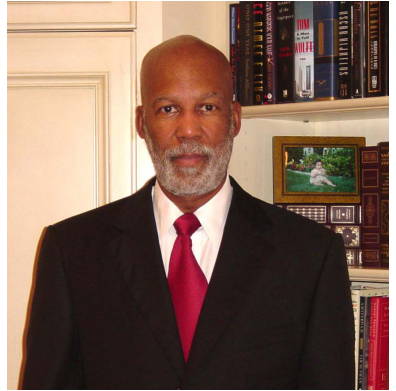


In-Kind Support and Other Contributions

- Choles Floral for donating the floral arrangements used onstage tonight.
- United Way of Dane County & Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice for supporting the Call to Action.
- Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., Madison Alumnae Chapter for assisting with the collection.
- Fountain of Life Church for hosting the MLK Ecumenical Service.
- Urban League of Greater Madison for serving as fiscal agent.
- Dane County Office for Equity & Inclusion for in-kind printing of the program book.
- Madison Public Library for hosting the Youth Call to Service event.

Terrence Roberts

Dr. Terrence Roberts made history as one of the “Little Rock Nine.” He attended segregated elementary, junior, and high schools until 1957, when he courageously volunteered to help desegregate Little Rock Central High School. His first attempt to enter the school was stopped by the Arkansas National Guard and an angry mob of 400 people. A second attempt several weeks later was met with a mob that had grown to 1,000 people. The next day, President Dwight Eisenhower federalized the Arkansas National Guard and dispatched members of the 101st Airborne Division to accompany the students to school for the remainder of the year.



Despite the adversity he experienced, he pursued a successful academic career, ultimately earning a PhD. Alongside his fellow Little Rock Nine members, he was honored with the Congressional Gold Medal by President Bill Clinton.



Dr. Roberts holds a PhD in Psychology from Southern Illinois University and a MSW from the University of California, Los Angeles. He is licensed in California as both a psychologist and a social worker. He has served since 1975 as CEO of Terrence J. Roberts & Associates, a management consulting firm that has provided consultation to a wide variety of clients corporate, government, university, and nonprofit organizations.

Dr. Roberts is the author of *Lessons from Little Rock*, a memoir about his life experiences, and the recently published *Simple, Not Easy: Reflections on Community, Social Responsibility, and Tolerance*. Both books provide insight into Dr. Roberts' depth of concern about the future of the United States.

His inspiring journey, documented in books and movies, serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of learning from our history and dedicating ourselves to ongoing progress.

Madison & Dane County Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award

2010	Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, James Latimer	2018	Gaddi Ben Dan, Ali Muldrow
2011	Dr. Patricia Téllez-Guirón Salazar	2019	Anthony Cooper
2012	Connie Ferris Bailey	2020	Ada Deer
2013	Mercile J. Lee, Edward Lee	2021	Shelia Stubbs, Lilada Gee
2014	Hazel Symonette	2022	Will Green, Michael Johnson, Vanessa McDowell
2015	Peng Her, Barbara Nichols	2023	Dr. Charles Taylor, Wayne Strong (<i>posthumous</i>)
2016	Z! Haukeness		
2017	Everett Mitchell, Carmen Porco		

City of Madison Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award

1974	Alfred Swan, Joseph Washington	1994	Alexander Gee
1975	Harry Hamilton	1995	Neil Heinen & WISC TV-3 The Wisconsin State Journal The Capital Times
1977	Anna Mae Mitchell	1996	Darlene Hancock
1978	Dimetra Shivers, James Wright	1997	Gladys Benavides
1979	Joseph Dawson	1998	Rosemary Troia Baker
1980	Richard Harris	1999	Vicki Washington
1981	Odell Taliaferro, James Baugh	2000	Kaleem Caire
1982	Mary Caire	2001	Elaine and Erroll Davis
1983	James Graham, Tina Stovall	2002	Lee Thomas
1984	Oscar D. Shade, Mary Louise Symon	2003	Richard Davis
1985	Willie Nunnery, Christine Huber	2004	Stephen Braunginn
1986	Fayth Kail, John Parrish	2005	Bert Zipperer
1987	Clarence Kailin	2006	Mary Kay Baum
1988	Charles Garel	2007	Irwin & Robert Goodman Milton McPike
1989	Charles Pfeifer, Margaret Straub	2008	John L. Quinlan
1990	Cora E. White	2009	Milele Chikasa Anana
1991	James E. Jones, Jr.		
1992	John Y. Odom		
1993	Betty Franklin-Hammonds		

Dane County Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award

1991	Annie Mae Walker	2001	Alfonso Zepeda-Capistran
1992	Bill Graham, Carline Walker Dean	2002	Charlestine "Charlie" Daniel Jonathan Gramling
1993	Leotha Stanley	2003	Drs. Perry & Virginia Henderson
1994	Juan Jose Lopez	2004	Jonathan J. Brisco
1995	Eugene Johnson	2005	Barbara Golden, Will Williams
1996	Joann Griffin	2006	Jessica Doyle, Paul Kusuda
1997	Christine Thomas Salvadore Carranza	2007	Lea Zeldin, Edith Hilliard Michael McKinney (<i>posthumously</i>)
1998	Charles Brown	2008	Jerome Dillard
1999	Jerry Sternberg, Nancy Thurow	2009	Oscar Mireles
2000	Joe McClain		

City of Madison Martin Luther King, Jr. Young Leader Award

1992: Courtney Deadman, Chicikita Mitchell, Mechele Williams | 1994: Felisha Branch, Ronald Jones
1996: Hope Williams | 1997: Renita Beason | 1998: Pabitra Benjamin | 1999: Tuanquilla Brown
2000: Sancia Ferguson, Lucy Osakwe | 2001: Candace Knox | 2002: Woddie Mogaka, Pahoua Thao
2004: Sarah Saeed, Mai See Thao | 2005: Jammie Davis | 2006: Sarah Fox
2007: Tosha Songolo | 2008: Lauren Rock | 2009: Virgil Ward

Dane County Martin Luther King, Jr. Young Leader Award

2000: Dan Neuman | 2002: Woddie Mogaka | 2007: Jason Gonzales

Madison & Dane County Martin Luther King, Jr. Young/Emerging Leader Award

2010: Jarrel Brannon Montgomery | 2011: Elena I Aleman | 2012: Ashleigh Hubert | 2013: Rayanna Thigpen
2014: Jessie Brown | 2019: Shayla Glass | 2020: Kenneth Cole | 2021: Shyra Adams