



**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY COMMISSION**

Conference Call #: 1-203-480-8311
Participant Code: 3043011
Tuesday, December 17, 2019
6:00PM- 7:00PM

AGENDA

- **Call to Order**..... Secretary Kimberly A. Bassett
- **Roll Call**.....Tyler A. Brown
- **“Reading MLK” Project**
 - **Description:** The Martin Luther King Holiday Commission will sponsor a city-wide event entitled "Reading Dr. King" - a special program that will be held at various locations on Saturday, Jan 18, or Sunday, January 19, 2020, in the afternoon. Mayor Bowser, city council chairman or councilmembers, religious and community leaders, labor leaders, and MLK commissioners will be invited to select 3-minute excerpts from Dr. King's speeches and read them out loud in a coordinated celebration of Dr. King's message. Churches, synagogues, mosques and inter-faith groups will be invited to select three people to individually read out loud a 3-minute excerpt from a Dr. King speech.
 - **Potential Partners:** the Martin Luther King Library, Downtown Cluster of Churches, the Martin Luther King Parade Committee, the DC Black History Committee, the National Baptist Association of DC Inc., and others.
 - **Proposed Date and Time:** Sunday, January 19, 2020. (time needs to be set)
 - **King's Locations:** NY Presbyterian Church, New Hope Baptist Church, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. More submissions needed.
 - **Proposed Next Steps:** Invitation letter needs drafting, DC government agencies need to be engaged for support: MORA, MOCA, MOAAA, press release needs to be drafted and approved for distribution.
- **2020 MLK Day Parade and DC Government Float**
- **MLK, Jr. Global Youth Leadership Conference**
 - UDC is hosting this conference. We are expecting between 200 and 300 high school students on January 17 and 18, 2020.
 - **Thursday, January 16**
 - Town Hall Panel Discussion with key topics, Gun Violence in our Community and Opioid Abuse in our Community, held at The Navel Memorial
 - NOTE: Mayor invited to sit on Panel

- **Friday, January 17**
 - VIP Reception held at UDC
 - NOTE: Mayor and MLK Commissioners invited – and would be honored guests
- **Saturday, January 18 and Sunday, January 19**
 - MLK Global Youth Leadership Conference, held at UDC
 - NOTE: MLK Commissioners invited to make remarks to each class – each morning. ROS – TBD
- **Monday, January 20**
 - Wreath Laying at the MLK Memorial
 - NOTE: Mayor and/or MLK Commissioners are welcomed to speak at event
- **Institute of Politics Policy and History**
 - **THEME:** “*The Power of the March, MLK and Activism*”
 - **TIME:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 - **DATE:** Wednesday, January 29
 - **MODERATOR:** Rev. Mark Thompson
 - Waiting for confirmations from the following panelist :
 - Rachele Horowitz (*former Senior Aide to Bayard Rustin*)
 - The Honorable John Lewis
 - The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
 - Mark Thompson is recruiting two new-generation activists.
 - NOTE: Secretary Bassett invited to sit on panel. MLK Commissioners to be honored guests
- **New Business**
 - **Ringing of Church Bells on MLK Day across Washington, DC**
- **Upcoming Events**
 - **36th Annual MLK JR. Memorial Breakfast**
 - **Who:** United Planning Organization
 - **What:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast. Annual fundraiser for the Joseph A. Beavers Scholarship.
 - **When:** Friday, January 17, 2020, 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
 - **Where:** Washington Marriot at Metro Center: 775 12th Street NW, Washington, DC, 20005
- **Next Meeting Date – TBD 2020**
- **Adjournment**