

# Events honoring the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



## Cape Cod area

- **On Friday, January 13th at 7:00pm, "The Art of Dissent"**. Hosted by performance poet Kristin Knowles, the evening will feature an open mike for music, comedy, poetry, prose, storytelling and performance art. The idea for the evening was conceived with the hope of fostering community activism by creating an accessible forum where socio-political perspectives can be shared by all. In a time when many Americans are feeling disenfranchised and disheartened by the current political climate and by events on both the national and international fronts, this is an opportunity to express ourselves and be heard -- as well as to be inspired by others. All voices welcome.
- **Sunday, Jan. 15 5:00 pm Boston's Higher Praise Gospel Choir** will sing at the Wellfleet Preservation Hall.
- **Monday, Jan.16 Noon Wellfleet 10<sup>th</sup> annual walking celebration.** All ages, rain-snow-shine. Children's art will line the route. Speakers include Rev. David Johnson, who walked with Dr. King from Selma to Montgomer in 1965. Gather at the Town Hall for the walk, followed by a potluck and music at Wellfleet Preservation Hall with Friends of the Village. Bring a pot of food to share plus packaged food or money donation for the L.C.O.C. food pantries. Contact [info@capecool.org](mailto:info@capecool.org) for more information or call 508-349-3532.

## Providence area

- **Saturday, January 14, 2012 5:00 p.m. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration** - This Year's Theme: **"Love & Peace In The Beloved Community"** An evening of Prayer, song & celebration! St. Patrick Church, 244 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02908. Sponsored by the Office of Black Catholic Ministry, & St. Patrick's Church Community. Refreshments will be served following the program. For more information, call the Office of Black Catholic Ministry, Diocese of Providence at 401-278-4552.
- **Sunday, Jan. 15, 4:00 – 6:30pm RI Civil Rights Round Table program, Wealth Disparities and Dr. King's Dream.** **Rev. Dr. Kirk Jones** of Andover Newton Theological School will open and close this event. The event will also host a panel of speakers including **Rev. Dr. Joyce Penfield**, Director/Founder of The Blessing Way, **Keila Rodriguez**, founder of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church's StepUp Program and **Dr. Warren Simmons** of Brown University, Director of the Annenberg Institute for School Reform, with Moderator **Reza Clifton of Isis Storm**. Following the speakers, **community advocates** will briefly describe proposed legislation intended to help address disparities in Rhode Island. A Networking Reception will end the program, with birthday cake, light refreshments, and music by **Voices of Grace**. AT the Roots Café, 276 Westminster St Providence. Sponsored by the RI Civil Rights Round Table.
- **Monday, Jan. 16, 7:45 a.m. The 2012 MLK Jr. Annual Scholarship Breakfast** at The Rhodes On the Pawtuxet 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston RI. 02905. Mr. Raymond DePasquale, President, Community College of Rhode Island will be the keynote speaker. The theme for this year's Breakfast is **"When Conscience Dies"**. The Council of Churches has tickets available for sale. Tickets -\$35.00 per person. Please call the Council office at 461-5558 if you wish to purchase tickets. Table seats 10- \$350.00- Purchase a table for your church or organization Make checks payable to: The Minister's Alliance of Rhode Island, P.O. Box 2482, Pawtucket, RI.02905 - [401-729-6071](tel:401-729-6071)

- **Monday, Jan. 16, 4:00 pm The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission Celebration of Dr. King's Birthday** - The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission is sponsoring an official celebration of Dr. King's birthday at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 475 Cranston Street in Providence.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 17, 4:00 PM -Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration - Roger Williams University -the Office of Diversity & Outreach What Does It mean to be A "Real American:?"** - In honor of the contributions of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the Civil Rights Movement, Roger Williams University -the Office of Diversity & Outreach presents: What Does It Mean to Be A "Real American"? Challenging The Criminalization of Immigration. Room 286, Keynote Address by Angela F. Chan, Esq., Staff Attorney, Asian Law Caucus, San Francisco, CA. Reception to follow. For further information contact - The Office of Diversity & Outreach, RWU, 401-254-4647.
- **Saturday, Jan. 21, 10:00am – 2:00pm 7th Annual MLK All-People's Assembly** at Casey Family Services, 1268 Eddy St, Providence.

## **Worcester area**

- **Saturday, Jan. 14, 9:00 – 11:00am The 18th annual MLK Youth Breakfast** will showcase local student talent and raise awareness of the principles and philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This event is free and open to the public, but attendees must RSVP in order to guarantee seating. Reservations will be made for the first 350 individuals only. Please RSVP on or before January 6, 2012 at 508-929-8049 or via email to [kannucci@worchester.edu](mailto:kannucci@worchester.edu).
- **Monday, Jan. 16 8:00am (doors open at 7:30am) 27<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Community Breakfast.** Quinsigamond Community College and UMass Medical School are hosting the breakfast to honor Rev. King at Quinsigamond athletic center, 670 West Boylston St. A limited amount of tickets are still available, according to organizers, and will not be available the day of the event. Tickets are \$25 each. Tables of 10 may be purchased for \$250. For tickets, contact Susan Laprade at (508) 854-4368, or email her at [susanl@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:susanl@qcc.mass.edu).