KING HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE WEEK

THE URGENCY OF CREATING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

JANUARY 12-18, 2021

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UNITY (AGAPE)
INCLUSION
PATIENCE
TRUTH

JUSTICE
EQUITY
HUMILITY
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NONVIOLENCE
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POSITIVE PEACE

EMPOWERMENT FORGIVENESS
TRANSFORMATION
RESPECT

ALITING
TRUST
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TRANSFORMATIVE
HUMANITY

January 12-18, 2021
2021 KING HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE PRESS BRIEFING

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021
10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Dr. Bernice A. King, CEO, The King Center and King Holiday Observance (KHO) partners and collaborators will share information on KHO events, activities and programs.

Due to current Covid restrictions, capacity at the press conference is limited. Virtual & in–person attendees must RSVP, contact Mina Bryant at marcom@thekingcenter.org or 404–437–1206.
What is the answer to the myriad of injustices that are harming humanity today? “Nonviolence,” Dr. King said, “is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time.” We share Dr. King’s belief and invite you to join The King Center during King Holiday Observance 2021 for four virtual sessions on understanding and applying nonviolence today for societal, cultural and personal transformation. Dr. King’s philosophy of nonviolence is relevant, powerful and strategic for challenging and changing unjust ideologies, policies, systems and practices. And nonviolence is the pathway to creating the Beloved Community, which we must urgently commit ourselves to doing. For more information visit www.thekingcenter.org.
BELOVED COMMUNITY GLOBAL SUMMIT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021
12:00 NOON - 6:30 P.M. EST (GENERAL SESSIONS)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021
10:00 A.M. EST - 4:00 P.M. EST (GENERAL SESSIONS)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021
4:30 P.M. EST - 6:30 P.M. EST  YOUTH SUMMIT (MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS)

The Beloved Community Global Summit is an opportunity for mission aligned organizations dedicated to creating the Beloved Community to come together and share ideas. Participants will hear from national and international individuals who share their vision for a more just, humane, equitable and peaceful world. At the culmination of this two-day session participants will be provided take-aways to start their nonviolent journey. Participants will be given takeaways and action items during each session.

The Beloved Community Global Summit will focus on creating the Beloved Community as defined by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and expounded upon by The King Center founder, Mrs. Coretta Scott King. The Summit will focus on the first step of creating the Beloved Community, “Truth Telling” which aligns with Dr. King’s six principles and six steps of Nonviolence 365®, information gathering and educating. The event will be live-streamed on thekingcenter.org, Facebook and Twitter.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
January 14, 2021
Dr. Bernice A. King
CEO
The King Center

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
January 15, 2021
Bryan Stevenson
Founder & Executive Director
Equal Justice Initiative

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REGISTER HERE
12:00 NOON - 12:25 P.M. EST
A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE KING CENTER CEO: “THE URGENCY OF CREATING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY”
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bernice A. King
The Chief Executive Officer of The King Center, Dr. Bernice A. King will provide her perspective on the state of the world house, the meaning of the Beloved Community, and how each of us must urgently embrace Nonviolence 365® as the pathway to the creation of the Beloved Community.

12:30 P.M. - 1:25 P.M. EST
PERSPECTIVES ON CREATING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY
Moderator: Dr. Vonnetta West • Panelists: Rev. Dr. William Barber, II, Dr. Irshad Manji, Ben Phillips
Participants will hear from panelists who will delve deeper into the meaning of the Beloved Community by sharing their perspectives on how we become a more just, humane, sustainable and peaceful global society. Participants will receive key points on what it means to create the Beloved Community.

1:30 P.M. - 2:10 P.M. EST
DOING THE WORK: ORGANIZATIONS CREATING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY
Moderator: Bakari Sellers • Panelists: David Atwood, Rev. Nelson Johnson, Dr. Liz Theoharis
Numerous national and international organizations are working to create the Beloved Community. Panelists will share with participants their organizations’ missions and efforts related to creating the Beloved Community, as well as their thoughts on how others can begin to help create the Beloved Community.

2:15 P.M. - 2:55 P.M. EST
SOCIAL MEDIA: AN OUTLET FOR CREATING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY
Moderator: Dr. Vonnetta West • Panelists: God-is Rivera, Nona Jones, Pastor Carlos Rodriguez
This session will focus on strategies for utilizing social media to create the Beloved Community, with attention to aligning voice and messaging on social media with personal and organizational missions. Participants will receive practical steps for utilizing social media as a means to create the Beloved Community.

3:00 P.M. - 3:55 P.M. EST
IMPEDEMENTS TO CREATION OF THE BELOVED COMMUNITY
Moderator: Kayla Vinson • Panelists: Dr. John Powell, Deena Hayes-Greene, Karin Ryan
This session explores the “Triple Evils” of Poverty, Racism and Militarism, that hinder humanity from creating the Beloved Community and how society may begin to address these challenging forms of violence that permeate our society. Participants will leave with an understanding of how these forms of violence are interconnected and act as barriers to creating the Beloved Community. This understanding will enhance capacity to eradicate racism, poverty and militarism in various sectors of society.

4:00 P.M. - 4:25 P.M. EST
NONVIOLENCE 365® AS THE PATHWAY TO CREATING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY
Moderator: Tiffany Smith • Panelists: Dr. Bernice A. King, Dr. Lili Baxter, Rev. Joseph Tshawane
Panelists will share why they believe nonviolence is the only pathway to the creation of the Beloved Community and sustainable social change. Participants will be given three reasons why nonviolence is the pathway to the Beloved Community.

4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. EST
AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PRINCIPLES AND STEPS OF NONVIOLENCE
Panelists: Dr. Bernice A. King, Dr. Vonnetta West, Bonita Hampton
Panelists will provide an overview of the six steps and principles of Nonviolence 365®. Participants will be introduced to how to apply Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Six Principles and Six Steps of Nonviolence in their daily lives and for social justice.
DAY 2 - BELOVED COMMUNITY GLOBAL SUMMIT GENERAL SESSIONS

10:00 A.M. - 10:25 A.M. EST
WELCOME AND RECAP OF DAY ONE AND INTRO TO DAY TWO
This session is a recap of Day One of the Summit, including what was addressed – the vision set by Dr. King, exploration of how one can begin to create the Beloved Community, Impediments to creating the Beloved Community and why Nonviolence 365® as the pathway to building the Beloved Community.

10:30 A.M.-11:25 A.M. EST PART 1 OF 2 SESSIONS
DEFINING AND UNDERSTANDING TRUTH TELLING AS THE FOUNDATION TOWARD CREATING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY
Moderator: Sarah Nahar • Panelists: Bonny Ibhaowoh, Dr. Gail Christopher
A panel will define and share information about the purpose of truth telling sessions, why they are so important to moving towards creating the Beloved Community, and ultimately reconciliation and healing. Participants will receive insight on the connection between truth telling and creation of the Beloved Community.

11:30 A.M. - 12:25 P.M. EST PART 2 OF 2 SESSIONS
TRUTH TELLING AS A MAJOR STEP TOWARD JUSTICE, RECONCILIATION AND CREATING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY
Moderator: Sarah Nahar • Panelists: Rev. Nelson and Joyce Johnson, Esther Anne, Jill Savitt, Rev. Dr. Joseph Tshawane
During this session, panelists will share information on their respective Truth Telling experiences and why it is one of the most critical steps in Creating the Beloved Community. Participants will receive practical steps for creating truth telling sessions.

12:45 P.M - 2:10 P.M. EST
BRIDGING THE GENERATIONAL DIVIDE AS WE WORK TO CREATE THE BELOVED COMMUNITY
Moderator: Bree Newsome • Panelists: Dr. Bernice A. King, Ziad Ahmad, Greta Lucero-Rios Tellez, Taos Wynn
A panel spanning four generations will explore the similarities and differences in communicating, addressing social injustices and working to create the Beloved Community. Participants will receive practical action steps for bridging the generational divide.

2:15 P.M. - 3:15 P.M. EST
THE FUTURE OF TRUTH TELLING SESSIONS
Facilitator: Monica Pearson • Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bryan Stevenson
Social justice activist, founder/executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, and a law professor at New York University School of Law, noted speaker Bryan Stevenson will share his vision for using “Truth Telling” sessions to begin to acknowledge the myriad of injustices in America, and ultimately move us closer to the creation of the Beloved Community.

3:25 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. EST
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
Presenters: Dr. Bernice A. King, CEO, The King Center
Paige Alexander, CEO, The Carter Center
Jill Savitt, President & CEO, The Center for Civil and Human Rights
The CEOs, of The King Center and its partners for the Beloved Community Global Summit, will share their vision for the future and next steps as we move forward into 2021 and beyond together with the goal of creating the Beloved Community.
DAY 2 - BELOVED COMMUNITY GLOBAL SUMMIT – YOUTH SESSIONS

4:30 P.M - 6:30 P.M. EST
YOUTH SUMMIT

4:30 P.M. - 4:35 P.M. EST
OPENING & WELCOME
Facilitator: Cierra “Fly” Bobo

THE BELOVED COMMUNITY AND THE NEXT GENERATION
Participants will engage in a discussion on the Beloved Community with young people from across the nation and world. This segment will be led and discussed by the younger generation regarding “The Urgency of Creating the Beloved Community”.

4:35 P.M. - 4:40 P.M. EST
A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE KING CENTER CEO: “THE URGENCY OF CREATING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY”
Presenter: Rev. Dr. Bernice A. King
Dr. Bernice A. King will welcome and share with the audience why they are so critically important with helping to create the Beloved Community.

4:45 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. EST
THE URGENCY OF CREATING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY
Presenter: Cierra “Fly” Bobo
Participants will engage in an interactive experience where they will receive an overview of the World House, the Beloved Community and Nonviolence 365®. Participants will learn the meaning of the World House, Beloved Community and the six steps and six principles.

5:30 P.M. - 6:20 P.M. EST
EMBRACING NONVIOLENCE 365 AND HELPING TO CREATE THE GLOBAL BELOVED COMMUNITY
Moderator: Cameron Friend • Panelists: Esther Abiya, Siena Castellon, Esha Venkat, Avi Gupta
Panelists and the virtual audience will engage in a discussion on how youth are working to create a more just, humane, equitable, sustainable, and peaceful world. This interactive discussion will provide practical steps for youth to begin to implement Nonviolence365 in their homes, schools, community and ultimately as a lifestyle.

6:25 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. EST
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
Presenter: Dr. Bernice A. King
The Beloved Community Summit will culminate with a call to action by our CEO, Dr. Bernice King. Dr. King will encourage participants to take what they have learned during the Summit and implement it in their daily lives. Participants will be invited to join the work of the King Center and other organizations that are working to ensure freedom for the next generation and to create a more just, humane, equitable, peaceful and sustainable world.

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https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-king-holiday-observance-beloved-community-global-summit-youth-sessions-tickets-135339806003
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The purpose of the Beloved Community is to educate K-12 students about Dr. and Mrs. King's legacy and to champion the grades of their unfinished work. Our goal is to establish one day, each year, of action and advocacy for creating The Beloved Community. The King Center has educators, trainers, lesson plans, and other resources for facilitating Teach-In discussions.

In keeping with the theme, “The Urgency of Creating the Beloved Community”, K-12 lesson plans for the 2021 Teach-In will reinforce the knowledge, skills, and dispositions students need to not only be positive contributors to the creation of the Beloved Community but also to succeed in college, careers, and civic life. For example, early childhood lesson plans will focus on the building blocks of character: sharing, caring, and cooperation while middle and secondary lesson plans will focus on active listening, showing empathy and interdependence. Full lesson plans with objectives, activities, and measurable outcomes will be sent upon registration.

To join The King Center and educational institutions and organizations around the globe for the 2021 Beloved Community Teach-In please click HERE to register.

For more information or questions regarding the teach-in, please email teach-in@thekingcenter.org.
YOUTH EXPERIENCE (GRADES K-5)
“LOVE WILL SEE YOU THROUGH”
A VIRTUAL BOOK READING AND PUPPETRY PRESENTATION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021
11:00 A.M. - 12 NOON EST

Join with the niece of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Angela Farris Watkins, for a very special reading of her book “Love Will See You Through.”

The book shares Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s six principles of nonviolence in a language that children can understand. These principles of nonviolence are the pathway to creating the Beloved Community. Examples of the principles that one must embrace include that you “have courage” and “love your enemies.” These six hallmarks of virtue and nonviolence reinforce the truth that “the universe honors love” and will inspire readers of all ages.

READ BY THE AUTHOR
ANGELA FARRIS WATKINS, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Chair of Psychology
Spelman College
BELOVED COMMUNITY AWARDS  
(FORMERLY SALUTE TO GREATNESS AWARDS)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. EST

Every year, The King Center in Atlanta leads the nation-wide observance of the national holiday commemorating the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. One of the marquee programs of The King Center’s week-long holiday experience will be the Beloved Community Awards (formally The Salute to Greatness Award). The Beloved Community Awards recognize national and international individuals and organizations that exemplify excellence in leadership; that pursue social justice and that are committed to creating the Beloved Community, in the tradition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The programs will be live-streamed on Twitter and thekingcenter.org.

CHAIR:
Ed Bastian, CEO, Delta Air Lines

CO-HOSTS:
Julie Chen Moonves
Kevin Frazier

WELCOME
Dr. Bernice A. King, CEO, The King Center

APPEARANCES
Porscha Williams, Media Personality and Entrepreneur
Kennedy Mack, Assistant to the CEO, The King Center
Cameron Friend, Youth and Millennial Engagement Coordinator, The King Center

YOUTH INFLUENCER AWARD:
Yasmin Poole, National Ambassador, Plan International Australia
Presenter: Mari Copeny, Youth Activist

CIVIC LEADERSHIP AWARD:
Michael D. Tubbs, Former Mayor of Stockton, CA & Founder and Chair, Mayors for a Guaranteed Income
Presenter: The Honorable Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor of Atlanta, GA

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION AWARD:
Smart City World Congress Fira de Barcelona
Ugo Valenti, Managing Director
Presenter: Will Packer, Founder and CEO
Will Packer Productions

SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD:
Alicia Gorza
Opal Tometi
Patrisse Cullors
Co-Founders, Black Lives Matter
Presenter: Angela Rye, Host, Political and Cultural Commentator, IMPACT Strategies

CHRISTINE KING FARRIS “LEGACY OF SERVICE IN EDUCATION” AWARD:
Ron Clark, Founder/Teacher, Ron Clark Academy
Presenter: Farris Christine Watkins, Great Niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and granddaughter of Dr. Christine King Farris

SALUTE TO GREATNESS HUMANITARIAN AWARD:
Charles F. Feeney, Businessman and Philanthropist, The Atlantic Philanthropies
Presenter: Sheryl Sandberg, Chief Operating Officer, Facebook, Inc.

SALUTE TO GREATNESS CORPORATE SOCIAL IMPACT AWARD:
Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN)
Tina Perry, President
Presenter: Steve Cahillane, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Kellogg Company

CORETTA SCOTT KING “SOUL OF A NATION”:
Johnnetta B. Cole, Ph.D., National Chair & President, National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
Presenter: Jennifer Beal Fields, Great Niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and CEO Beal Wellness

YOALANDA DENISE KING “HIGHER GROUND” AWARD:
Lady Gaga, Artist and Co-Founder, Born This Way Foundation
Presenter: Jennifer Hudson, Award-winning Singer, Actress and Philanthropist

PERFORMERS:
Marsha Ambrosius
Jenn Cornell
Gritz & Jelly Butter
J. Ivy
Chrisette Michele
Carl Thomas
Malea Emma Tjandrawidjaja

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The culminating program for the week-long celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s life and legacy is the 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Beloved Community Commemorative Service. This event will be live-streamed on Monday, January 18, 2021 beginning at 10:30 am EST on multiple platforms, including Facebook Watch, thekingcenter.org, and other sources, as well as televised locally on Fox 5 Atlanta.

**PRESIDENTS:**
Rev. Notosha Reid Rice, Founder, Fresh Rain for Life Ministries & NRR Inspires, LLC
Pastor Sam Collier, National Syndicated Radio, Podcast Host & National Christian Speaker

**CALL TO COMMEMORATION:**
Dr. Bernice A. King, CEO, The King Center

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**
Bishop T.D. Jakes, Author & Filmmaker, The Potter’s House

**GREETINGS:**
Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General, United Nations
Rev. Raphael G. Warnock, Ph.d. Senior Pastor Ebenezer Baptist Church, Senator-Elect (GA)

**TRIBUTES TO DR. KING:**
Ndaba Mandela, Chairman & Founder, Mandela Institute for Humanity, Africa
Yasmin Poole, National Ambassador, Plan International Australia
Tamika Mallory, Social Justice Leader, Movement Strategist, USA
Ashley Woods, Independent Curator and Producer, Europe
Rev. Dr. Lee Younghoon, Senior Pastor, General Superintendent, AGK, Yoido Full Gospel Church, Assembly of God of Korea, Asia

**YOUTH PRESENTATION:**
In partnership with KidsRights www.kidsrights.org
Kids Rights, USA and Global Student Recitations for Creating the Beloved Community
Esther Abiya, Australia
Siena Castellon, Finalist International Children’s Peace Prize 2020, Europe
Divina Maloum, Winner International Children’s Peace Prize 2019, Africa
Ivonna Ortega, Finalist International Children’s Peace Prize 2020, North America
Sadat Rahman, Winner International Children’s Peace Prize 2020, Asia

**CORETTA SCOTT TRIBUTE:**
Miala Wilkerson, Coretta Scott King Young Women’s Leadership Academy (CSKYWLA)

**CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS:**
Moderator: Nona Jones, Head of Faith-Based Partnerships, Facebook, Inc.
Conversation #1:
Pastor Jamal Bryant, Senior Pastor, New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, USA
Pastor Jentezen Franklin, Senior Pastor, Free Chapel, USA
Conversation #2:
Kehkashan Basu, UN Human Rights Champion, Founder President - Green Hope Foundation, Canada
The Honorable Juan Manuel Santos, Nobel Laureate and former President of Columbia, South America

**GLOBAL BELL RINGING CEREMONY**
Members of Atlanta Consular Corps

**PERFORMANCES:**
Charles Jenkins & Fellowship Chicago featuring Mr. Talkbox and Le’Andria Johnson
Jekalyn Carr, Grammy Nominated Gospel Artist, Actress and Author
Korean Soul
Angella Christie, Gospel Saxophonist, Angella Christie Sound Ministries
Tammy Taylor, Gospel Recording Artist
Free Chapel Choir
Dr. Joyce Finch Johnson, Organist
Rabbi Micah Lapidus, Melvin Kindall and Stephen Simmons

**SPECIAL CONCERT FEATURING Jekalyn Carr**
Introduced by Kirk Franklin, 16 Time Grammy Award Winner
(Immediately Following the Service)
KING FAMILY WREATH LAYING
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021
2:15 P.M.

The 2021 King Holiday Observance will conclude with a wreath laying on the campus of The
King Center, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and King Center Founder, Mrs. Coretta Scott
King. The wreath laying will take place on January 18th at 2:15 PM, immediately
after the Commemorative Service.