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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

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BOSTON CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTER

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

James Weldon Johnson (1900)

Lift ev'ry voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

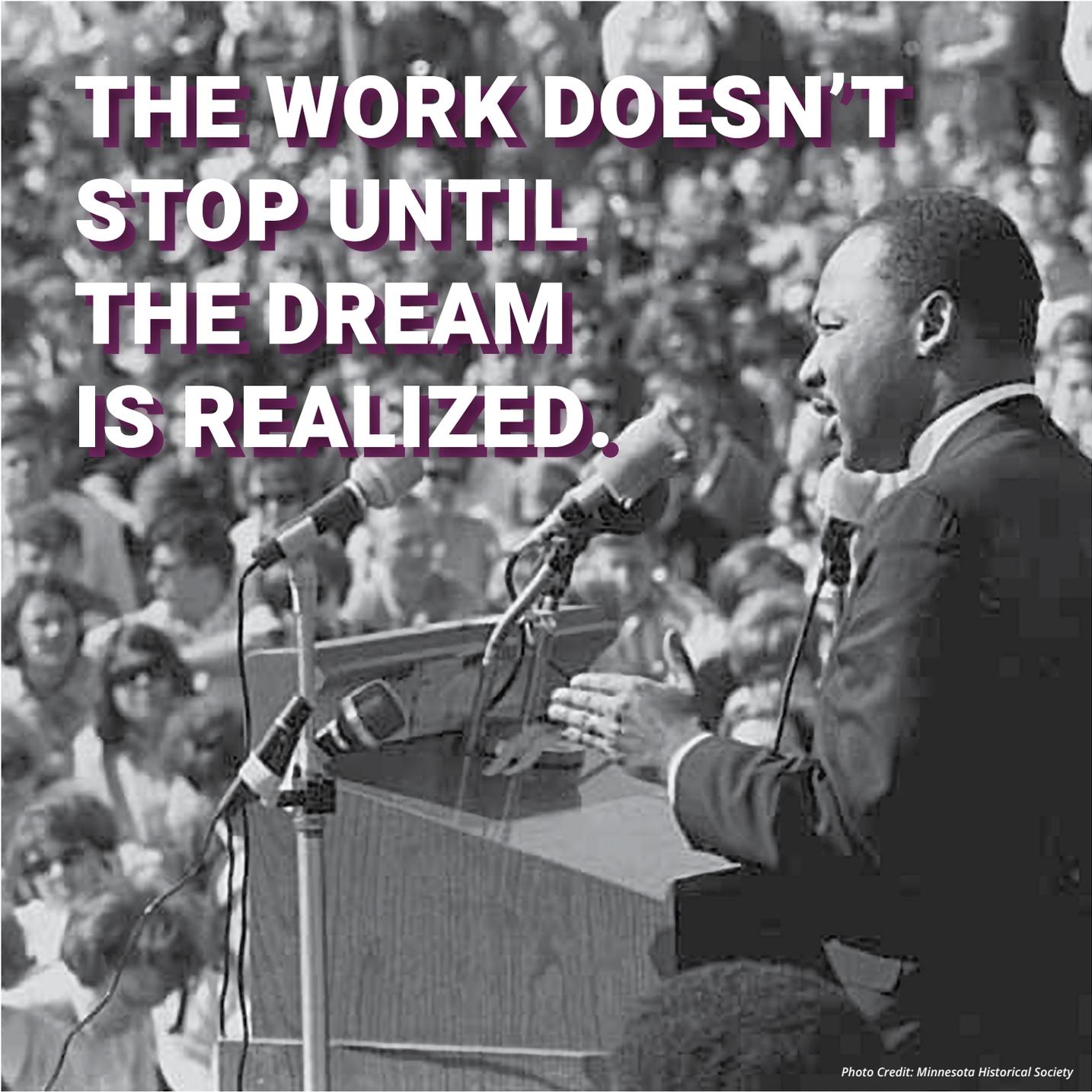
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears have been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our God,
True to our native land.



**THE WORK DOESN'T
STOP UNTIL
THE DREAM
IS REALIZED.**

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We celebrate the vision and legacy of Dr. King and Coretta Scott King and the essential role of education and activism in the realization of a better America.

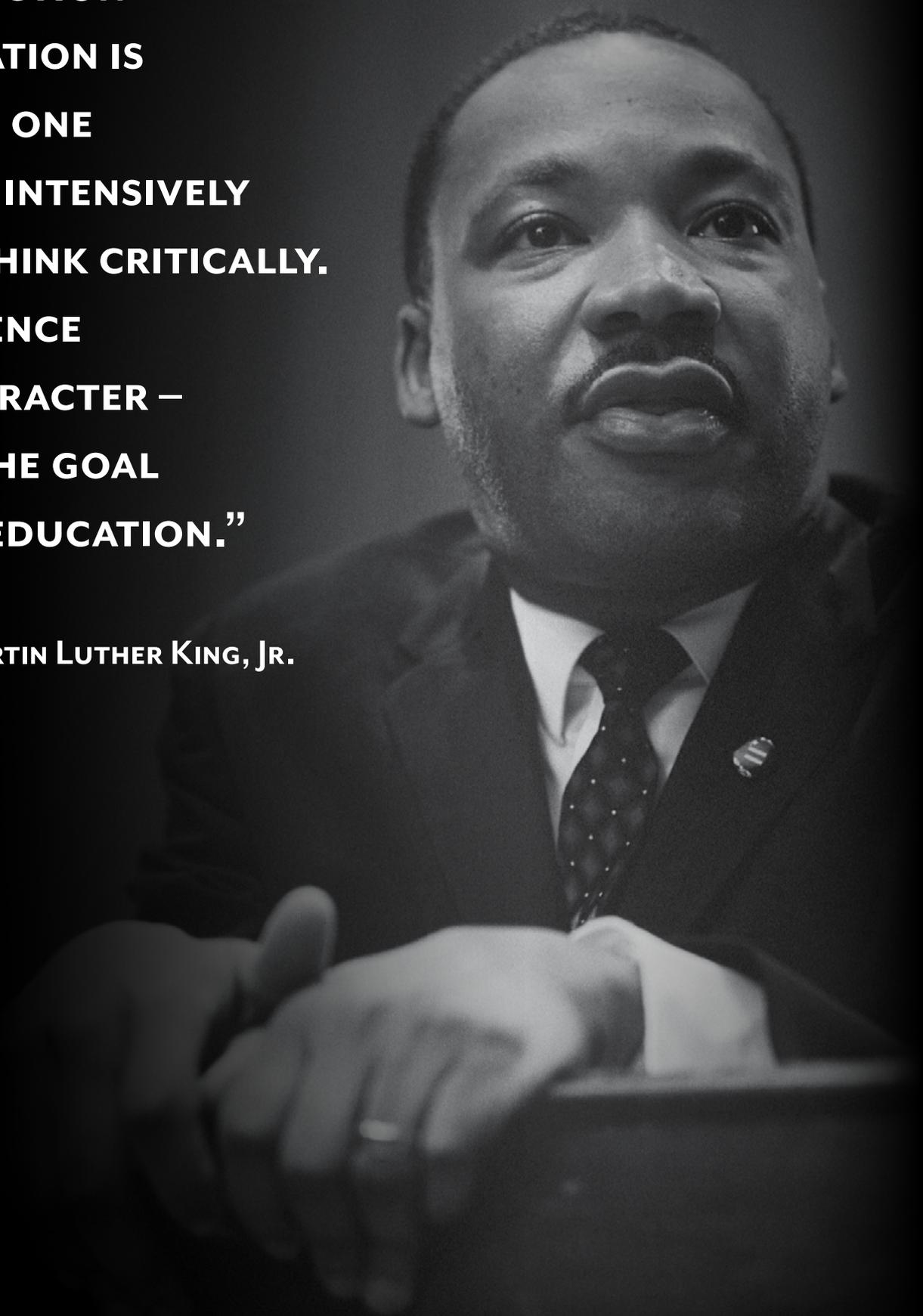


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PLUS CHARACTER –
THAT IS THE GOAL
OF TRUE EDUCATION.”**

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



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January 16, 2023

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we would like to welcome you to the 53rd annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast.

For decades, St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church and the Union United Methodist Church have brought us together to celebrate the life of Dr. King and how his legacy endures in our collective pursuit of social justice.

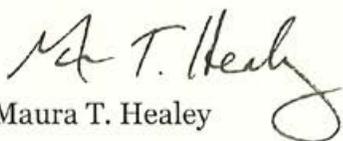
Today's breakfast is a moment to celebrate the potential and responsibility that exists within each of us to build a society that lifts people up, to take a long view towards justice, and to embody the belief that everyone has a voice, and every voice should be counted.

We want to thank the MLK Breakfast Committee for honoring the memory of our great civil rights leaders and celebrating the extraordinary contributions to diversity and inclusion throughout our communities.

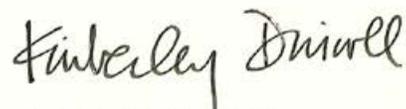
Together, in the name of Dr. King, we will act on our shared values and stand up for justice and equality for all.

Please accept our best wishes for a successful and inspiring event.

With gratitude,


Maura T. Healey

Governor



Kimberley Driscoll

Lieutenant Governor

THE HONORABLE
MAURA T. HEALEY
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Maura Healey is the 73rd Governor of Massachusetts. She was sworn in on January 5, 2023, becoming **the first woman and first openly LGBTQ person elected Governor in Massachusetts history.**

Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll are building an experienced, diverse team that is focused on bringing people together and delivering results for Massachusetts residents. They're committed to making Massachusetts more affordable and growing the state's economic competitiveness by prioritizing housing, transportation, job training and child care. They believe that Massachusetts has the greatest collection of human and intellectual capital, business, innovation, and know-how in the world. They are harnessing these resources to deliver for residents, families, and businesses throughout the entire state.

Healey was elected Massachusetts Attorney General in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. As the People's Lawyer, she took on the issues that impact residents across Massachusetts, including the opioid epidemic, the climate crisis, escalating health care costs, and student loan debt. She was the first Attorney General to sue Purdue Pharma and the Sacklers for their role in fueling the opioid crisis. She also routinely protected the rights of consumers, workers, students, seniors, immigrants and the LGBTQ and disability communities.

Building on her promise to run an office that serves people across the state, Healey launched the Community Engagement Division in May 2015. The first-of-its-kind division brought the Attorney General's Office and its work into neighborhoods and communities across the state. The Division launched community office hours and has assisted with the rollout of several policy initiatives including the Earned Sick Time law and Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights.



THE HONORABLE MICHELLE WU

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Michelle Wu is the Mayor of Boston. She is a daughter of immigrants, Boston Public Schools mom to two boys, MBTA commuter, and fierce believer that we can solve our deepest challenges through building community. As Mayor, Michelle is working in coalition to deliver bold, systemic change and make Boston a city for everyone.

Mayor Wu has been a voice for accessibility, transparency, and community engagement in city leadership. First elected to the Boston City Council in November 2013 at the age of 28, Wu is the first Asian-American woman to serve on the Council. In January 2016, she was elected President of the City

Council by her colleagues in a unanimous vote, becoming the first woman of color to serve as Council President.

As a Councilor, Mayor Wu was the lead sponsor of Boston's Paid Parental Leave ordinance and Healthcare Equity ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity — both of which passed unanimously through the Council and were signed into law by former Mayor Martin J. Walsh. She also authored Boston's Communications Access ordinance, which guarantees translation, interpretation and assistive technology for access to City services regardless of English language proficiency or communications disability.

In 2016, Councilor Wu was honored as one of Ten Outstanding Young Leaders by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and as part of Marie Claire magazine's New Guard: The 50 Most Influential Women in America.

Mayor Wu graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School. She is fluent in Mandarin and Spanish, and lives in Roslindale with her husband Conor and her sons Blaise and Cass.





City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

January 16, 2023

Dear Friends,

It is my privilege to welcome you to the 53rd annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast. Boston is incredibly proud and humbled to host the nation's oldest annual celebration of Dr. King.

This is an opportunity to reflect on the incredible work of Dr. King, to honor his legacy, and to build the “Beloved Community” he dreamed of. In Boston, we strive to achieve that dream each day. Today's breakfast is our annual commitment to continue working toward, and preserving, that community.

That's why this year's theme, *Reclaiming Our Rights: Education and Activism* is so important. It underscores the fact that we must be steadfast in our demands for a more just, equitable, and compassionate world. I'm proud to work alongside all of our communities to usher in that world.

I hope you all enjoy this morning's breakfast.

In Solidarity,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



**Confidently pursuing
tomorrow begins
with a dedication to
diversity, equity, and
inclusion today.**

Liberty Mutual is proud to support the 53rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast. We honor and share your commitment to bring about real, tangible change in the systemic injustices, inequalities, and inequities that plague our nation.





Dear Beloved Community,

On behalf of the MLK Memorial Breakfast Committee, we welcome you to our 53rd annual breakfast, marking the life, ministry, and legacy of social justice of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior. As the nation's first community-based celebration we are honored to meet once again — despite the various trials that seek to keep us apart. After two online-only gatherings, due to the devastation of the coronavirus pandemic, today we return to our in-person meal along with a livestream component. Our common table is now “hybrid,” marking a significant shift in a world where “business as usual” is inadequate.

We continue to imagine what is possible. And, at today's gathering, we are delighted that our keynote speaker, Dr. Jelani Cobb, will inspire this beloved community to dream and reclaim our rights! May his words join those of MLK, and help us to envision and create a world where all can thrive and flourish.

We honor all of the trailblazing people who gather in-building and online today. You are citizens, community organizers, clergy, elected officials, educators, and activists who make an extraordinary difference in the City of Boston and beyond. And, we celebrate the history-making elections of Governor Maura Healey, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, and Attorney General Andrea Campbell. Indeed, as King declared, “the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.”

Congratulations to our esteemed awardees and many thanks to our generous sponsors. It is our sincere hope and prayer that this morning's celebration will be a source of inspiration, blessing, and encouragement, as we begin a new year of growing into a more just society and the beloved community.

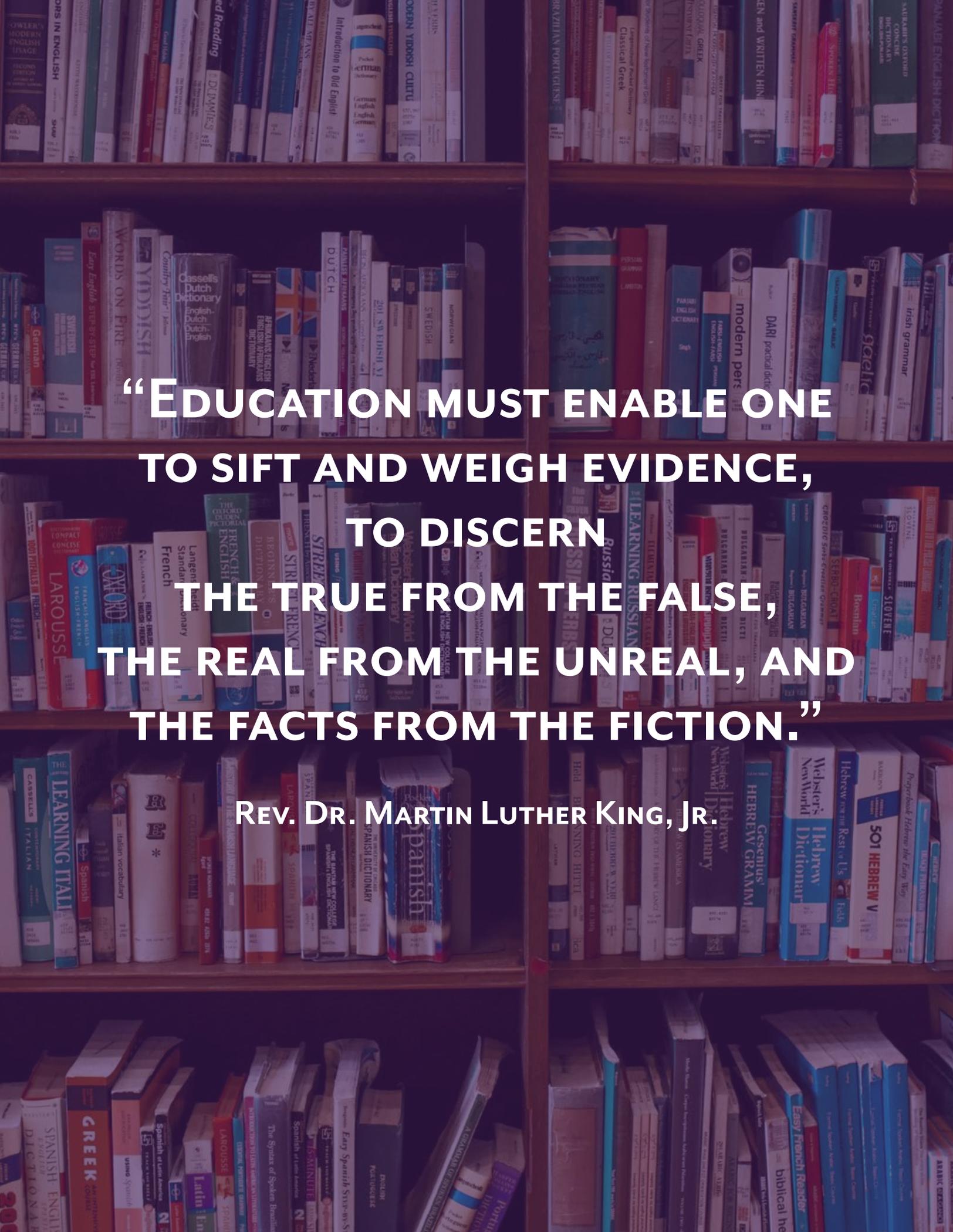
Welcome to the 53rd Annual MLK Memorial Breakfast.

Sincerely,

Co-Chairs

Mr. James Dilday, Esq.
St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

Rev. Dr. Jay Williams
Union United Methodist Church



**“EDUCATION MUST ENABLE ONE
TO SIFT AND WEIGH EVIDENCE,
TO DISCERN
THE TRUE FROM THE FALSE,
THE REAL FROM THE UNREAL, AND
THE FACTS FROM THE FICTION.”**

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

KIMBERLY ATKINS STOHR

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Kimberly Atkins Stohr is a senior opinion writer and columnist at *The Boston Globe*, and lead columnist for *The Emancipator*, a joint venture by Globe Opinion and the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research that reimagines 19th-century abolitionist newspapers to reframe the current national conversation on racial justice. She author's *The Emancipator's* newsletter, *Unbound*.

She is also an MSNBC contributor, a guest host for the NPR/WBUR-produced news program *On Point*, and co-host of the weekly Politicon legal news podcast *#SistersInLaw*.

Previously, Kim was the first Washington, D.C.-based news correspondent for WBUR. She has also served as the *Boston Herald's* Washington bureau chief, guest host of C-SPAN's morning call-in show *Washington Journal*, and a Supreme Court reporter for *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* and its sister publications.

She has appeared as a political commentator on a host of national and international television and radio networks, including CNN, Fox News, NBC News, PBS, NPR, Sky News (UK), and CBC News (Canada).

Before launching her journalism career, she was a trial and appellate litigation attorney in Boston.

Kimberly is a native of Michigan, and a graduate of Wayne State University, Boston University School of Law and Boston University College of Communication, and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.



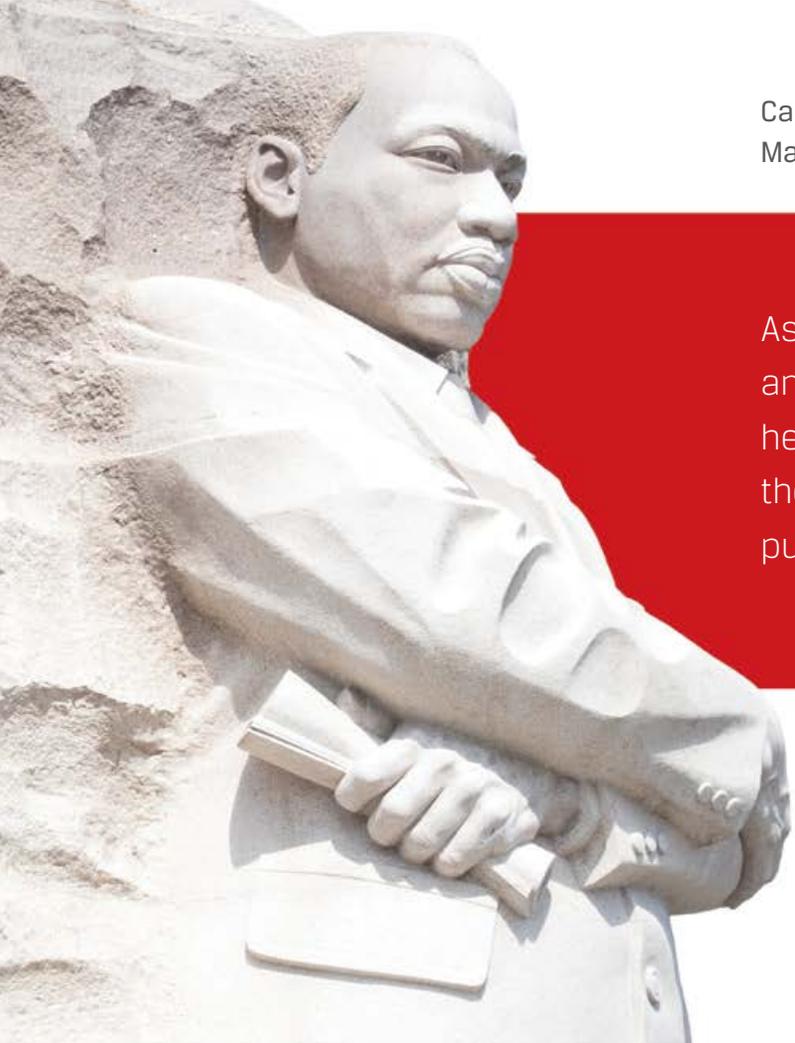


***“Everybody can be great because
anybody can serve.”***

– Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Putnam is proud to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by recognizing the significance of education in the pursuit of social justice.





Cabot is proud to sponsor the 53rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast

As we celebrate Dr. King's life and legacy, we are proud to help amplify awareness about the power of education in the pursuit of social justice.



The Boston Foundation thanks you for honoring our own Imari Paris Jeffries at this year's MLK Memorial Breakfast! We are proud of the role the Boston Foundation has played in supporting Embrace Boston and The Embrace memorial from the very beginning. Imari is a remarkable leader—and we look forward to Embrace Boston's plans to bring the memorial to life by building a vibrant new cultural center in the heart of Roxbury.

For more about the Boston Foundation, visit tbf.org.

OUR CONVERSATION

“**Reclaiming Our Rights: Education and Activism**” arises from the fallout from unprecedented moves from the ending of reproductive security to the stifling of academic freedom. The fact is that access to education and information is a core factor for the liberation of all people, and it should be at the forefront of our minds. Education impacts every social paradigm: economic security, criminal/social justice, healthcare, environmental justice) and it impacts an individual’s ability to fully participate within social systems. The conversation with elected officials and educators from “The Teachers’ Lounge” explores the current state of education in the Commonwealth and the City of Boston and challenges us to dream of a better approach for students and teachers.



GAVIN SMITH

Gavin Smith is an educator and social justice advocate. He has been in the world of education formally for the past 12 years with experience ranging from Ivy Street School, a school for students with Traumatic Brain Injuries to his current role as the proud Head of School and number one fan for Boston Latin Academy. He is a former Biology teacher, finalist for Teacher of the Year in Massachusetts, and Board member for nonprofit organizations such as the Journal for Emerging Investigators, Minds Matter, Boston and Summer Search. Gavin is also the co-founder of the mentoring group YMOC (Young Men of Color/ Young Men Organizing for Change), a program designed to have intergenerational conversation between men of color in Boston.



KATHY LOPES

Kathy Lopes is the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for Newton Public Schools and the current President of the Association of Black Social Workers (ABSW) – Greater Boston Chapter. Formerly appointed as the Assistant Commissioner at the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, Lopes has a demonstrated history of administrative and clinical experience within education, child welfare, mental health, and non-profit sectors. She holds a long-standing adjunct faculty position at her alma mater, Simmons University School of Social Work, teaching courses on racism, social policy and leadership. Lopes is also the co-author of the recently published book, *Change the Narrative: How to Foster an Antiracist School Culture in Your School*.



KEVIN DUA

Kevin Dua, one of the 1.7% of Black teachers nationally, teaches history in the greater Boston area. He is the first African American to win Massachusetts History Teacher of the Year and was a finalist for Massachusetts Teacher of the Year. He is a recipient of the Wakefield Human Rights Commission’s Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service Award. Dua has worked with the Korematsu Institute for Civil Rights and Education and The Commonwealth Museum to diversify curricula and has spoken on NPR, PBS, and GBH Basic Black about schools addressing racial inequalities and youth activism to support students and teachers of color. He co-established the Boston College Donovan Teaching Scholars and City Year partnership to provide scholarships to City Year alums pursuing M.Eds. Recently, Dua was honored with the Comcast NBC Universal Award/City Year Alumni Leader and the ODK’s Emerging Advocate Award for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity for his 13-year career contributions as an educator, national consultant, activist, speaker, and coach.

CONVERSATION MODERATOR



DEVIN MORRIS

Devin co-founded **The Teachers' Lounge** in 2018 with then business partner Jabari Peddie. They began this work because throughout their own K-12 and college experiences, as well as in their professional careers, they witnessed the under-representation of Educators of Color in lead teaching positions and felt the effects of not having a teacher with whom they could identify and see themselves reflected. Together, they sought to change this reality for future generations of students by creating and curating spaces intended to increase the recruitment, revitalization, and retention of Educators of Color across the Greater Boston Area.



The Teachers' Lounge Inc. | Recruit · Revitalize · Retain

Company Overview:

The Teachers' Lounge is an education-based nonprofit organization seeking to drive unprecedented student outcomes by greatly diversifying the people, thoughts, and actions of the educational workforce in the Greater Boston Area and beyond. In efforts to recruit, revitalize, and retain Educators of Color, The Teachers' Lounge develops and implements innovative solutions for building more diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning and professional environments for all stakeholders.

More specifically, we focus on the following:

- **Community Cultivation:** Educators of Color from across the Commonwealth join a community that affirms the rich diversity of experiences and backgrounds rarely reflected in our schools, at present. (Virtual Lounge, coming soon.)
- **Learning and Development:** Educators of Color take part in our monthly panels, workshops, and professional development programming to improve individual and collective practice. Schools, organizations, and community partners are supported in developing and implementing equity-centered hiring and retention strategies. ([Calendar of events](#))
- **Sustainability & Growth:** Through our Classroom Leaders of Color (CLOC) Fellowship, we seek to provide continued support, coaching, mentorship, and resources to address the specific needs of early career Educators of Color, therefore improving the skills, well-being, and sustainability of cohort members. ([CLOC Fellowship](#))
- **Representative Research:** We engage in research, analysis, consultation, and synthesis of information, rooted in the lived experiences of Educators of Color, to produce thoughts, ideas, and practical approaches to promoting equity in our education system. ([Contact Tiziana Barros](#))
- **Career Advancement & Mobility:** Educators of Color are connected with other Educators of Color and Hiring Managers to gain access to new resources and opportunities. Hiring Managers are connected to a diverse collective of Educators of Color across 10 months of TTL programming, allowing opportunities to develop sustainable relationships. Candidates and hiring managers gain access to a job portal and virtual hiring fair, where Educators of Color are in the driver's seat of the career exploration experience. ([Job Portal](#))

The Teachers' Lounge intentionally works at the intersection of individual, school-based, and governmental action to amplify our actions to build a more equitable and just education system.



JELANI COBB

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jelani Cobb is a staff writer at *The New Yorker*, writing on race, history, justice, politics, and democracy, as well as Columbia University's Ira A. Lipman Professor of Journalism and next Dean of Columbia Journalism School.

He recently co-edited *The Matter of Black Lives*, a collection of *The New Yorker's* most ground-breaking writing on Black history and culture in America, featuring the work of legendary writers like James Baldwin and Toni Morrison.

Publishers Weekly writes, "Beyond the stellar prose, what unites these pieces, which range widely in length, tone, and point of view, is James Baldwin's insight, paraphrased by Jelani Cobb, that 'the American future is precisely as bright or as dark as our capacity to grapple with [the legacy of racism].'"

Cobb also edited and wrote a new introduction for The Kerner Commission—a historic study of American racism and police violence originally published in 1967—helping to contextualize it for a new generation.

The condensed version of the report, called *The Essential Kerner Commission Report*, is described as an "essential resource for understanding what Cobb calls the 'chronic national predicament' of racial unrest" (*Publishers Weekly*).

During a historic election in the midst of a global pandemic, Cobb investigated allegations of voter fraud and disenfranchisement as a PSB *Frontline* correspondent in the documentary *Whose Vote Counts*, revealing how these unfounded claims entered the political mainstream. He clearly presents how racial inequities, COVID-19, and voter suppression became interlinked crises, contributing to a long legacy of inequality.

For tackling one of the key issues at the heart of modern U.S. politics and carefully elucidating what the fight for voting rights looks like in the 21st century, *Whose Vote Counts* received a Peabody Award. Cobb was also the correspondent for the *Frontline* documentary *Policing the Police*, where he examined whether police reform is a viable solution in the wake of mounting protests calling for racial justice, and explored how we can hold police departments accountable.

Previously, Cobb was prominently featured in Ava Duvernay's *13th*, her Oscar-nominated documentary about the current mass incarceration of Black Americans, which traces the subject to its historical origins in the Thirteenth Amendment.

Cobb is the recipient of the Hillman Prize for opinion and analysis journalism, as well as the Walter Bernstein Award from the Writer's Guild of America for his investigative work on *Policing the Police*. He is the author of *Substance of Hope: Barack Obama and the Paradox of Progress*, and *To the Break of Dawn: A Freestyle on the Hip Hop Aesthetic*. He was appointed the Dean of Columbia Journalism School in 2022.

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

THE NATION'S LONGEST-RUNNING EVENT DEDICATED TO HONOR THE LEGACY OF DR. KING CELEBRATES ITS **53RD ANNUAL BREAKFAST** WITH THIS YEAR'S THEME:

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MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

BOSTON EXHIBITION AND CONVENTION CENTER (GRAND BALLROOM) + LIVESTREAM ONLINE

PRELUDE — “A CHANGE IS GONNA COME” BY SAM COOKE

Performed by TAYLOR DENEEN CHRISTMON

WELCOME — MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

KIMBERLY ATKINS STOHR

Senior Opinion Writer and Columnist, Boston Globe

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GREETINGS

The Honorable MAURA HEALEY
Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Honorable MICHELLE WU
Mayor, City of Boston

A CONVERSATION AMONG EDUCATORS AND POLITICIANS

Moderator DEVIN MORRIS

The Honorable AYANNA PRESSLEY
U.S. Representative, 7th District of Massachusetts

The Honorable MICHELLE WU
Mayor, City of Boston

Educators:

KATHY LOPES, KEVIN DUA, + GAVIN SMITH

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

DR. JELANI COBB

Dean of the Columbia Journalism School

Writer for The New Yorker, Speaker on Race, History, Politics and Culture in America

AWARDS PRESENTATION

The Honorable EDWARD MARKEY

U.S. Senator for Massachusetts

TRUE COMPASS AWARD

EMBRACE BOSTON — IMARI PARIS JEFFRIES

DRUM MAJOR AWARDS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN IN COMMUNITY SERVICE — KALIMAH REDD-KNIGHT

GREATER BOSTON ASSOCIATION OF BLACK SOCIAL WORKERS — KATHY LOPES

BOSTON WHILE BLACK — SHEENA COLLIER

“YOU RAISE ME UP” BY JOSH GROBAN

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TRUE COMPASS AWARD



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EXPERIENCE “THE EMBRACE”

Visit The Embrace memorial on The Boston Common. Designed by Hank Willis Thomas, the memorial commemorates the legacies of Dr. Martin Luther King and Coretta Scott King who met and went to school in Boston.

Go to EmbraceBoston.org/memorial for more information.

IMARI PARIS JEFFRIES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EMBRACE BOSTON

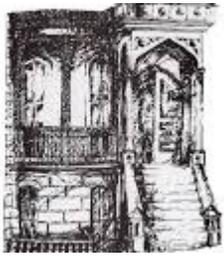
SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE BOSTON FOUNDATION

In June 2020, Imari Paris Jeffries was named Executive Director of Embrace Boston, where he is leading a citywide racial equity transformation through The Embrace memorial, the Embrace Center, and community organizing efforts. Imari brings a wealth of experience from the nonprofit management, racial equity, community activism, education reform, and social justice sectors and has served in executive roles at Parenting Journey, Jumpstart, Boston Rising, and Friends of The Children. He currently serves as a Trustee of the UMass System, Mass Humanities, Mass Budget, Policy Center,, and Governor Baker’s Black Advisory Commission.

Most recently was the Executive Director of Parenting Journey with other leadership stints as Chief Executive Officer of the Italian Home for Children, Chief Operating Officer of Jumpstart, interim CEO of Boston Rising, and Executive Director of Friends of the Children-Boston. Imari has extensive professional experience in public, national, and nonprofit leadership and has supplemented his work with volunteer service on boards. These have included Jumpstart, the African American Federation of Greater Boston, Save the Harbor, Save the Bay, the Elizabeth Peabody House, the Massachusetts Mentoring Partnership, the Edward Brooke Charter School, The Providers Council, and Third Sector New England.

Imari was recently named one of Boston’s most Influential Bostonians by Boston Magazine and the Boston Business Journals Power 50. He is a three-time graduate of UMass Boston and is currently pursuing his Ph.D. through UMass Boston’s Higher Education Program. An Army veteran, Imari served from 1991-1996. He currently lives in Hyde Park with his family.





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“ The object shall be to undertake such work, educational, charitable, as will benefit the community, and to co-operate with other agencies working for the same end. ”

—Constitution of the League of Women for Community Service (1920)



The League of Women for Community Service, Inc., one of the oldest continuously running Black women's clubs in the United States, celebrates the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On the 53rd Annual Memorial Breakfast, we honor Dr. King and his wife Coretta's commitment to raising up the value of education in pursuit of social justice.

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DRUM MAJOR AWARD

LEAGUE OF WOMEN FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

KALIMAH REDD KNIGHT

PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Kalimah Redd Knight is President of the League of Women for Community Service, Inc., one of the oldest continuously running Black women's clubs in the United States.

Under her leadership, which began July 1, 2022, the League focuses on continuing its \$5 million capital campaign to restore its historic headquarters at 558 Massachusetts Avenue in the South End; preserving and making its historically significant collection accessible to the public; and expanding cultural, educational and charitable programming for the community.



DRUM MAJOR AWARD

GREATER BOSTON ASSOCIATION FOR BLACK SOCIAL WORKERS, INC.

WHO WE ARE

The Greater Boston Association of Black Social Workers (GBABSW) is one of the founding chapters for the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW) and rooted in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

At that time, many of its members were a part of the first organizing efforts of various Black Social Worker groups across the country that came together during 1967 and 1968. Their common goal was Black liberation, improved social work practice, and service delivery. They recognized the need for educational institutions to revamp curricula, and to demonstrate concern, appreciation, and understanding of all races and ethnic groups reflected in the social welfare service arena.

“Creating a world in which people of African ancestry will live free from racial domination, economic exploitation, and cultural oppression.”



Greater Boston Association of
Black Social Workers Inc.

516 Warren Street Boston, MA 02121

www.gbabsw.org

IN 2022...

The chapter continues to focus on professional development for members and educational forums to educate families and community-based service providers. This year's theme: **“The Role of Policy in Addressing Black Maternal Health Disparities”** served as the platform for our community forum led by doulas, researchers, government officials and other experts on Black health. The chapter was engaged in legislative activities in support of the Alternatives for Community Emergency Services (ACES) Bill and the Equitable Approaches to Public Safety (EAPS), both to create alternative responses for community emergency services, as well as provided educational forums to increase voter engagement in our local elections.



KATHY LOPES

PRESIDENT OF GREATER BOSTON ASSOCIATION FOR BLACK SOCIAL WORKERS

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SHEENA COLLIER

FOUNDER AND CEO OF BOSTON WHILE BLACK

Sheena Collier is the Founder & CEO of The Collier Connection (TCC) and Boston While Black (BWB). She has 17 years of experience in business development, growth strategy, brokering partnerships, and event design. Sheena has a proven ability to build communities by getting the right people in the right spaces and moving them to take action.

Through TCC, Sheena works with mid-to-large-sized companies, startups, and city institutions to grow their audience through in-person and digital launches and space activations. Having earned a reputation as a connector, convener, and organizer, she has planned launch events, and digital campaigns, and designed program models that have reached audiences of 25 to 25,000.



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2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS



DIRMA LOBO

For the past two years, Dirma has attended Roxbury Community College. She is majoring in health careers with the intention of enrolling in RCC's nursing program. She hopes to be an OBGYN nurse in the near future.



JOHN NDUKWE

John has been a student since 2021 and is majoring in Health Careers. He will be graduating in May 2023. John has plans on becoming a Nurse Practitioner.



NINIAN ADAUGO

Ninian Ochiagha is enrolled in the Health Careers program at RCC. Her dream has always been to become a nurse. She wants to make a positive impact on people's lives.

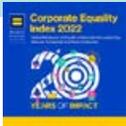
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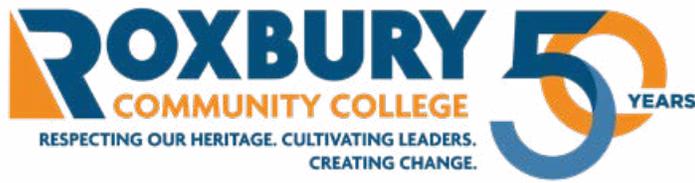
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THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH WARREN

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Elizabeth Warren, a fearless consumer advocate and is one of the nation's leading progressive voices, fighting for big structural change that would transform our economy and rebuild the middle class.

Senator Warren consistently reaches across the aisle to deliver wins for MA, making her one of the most effective members of the Senate. She has helped: (A) secure \$750 million in debt relief for students who were cheated by predatory, for-profit colleges, including 4,500 MA students and more than 28,000 students nationwide; (B) pass legislation to double federal funding for child care, make hearing aids available over the counter, reduce out-of-pocket costs for high school students enrolled in career and technical education programs; (C) secured \$6 billion in federal funding to the fight the opioid epidemic; (D) used her platform to hold some of the nation's largest corporations and most powerful government agencies accountable for fraud, waste, and abuse.



Through her oversight work, she has exposed fraud and abuse perpetrated by Trump Administration officials, including at the Department of Education, EPA, and DOD, and has successfully overturned rules that harm consumers and students.

Before becoming the first woman ever elected to the Senate from Massachusetts in 2012, Elizabeth served as Chair of the Congressional Oversight Panel for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). She is widely credited for the original thinking, political courage, and relentless persistence that led to the creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

As a law professor for more than 30 years, Elizabeth taught courses on commercial law, contracts, and bankruptcy and written more than a hundred articles and eleven books, including four national best-sellers, *This Fight Is Our Fight*, *A Fighting Chance*, *The Two-Income Trap*, and *All Your Worth*.

Elizabeth is a graduate of the University of Houston and Rutgers School of Law. Elizabeth and her husband Bruce Mann have been married for 41 years and live in Cambridge, Massachusetts with their golden retriever, Bailey. They have three grandchildren.

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 16th, 2023

Dear MLK Memorial Breakfast Co-Chairs &
Honorable Guests,

Congratulations on hosting the 53rd annual MLK Memorial Breakfast! Black history has shown us the way towards an American society of our highest ideals and a roadmap of resistance and endurance in the fight to transform the heart of our nation. I'm proud to fight alongside you for the country that Dr. King imagined – an America where the rules of power are rewritten.

Thank you for all you do throughout the year to make this tradition endure and memorialize the best of who we are for the people of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator



January 16, 2023

Congratulations to the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast Committee for convening the 53rd Annual MLK Jr. Breakfast. Since 1970, this auspicious gathering has commemorated the invaluable work of Dr. King and celebrated his legacy in our modern day.

This year's theme, *Reclaiming Our Rights: Education and Activism*, identifies the ubiquitous hallmark of deconstructing inequality through education. Dr. King wrote, "The function of education, therefore, is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically." Just as the nation was experiencing the height of the Civil Rights Movement when Dr. King shared that wisdom, we are again at a moment of profound consequence – a point in the history of our democracy catalyzed by access to equitable education and intensive and critical thought. Today, we continue learn from the mistakes of our past, and through those lessons, we can create a more equitable and just future. Equal access to education is the path by which we mobilize action and rise above past injustices and harness the limitless potential of all people.

The awards presented today recognize those community members who are continuing to advance and celebrate the memory of Dr. King. I'd like to recognize the recipient of the True Compass award, Imari Paris Jeffries, for his work with *Embrace Boston*. Mr. Jeffries and *Embrace Boston* have worked to place the vital monument, in Boston Common, the first new installation on the Common in 30 years.

The Drum Major Award goes to organizations that exemplify the passion of the Drum Major Instinct, those who center the needs of the common good before personal pride. Sheena Collier, Founder and CEO of *Boston While Black*, President Kathy Lopes of the *Greater Boston Association of Black Social Workers*, and President Kalimah Redd-Knight of the *League of Women for Community Service* exemplify the virtuous Drum Major of Justice, Peace, and Righteousness through their work for our communities.

To all recipients of these Awards today, we offer our gratitude and congratulations.

The recipients of the True Compass and Drum Major awards have accepted the timeless charge of Dr. King to protect our communities from modern injustices through the powerful act of love, and through their efforts, that work honors his memory in healing. We remember Dr. King not only because he bettered conditions for those alive then and today, but also because his legacy advances the conditions for a better life for generations to come. The work of these remarkable individuals, organizations, and this committee honors Dr. King's memory by working to make all – especially our young people – respectful, critical, and proud of their place in America.

In peace and solidarity,

Senator Ed Markey

THE HONORABLE EDWARD MARKEY

U.S. SENATOR FOR MASSACHUSETTS

Senator Markey was born in Malden, Massachusetts, on July 11, 1946. He attended Boston College (B.A., 1968) and Boston College Law School (J.D., 1972). He served in the U.S. Army Reserve and was elected to the Massachusetts State House where he served two terms representing Malden and Melrose. He is married to Dr. Susan Blumenthal.

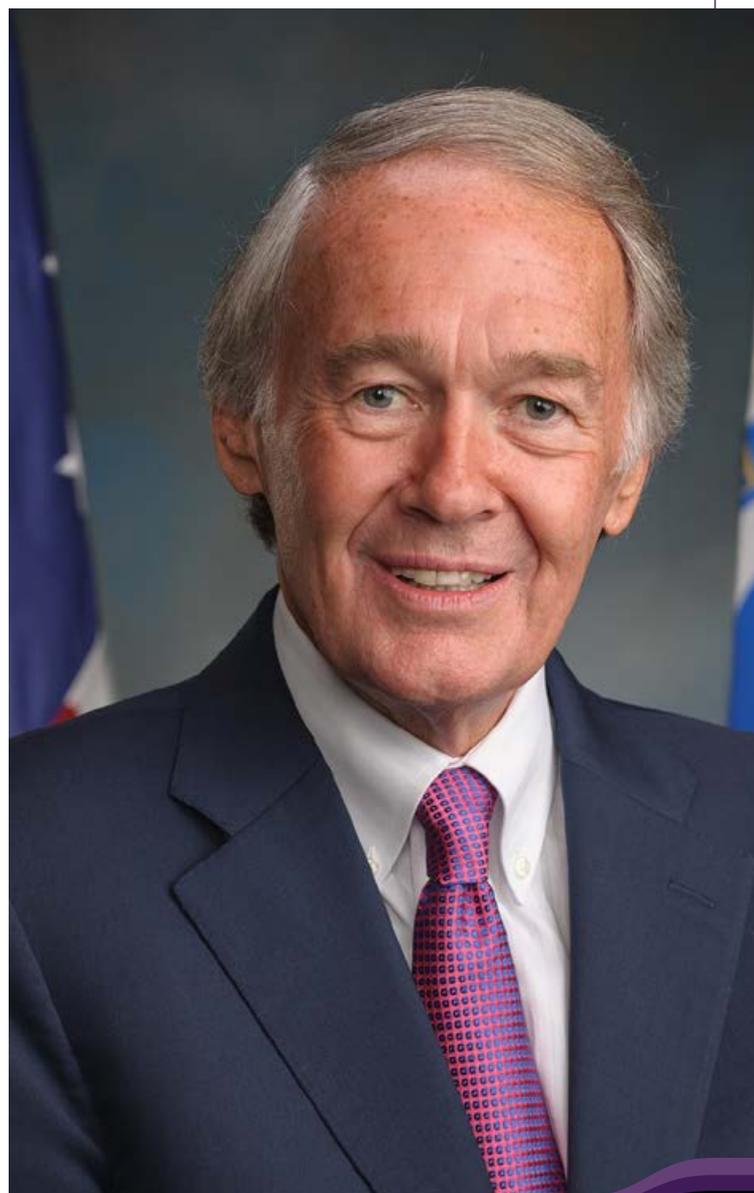
Senator Markey has amassed an unparalleled record of energy and environmental legislative achievements. He has consistently fought to create new jobs in American clean energy and served as a leading consumer champion against rising gas prices and foreign oil. Senator Markey was a leading voice in the investigation into the BP oil spill.

Senator Markey is a national leader on telecommunications policy, technology and privacy. Congressman Markey authored the landmark Telecommunications Act of 1996, ushering competition into the telecommunications marketplace and unleashing private sector investment.

He was one of the only members of the House Commerce Committee to fight AT&T's monopoly in the early 1980's and is a principal author of the requirement that the Bell Operating companies accept local telephone service in the 1990's. His pro-competition policies have directly benefited job creation in Massachusetts and throughout the country.

While in the House, Congressman Markey introduced the Internet Freedom Preservation Act, the first net neutrality bill introduced in Congress. He has championed strengthening privacy protections for children .

Senator Markey also was the leader of the national Nuclear Freeze movement and has been a Congressional champion on nuclear nonproliferation. As founder of the Nonproliferation Caucus, Senator Markey continues to spearhead efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to safeguard the future for generations to come.



THE HONORABLE AYANNA PRESSLEY

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 7TH DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) is an activist, a legislator, a survivor, and the first woman of color to be elected to Congress from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Throughout her career as a public servant, Congresswoman Pressley has fought to ensure that those closest to the pain are closest to the power – driving and informing policymaking.

Throughout her time in Congress, Congresswoman Pressley has been a champion for justice and healing: reproductive justice, justice for immigrants, consumer justice, justice for seniors, justice for workers, justice for survivors of sexual violence, justice for the formerly and currently incarcerated individuals, and healing for those who have experienced trauma.

Currently, Congresswoman Pressley serves on two powerful Congressional committees – the House Committee on Oversight and Reform and the House Committee on Financial Services – both of which have remained focused on legislatively addressing issues of care, concern, and consequence to the American people. Prior to

being elected to Congress, she served on the Boston City Council for eight years and was the first woman of color elected to the council in its 100-year history.

In Congress, Ayanna has been dedicated to the kind of bold, activist leadership she emphasized throughout her groundbreaking campaign. She has introduced legislation to ensure fair compensation for low-wage workers, to support survivors of sexual assault and harassment, and to fundamentally reimagine our criminal legal system, among much else. And she has been a vocal advocate on behalf of our immigrant communities, led the creation of the Future of Transportation caucus, fought to protect critical reproductive rights, and to hold the White House accountable.

In 2018, Ayanna was named one of the *Boston Globe*'s “Bostonians of the Year” and, in 2016, she was one of *The New York Times* 14 Young Democrats to Watch. She has been honored by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce as one of their Ten Outstanding Young Leaders, and with the Leadership Award from the Victim Rights Law Center. In 2015, she earned the EMILY's List Rising Star Award and was named one of Boston Magazine's 50 Most Powerful People. She is also an Aspen-Rodel Fellow in Public Leadership, Class of 2012., Sojourner Truth.



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January 16th, 2023

Dear friends and family,

It is my honor to represent the Massachusetts' 7th Congressional District and I am humbled to welcome you all to the 53rd Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast in Boston, Massachusetts.

Today we reflect on the incredible life and contributions of Dr. King we must also recommit to our role as members of the Civil Rights Movement. The civil rights giants whose shoulders we stand on gave us the tools to actualize our shared vision of a just society—organize, mobilize, and agitate. The rights we have earned are not guaranteed. Thank you to the organizers for today's intentional theme, Reclaiming Our Rights: Education and Activism, which is as relevant as ever.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Congresswoman and to share a word of welcome. I remain hopeful for the future because of your continued partnership and our collective aspirations.

Sincerely,



Ayanna Pressley
Member of Congress



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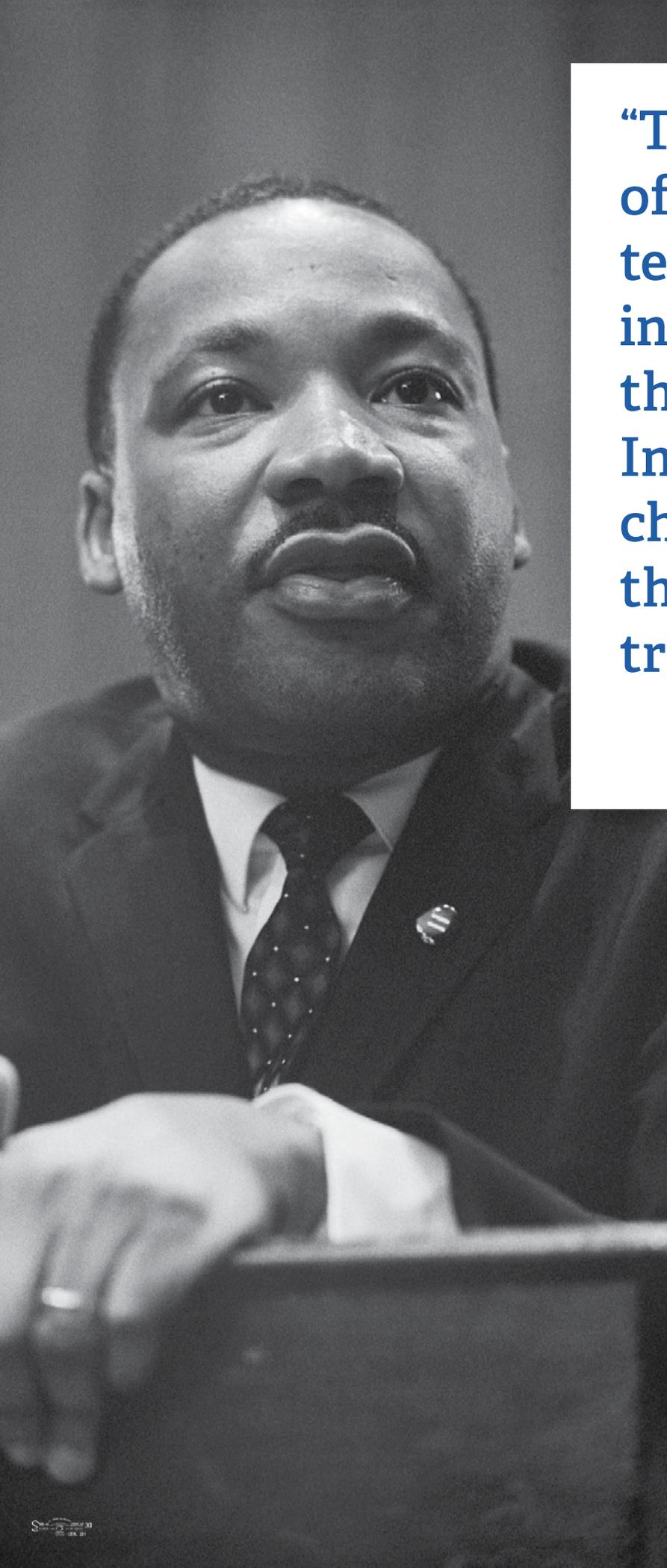
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Union is a special place — an empowering, historic, and spirited faith community in Boston’s South End. We are a family from all walks of life: black and brown, white, Latinx, Asian, and indigenous; young and more seasoned; economically stable and struggling; transgender and cisgender; differently-abled, physically challenged; straight, gay, lesbian, queer, allies; lifetime Christians, new beginners, skeptics and seekers. Committed to unconditional love, compassionate service, intersectional justice, and the gospel of liberation, Union has been a prophetic witness for over 200 years.

Union’s story begins in 1796 when a group of African Americans began meeting for study and worship on Beacon Hill. As the community grew they requested a pastor, Samuel Snowden – a former slave turned abolitionist—and formed the May Street Meeting House. David Walker, who published the influential “Appeal to the Colored Citizens of the World,” was a member of this congregation. We soon outgrew this space and built a larger church that was a station along the Underground Railroad.

With the migration of Boston’s black population, our congregation moved from Beacon Hill to Roxbury and then to its current home on Columbus Avenue—and taking the name “Union.” Educator Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, aunt to our pastor at the time, was the keynote speaker for the formal opening May 8, 1949. The following year Union hosted the NAACP convention that voted to pursue Brown v. Board. And, in 1966, Duke Ellington held one of his sacred concerts in our sanctuary.

In the 1970s Union led the development of Meth-Union Manor, a four-building affordable housing cooperative in the South End. During the 1980s and 1990s we fought against apartheid in South Africa and for economic equality for all at home. In 2000, Union voted officially to become what it had been for decades: a safe space for LGBTQ persons. Over the centuries, we have been abolitionists, de-segregationists, women’s rights advocates, civil rights activists, anti-apartheid protesters, LGBTQ rights advocates, and economic equality seekers.

Today, Union is a “community center” that actively serves. We pursue housing justice through affordable housing for BIPOC seminarians and food justice through a food pantry that reaches over 200 families a month. Our historic South End church building is used by a host of community groups, neighborhood organizations, LGBTQ groups, regional concerts, and afterschool programs.

Worship with us on Sundays at 11:15am, in-person or on Zoom. Visit us at unionboston.org to watch sermons, listen to our music, or connect with us further.



St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church

In the early years of the 20th century, a group of immigrants from the West Indies began a prayer circle in the living room of one of its participants to give expression to their Anglican spirituality. The house church grew attracting native-born African Americans as well. The prayer circle outgrew the living room where it met and began a sojourn seeking out places to worship. Host parishes in the Boston area grudgingly provided space and times apart from their own congregations to accommodate this new group of Black Christians worshiping in the Anglican tradition.

In 1910, the prayer circle grew into a mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts taking the name of St. Cyprian, martyr and bishop of Carthage, North Africa. A few years later – 1913 – the parish became a congregation within the Massachusetts diocese. A church building was erected soon thereafter in the Roxbury area of Boston.

St. Cyprian's became the center of religious and cultural life for the Afro Caribbean community. A continuing thread of the parish's ministry has been the formation and education of youth. Congregational life focused on the development not only of its own youth, but the children in the surrounding neighborhood. Today, one of the hallmarks of the ministry has been the extraordinarily successful Celestial Infernos – St. Cyprian's steel band continuing a musical ministry extending back to the 1930s and the parish's Drum and Bugle Corps. Through this activity, youth develop their musical talent, discipline, and service to others. This group is open to all youth regardless of their parish membership. St. Cyprian's has been an oasis for its members as well as those living in its environs. For many years the parish has maintained a food pantry which provides nonperishable food items for anyone coming through the church's doors.

Moving forward in its second century of presence, service, and ministry, St. Cyprian's is preparing to become the organizing parish for an urban hub ministry bringing together not only neighboring Episcopalian congregations by other faith communities to meet the needs of the people in the lower Roxbury area, be they churched or unchurched.

Come join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10:30 am (9:30 am during the summer) or view the live streaming service on our website: www.stcyprians.org.

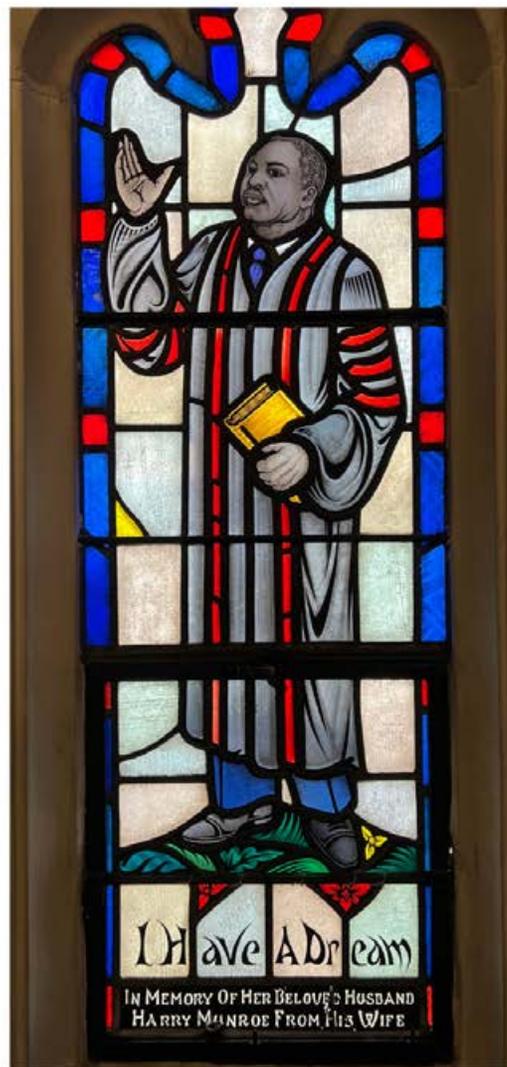
ST. CYPRIAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Stained-glass Windows

One of the treasures of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church is its set of unique stained-glass windows. In eighteen windows, representations of many significant African Diaspora figures encounter the viewer.

*Among the historic persons memorialized are: Frederick Douglas, Phillis Wheatley, Mary M. Bethune, Richard Allen, Sojourner Truth, and Marcus Garvey. One of these windows is a depiction of the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***

*Recently, St. Cyprian's stained-glass windows were restored. A significant portion of the restoration costs was underwritten by a most generous grant from the **George B. Henderson Foundation.***



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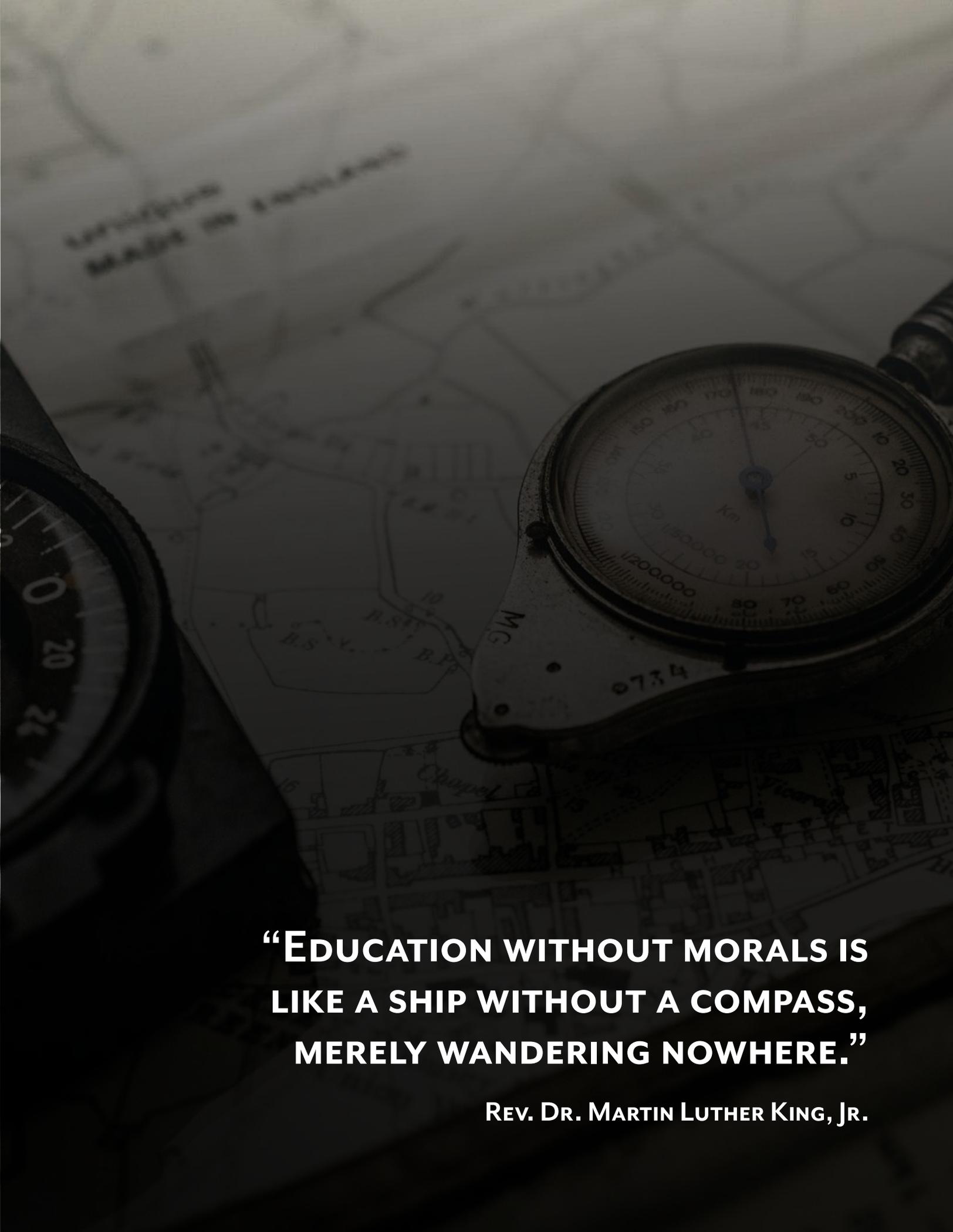
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*The pursuit of social justice and anti-racist living means confronting
all of the evidence of inequality, even when it challenges one's own
identity and ideology.*



DR. MELISSA BERRY-WOODS
MLK MEMORIAL BREAKFAST CONSULTANT

Dr. Berry-Woods has been the MLK Memorial Breakfast Committee liaison and consultant since 2021. She is also currently the Director of Learning Development and Student Success at Northeastern University. For more than 20 years, she has taught various courses in writing, African American rhetoric and concepts in social justice.



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REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality. ...

*I believe that **unarmed truth** and **unconditional love** will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.*

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



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We Shall Overcome,
We shall overcome
We shall overcome someday.

Oh, deep in my heart,
I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

We'll walk hand in hand
We'll walk hand in hand
We'll walk hand in hand, some day

Oh, deep in my heart,
I do believe, We shall overcome someday.

We shall live in peace
We shall live in peace
We shall live in peace, some day

Oh, deep in my heart,
I do believe, We shall overcome someday.

We are not afraid
We are not afraid
We are not afraid, TODAY

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