# THE 54TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

JANUARY 15, 2024

# KEPING THE PROMISE OF DEMOCRACY



#### 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?

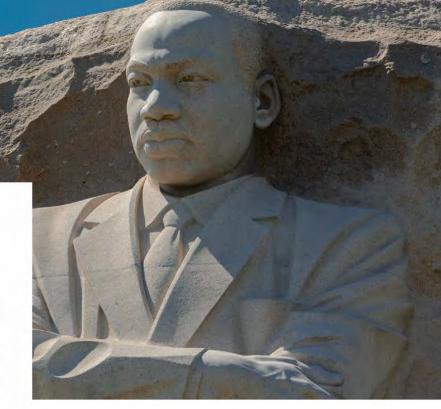
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

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.

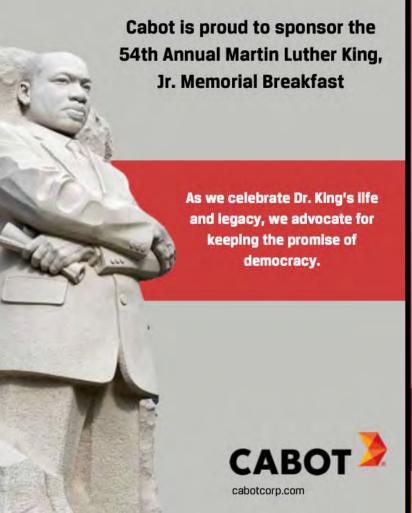
Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee; Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee; Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand. True to our God, True to our native land.



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#### **Now** is the time

TO RISE
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TO THE SUNLIT PATH
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#### **N**ow is the time

TO LIFT OUR NATION
FROM THE QUICK SANDS
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TO THE SOLID ROCK
OF BROTHERHOOD.

#### **N**ow is the time

TO MAKE JUSTICE
A REALITY FOR
ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I Have a Dream," August 28, 1963

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MAURA T. HEALEY
GOVERNOR

KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 2024

#### Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Lieutenant Governor Driscoll and I would like to welcome you to the 54th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast.

For half a century, St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church and the Union United Methodist Church have brought us together to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King. This event highlights our collective pursuit of social justice by spotlighting Dr. King's enduring legacy and bringing together prominent civic, business, community, education, and religious leaders.

Today we are reminded of Dr. King and Coretta Scott King's deep and formative ties to Massachusetts, and of our state's obligation to keep the promise of democracy and build a society that uplifts all people and every community. During this celebration we emphasize the belief that everyone 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 equity and representation throughout all industries within the state.

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

Sincerely,

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 first woman and first person of color to be elected Mayor of Boston. The daughter of immigrants, a Boston Public Schools mom, and an MBTA rider, Mayor Wu believes that the key to solving our deepest challenges lies in building community and embracing possibility.

In her first official act as Mayor, Wu signed an ordinance divesting City funds from fossil fuels, private prisons, and the tobacco industry. In her first week, she worked with the City Council to make three Boston bus lines—which serve predominantly Black and brown neighborhoods—fare-free for two years.

To take decisive action against climate change and improve conditions for Boston Public Schools' students, teachers, and families, Mayor Wu has launched a Green New Deal for BPS: A district-wide effort to



dramatically reduce building emissions, renovate old facilities and construct new ones, and modernize Boston's education system. And, following the science on the critical role that early childhood plays in determining life outcomes, Mayor Wu has expanded early childhood services—granting thousands more 3- and 4-year-olds access to high quality, culturally-relevant education and care.

In addition to creating a new Office of Early Childhood to oversee these changes, Mayor Wu also established Boston's first-ever Offices of Food Justice, Black Male Advancement, LGBTQ+ Advancement, and Worker Empowerment. Together, these achievements align Boston's climate, infrastructure, education, and investment strategies with Boston's values, laying the foundation for a greener, more efficient, more equitable city for generations to come.

Mayor Wu got her start in public service interning at City Hall under Mayor Tom Menino while studying at Harvard Law School. She is an alumna of the Rappaport Fellows Program in Law and Public Policy, the recipient of the Massachusetts Democratic Party's Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Award, and was named one of The Boston Globe's 2021 Bostonians of the Year. Mayor Wu lives in the Roslindale neighborhood of Boston with her husband, Conor, and their two boys, Blaise and Cass.



January 15, 2024

Dear Friends,

It is my privilege to welcome all of you to the 54th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast. All of us across Boston are so proud to host the nation's oldest celebration of one of our most inspiring figures.

This day is an opportunity for us to come together, to reflect on Dr. King's work and legacy, and to chart a path toward a brighter future. A future where all of us enjoy "the riches of freedom and the security of justice." Today is a promise that we will continue to move toward a freer, more just world.

That's why this year's theme, *Keeping the Promise of Democracy*, is so fitting. It reinforces the power behind each of our voices. It reminds us that, when we stand together and work toward a more equitable world, nothing can stop us. I'm so grateful to work alongside our residents, our families, and our communities to build that world.

I hope you all enjoy this morning's breakfast.

In Solidarity,

Michelle Wu

Mayor of Boston

Michelle Wu

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January 15, 2024

Dear MLK Memorial Breakfast Committee, Honorable Guests, and Friends,

I am honored to be with you today during the 54th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast to continue a decades-long cherished tradition of commemorating, celebrating and reflecting on the deeply meaningful legacy and inspiring life of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thank you to the MLK Memorial Breakfast Committee for hosting this beautiful community breakfast, and congratulations to all of today's special guests and honorees.

Today's event not only allows us to gather in community and honor Dr. King, but also serves as an opportunity for us to strengthen our collective resolve to continue his work for equality and opportunity for *all*, a mission that is as pertinent today as it was during the height of the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

Indeed, the theme of this year's breakfast, Keeping the Promise of Democracy, underscores the heightened importance of honoring and strengthening Dr. King's legacy, especially in an era of continuous attacks, including on our democracy and democratic institutions, voting rights, affirmative action, civil rights, reproductive care, and protections for LGBTQIA+ people. As it was during the era of Dr. King, it is incumbent upon us to organize and collectively work together to stand up against such hate and bigotry. Today's community breakfast reminds and empowers us to do exactly that.

Just as we stand on the shoulders of great civil rights giants such as Dr. King, traditions such as these serve as a metaphorical shoulder for our community — a shoulder and place to convene, to lean on each other for strength and inspiration, with an unwavering hope and spirit to persevere and create a better, more just world.

It is an honor to do this work alongside you all, and may we continue to build on the legacy of Dr. King by operating with a sense of urgency and purpose for opportunity, inclusivity, and equity for *all*.

With tremendous gratitude,

Andrea Joy Campbell

Massachusetts Attorney General

# THE HONORABLE ANDREA CAMPBELL

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

On January 18, 2023, **Andrea Joy Campbell** was sworn in to be the 45th Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pledging to build economic prosperity and stability for all residents, prioritize the mental health and well-being of children, stop cycles of incarceration and violence and ensure the people across the state have access to the AG's Office regardless of their zip code, language or ability.

Growing up in Roxbury, Andrea's life was filled with instability. Through it all, Andrea persevered. Thanks to loving relatives, community support and a network of teachers who encouraged her, she turned pain into purpose. She graduated from Boston Latin School and then worked her way through college with the help of grants and student loans, graduating from Princeton University and UCLA Law School.

After earning her law degree, she worked as a legal services attorney for the EdLaw project, defending the rights of children and their families — particularly those with disabilities. Andrea also practiced law at Proskauer LLP as an employment attorney, and ultimately left to serve the public as General Counsel at the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, working across 101 cities and towns to address regional challenges like health care access, transportation, affordable housing, and climate change.

Andrea served as legal counsel to Governor Deval Patrick, working to improve our education and transportation systems and move forward an agenda of equity across the state.

In 2015, Andrea successfully ran for the Boston City Council becoming the first woman to represent District 4 on the Council. Her first piece of legislation was the Community Preservation Act, which still generates over \$20 million annually for new affordable housing, historical preservation, and parks and open space. In 2018, she was unanimously elected City Council President – the first Black woman to hold the title.





Dear Beloved Community,

On behalf of the MLK Memorial Breakfast Committee, we welcome you to our 54th annual breakfast, marking the life, ministry, and legacy of social justice of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In light of the assaults on affirmative action, civil rights, reproductive care, and protections for LGBTQ+ people, this year we will convene under the banner: *Keeping the Promise of Democracy*.

As the nation's first community-based celebration we are honored to meet once again. For the second year, our common table is now "hybrid," and we are delighted that we can gather both in-person and by livestream. We continue to imagine what is possible.

**Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad**, our keynote speaker today, will inspire this beloved community to dream and keep the promise of democracy! May his words join those of MLK, and help us to envision a world where all can flourish.

We honor all of the trailblazing people who gather in-building and online today. Among us are citizens, community organizers, clergy, elected officials, educators, and activists who make an extraordinary difference in the City of Boston and beyond. The history-making elections of Governor Maura Healey, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, and Attorney General Andrea Campbell demonstrate King's words: "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

Congratulations to our esteemed student and Drum Major 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 54th Annual MLK Memorial Breakfast.

Sincerely,

Rev. Noble F. Scheepers

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Breakfast Co-Chair

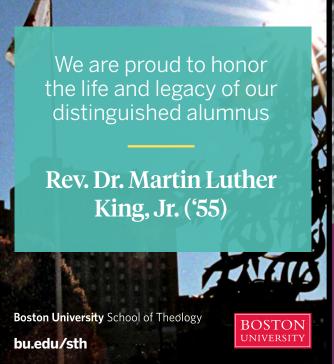
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Jay Williams

Breakfast Co-Chair

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- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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# JESSICA BROWN LEADER OF CEREMONIES

Emmy-award winning journalist Jessica Brown co-anchors WCVB Channel 5's NewsCenter 5 at Noon with Antoinette Antonio as well as NewsCenter 5 at 4PM with Ben Simmoneau. Jessica also serves as NewsCenter 5's medical reporter.

Before coming to WCVB, Jessica was a weekday morning anchor and lifestyle host at WXIX-TV in Cincinnati, OH. While at WXIX since 2012, Jessica's live, breaking news coverage included many high-profile stories including the murder trial of Ray Tensing, the aftermath of George Floyd protests, and more.

Prior to joining WXIX, Jessica was an anchor/reporter at KSNF-TV and KODE-TV in Joplin, MO where she not only experienced but covered one of the deadliest tornadoes in history. She rode out the tornado in her bathtub, ultimately losing her apartment to the storm. She praises the Joplin community's incredible resiliency in the wake of the storm's devastation. Jessica's career in broadcast news began over a decade ago at WAGA-TV in Atlanta, GA.

Jessica is an active member of the National Association of Black Journalists. She is also very dedicated to community service and believes service is one of the ways she feels connected to her faith. She is especially passionate about volunteering her time to mentor young girls.

A native of South Florida, Jessica hails from a multi-cultural background. Her father is Jamaican, and her mother is afro-Costa Rican (pura vida!). Her heritage has inspired her to seek out opportunities for travel and adventure and has fostered a love of exploring different cultures around the world.

Jessica earned her B.A. degree from Florida State University. Outside of the newsroom, you can find her at the dog park with her pup Rocco, checking out new eateries, and traveling the globe.



Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy and transform our pending national elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. Now is the time to lift our national policy from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," May 19, 1963





#### KHALIL GIBRAN MUHAMMAD

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Khalil Gibran Muhammad** is the author of *The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America*. This vital book has been called "a mandatory read" (David Levering Lewis, Pulitzer Prize-winning author) and "a poignant reminder of how these inequalities were shaped and how deeply they reach back into the nation's history" (Journal of African American Literature).

He is also the co-host, alongside his long-time friend Ben Austen, of the podcast *Some of My Best Friends Are*. Today a Harvard professor (Khalil) and an award-winning journalist (Ben), the two interracial best friends show us how we can have conversations about race and racism with levity—that we can stumble and still move forward. *Some of My Best Friends Are* is a thoughtful and compassionate exploration of the issues that divide us, showing us that we can come together, however imperfectly, in the process of learning.

After graduating from college, Khalil worked as a public accountant at Deloitte & Touche LLP for three years, giving him a lens into how businesses work, why diversity is crucial to company success, and how to *actually* implement it. As nearly every organization in America pushes for diversity and inclusion, why are people of color still vastly under-represented in senior leadership? "It takes courage to redistribute power and it takes candidness to reflect on the fact that we do have a problem in our society," Khalil says. With both a corporate and academic background, Khalil's talks break down the three barriers that must be overcome for organizations to transform and harness the best ideas for success in the 21st century.

Khalil is the former Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, a division of the New York Public Library and the world's leading library and archive of global Black history. His writing and scholarship have been featured in a number of national print and broadcast media outlets, including *The New York Times*—notably as one of the contributors to its landmark "The 1619 Project," which explores and exposes the true history of slavery in America—*The New Yorker, The Washington Post*, NPR, and MSNBC. He holds two honorary doctorates, and is on the board of The Museum of Modern Art, The Vera Institute of Justice, and *The Nation* magazine.





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**The Boston Foundation** is honored to support the 54th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast. As Yolanda King said at last year's unveiling of *The Embrace*, "We are all children of Martin and Coretta Scott King. We are all challenged to carry forth their unfinished work."

Move Equity, Move Boston.

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





## DRUM MAJOR AWARDS

"YES, IF YOU WANT TO SAY THAT I WAS A DRUM MAJOR, SAY THAT I WAS A DRUM MAJOR FOR JUSTICE. SAY THAT I WAS A DRUM MAJOR FOR PEACE. I WAS A DRUM MAJOR FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS. AND ALL OF THE OTHER SHALLOW THINGS WILL NOT MATTER. I WON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO LEAVE BEHIND. WON'T HAVE THE FINE LUXURIOUS THINGS OF LIFE TO LEAVE BEHIND. BUT I JUST WANT TO LEAVE A COMMITTED LIFE BEHIND. AND THAT'S ALL I WANT TO SAY." REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. "The Drum Major Instinct," February 4, 1968

#### Drum Major Awardee

#### GLOBAL VIEW COMMUNICATIONS

#### GREG ALMIEDA

FOUNDER AND CEO OF GLOBAL VIEW COMMUNICATIONS

Greg Almieda is Founder & CEO of Global View Communications (GVC), the industry-leading inclusion business strategy firm. Greg has over 25 years of strategy, consulting, marketing, business development, and business development team management experience.

At GVC, Greg manages all operational facets and divisions of the business, and is responsible for overseeing relationships with GVC's most significant clients across multiple industries, sizes, and organizational structures.

Greg has served as a member of multiple professional and civic organizations over the years, and currently serves as Chair of both the Human Resources Leadership Forum (HRLF) and The Providence Foundation diversity committees.





#### Drum Major Awardee

#### CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF ROXBURY

#### Rev. Richard Richardson & Jestina Richardson

FOUNDERS OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF ROXBURY

The husband and wife team of Reverend Richard Richardson and Jestina Richardson recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of Children's Services of Roxbury. As foster parents themselves, the Richardsons decided they wanted to do more for foster children and homeless families by creating the nonprofit Children's Services of Roxbury.

They were concerned about the lack of support for foster children and the families that took them in, so they created a mechanism to better provide services to the foster children and foster families. The organization has grown into one of the largest black run nonprofit organizations in the state and today helps more than 6,000 vulnerable foster children in the greater Roxbury neighborhoods by using clinical behavioral health approaches to assist children in crisis.





#### THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

The nation's longest-running event dedicated to honor the legacy of Dr. King celebrates its **54th annual breakfast** with this year's theme:

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Monday, January 15, 2024

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#### **LEADER OF CEREMONIES**

JESSICA BROWN WCVB anchor/reporter

#### Invocation

BISHOP CAROL GALLAGHER
Assistant Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

#### "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING"

**BOSTON ARTS ACADEMY SPIRITUALS** 

#### WELCOME FROM THE BREAKFAST COMMITTEE

MR. JAMES DILDAY, ESQ., St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church REV. DR. JAY WILLIAMS, Union United Methodist Church

#### **GREETINGS**

The Honorable MAURA HEALEY
Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Honorable MICHELLE WU Mayor, City of Boston

#### MUSICAL SELECTION

**BOSTON ARTS ACADEMY SPIRITUALS** 

#### SCHOLARSHIPS + ART AWARDS PRESENTATION

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

#### **ART AWARDS**

JOCAINE DEBARROS, CYRIELLE MARSH, & MAIAH PEREZ DIAS Sponsored by the MLK Memorial Breakfast Committee

#### MLK SCHOLARS AWARDEES

YARIBEL MARCELINO ROMERO, ABDULHALEEF SOTUNBO, & HASINA WHITTAKER Sponsored by Putnam Investments

#### **ALLIED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS**

AYAN DUALE, HAWA JALLOH & JUAN D. LOPEZ Sponsored by Delta Dental of Massachusetts

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

DR. KHALIL GIBRAN MUHAMMAD

Ford Foundation Professor of History, Race, and Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School

Author of The Condemnation of Blackness | Co-host of Some of My Best Friends Are

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The Honorable ANDREA CAMPBELL
Attorney General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### **DRUM MAJOR AWARDS**

GLOBAL VIEW COMMUNICATIONS — GREG ALMIEDA

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF ROXBURY — REV. RICHARD AND JESTINA RICHARDSON

#### REMARKS

The Honorable ELIZABETH WARREN U.S. Senator for Massachusetts

#### **CALL TO ACTION**

The Honorable EDWARD MARKEY U.S. Senator for Massachusetts

CLOSING — "WE SHALL OVERCOME"

#### BENEDICTION

BISHOP PEGGY A. JOHNSON

Bishop, New England Conference of The United Methodist Church



# Empowering Those We Serve

JRI is a proud supporter of the Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast The most dangerous criminal may be the man gifted with reason, but with no morals...We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.

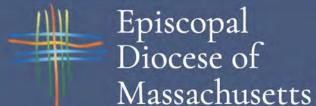




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Thanks to the PANE Regional Princeton Prize Committee and CBAP Inc., a coalition of concerned alumni that opposes the scourges of hatred, racism, and discrimination in all its forms by calling for the creation of a Center to combat and eradicate racism, for sponsoring the Princeton Prize in Race Relations Program of New England in 2024.





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#### MLK ART AWARDS

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The MLK Memorial Breakfast Committee is pleased to honor 8th grade student artists at Orchard Gardens K-8 Pilot with an Award of \$250 to support their talent and ambition. The Committee thanks art teacher, Ryan Hannus, for guidance in their participation.



#### — 2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS





JOCAINE DEBARROS

CYRIELLE MARSH

Maiah Perez Dias

#### HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The MLK Memorial Breakfast Committee is proud to continue the tradition of providing scholarships to several graduating high school seniors at three Boston public high schools located in the heart of the city. We are grateful to Putnam Investments for their continuing support in providing three \$2500 scholarships.



#### 2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS

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HASINA WHITTAKER

John D O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science





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The MLK Memorial Breakfast Committee is pleased to recognize the effort of Roxbury Community College students pursuing careers in healthcare. We are grateful to Delta Dental of Massachusetts for helping us provide \$1500 scholarships to each recipient.



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#### 2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS



#### AYAN DUALE

The reason I decided to attend Roxbury Community College is because of the support that I received when I first applied to the college. I decided to study Health Careers at RCC because it provides a nurturing environment, where all community members are welcome, regardless of past education. After RCC I am planning to continue my studies at a 4-year college.



The best thing about RCC are the supportive resources, welcoming environment, and the affordability. I am studying health careers at RCC because it will help me achieve my dream of helping people in the health sector. After RCC, I'm planning to further my education by getting my BSN certification and nursing practitioner certification.



#### JUAN D. LOPEZ



When I was a senior in high school, I decided to come to RCC because I'd heard from different people that it was an outstanding and affordable school, and now that I'm a student here, I can say it is true. The staff are very supportive, and students are friendly. Our small classroom sizes allow me to participate more in class and get all my questions answered. I am studying Health Careers at RCC as my major because I needed to complete some prerequisite classes to enter a Nursing program. This degree will allow me to meet all the prerequisites to apply to various nursing programs. After RCC, I will transfer to a 4-year school and get a BSN, which would only take me (2.5 years) since all the classes I have taken so far are transferable.

### THE HONORABLE **ELIZABETH WARREN**

#### **U.S. SENATOR FOR MASSACHUSETTS**

**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.

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Dear MLK Memorial Breakfast Co-Chairs & Honorable Guests,

I want to congratulate you and thank you for hosting the 54th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast!

Today's breakfast is testimony that Dr. King's dream lives on, as we carry forward his legacy and have the moral courage to fight for a better, a fairer, a more prosperous, and a more just America.

All of us in the Commonwealth are grateful for the work you do to memorialize Dr. King and bring his legacy to Massachusetts. I am honored to fight shoulder to shoulder with you as we march together toward the country that Dr. King imagined. Together, I know that someday we will make that dream a reality.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Warren

United States Senator



January 15, 2024

Congratulations to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast Committee for convening the 54th Annual MLK Jr. Breakfast. Since 1970, this distinguished gathering has commemorated the resounding work of Dr. King and celebrated his legacy in our modern day.

This year's theme — Keeping the Promise of Democracy — echoes the critical importance of preserving our democratic values in a time when they are being attacked and undermined. In addressing the deep wealth inequalities of the nation, Dr. King wrote, "If democracy is to have breadth of meaning, it is necessary to adjust this inequity. It is not only moral, but it is also intelligent. We are wasting and degrading human life by clinging to archaic thinking." These were not just words of wisdom, but a call to action that was made just two years after the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. We are again at a precipice of extraordinary consequence, where the assaults on civil rights, reproductive health, affirmative action, and the rights of our LBTQ+ communities are under direct attack. To ensure the promise of democracy, we must recommit ourselves to the values that defined the work of Dr. King, fighting to ensure what was said at events and printed on paper remains true. Today, we continue to rise above the injustices of our past and create a more equitable and just future. We must always be vigilant of those who abandon truth and equity for access to power, and we must mobilize the grassroots to take action to rectify past injustices in order to fully empower the people.

To all recipients of these Awards today, we offer our gratitude and congratulations. The recipients 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, their work honors his memory in healing. We remember Dr. King not only because he improved 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 - a renewable resource for the future of America.

Together in the Fight,

US Senator Ed Markey

Edward J Markey

### THE HONORABLE EDWARD MARKEY

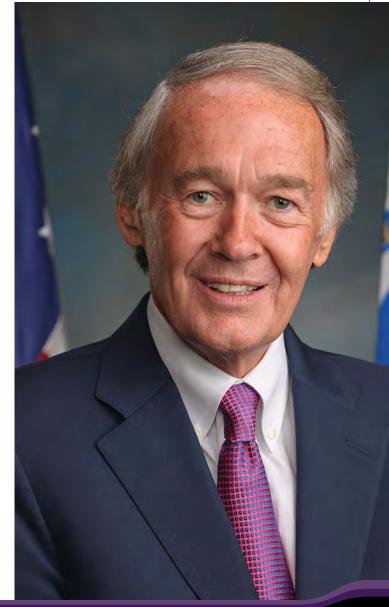
#### **U.S. SENATOR FOR MASSACHUSETTS**

For more than 40 years, **Senator Markey** has served the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Congressman and U.S. Senator. He has been a national leader and author of some of the most important laws in the areas of energy, the environment, and telecommunications policy. On a bipartisan basis, he has passed more than 500 pieces of legislation into law. He has been a powerful and effective voice for enhancing energy efficiency, transitioning our economy to clean and sustainable energy resources and mitigating the consequences of climate change; bolstering U.S. and global security by staunching nuclear proliferation and promoting arms control; defending human rights; enacting financial reforms

to protect consumers and investors against the types of abuses that directly triggered the global recession; ensuring the continued openness of the internet; and advancing the interests of consumers by injecting competitiveness into electric, telecommunications and telephone markets, and protecting the privacy of personal information.

Senator Markey currently serves as Chair of the Clean Air, Climate and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, as well as the Chair of the Primary Health and Retirement Security Subcommittee on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. He is also a member of the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee and the Small Business Committee.

Senator Markey received his B.A. from Boston College and his J.D. from Boston College Law School. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve and two terms in the Massachusetts State House before being elected to Congress.



### 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 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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#### Dear Friends and Family

Thank you for joining us at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast. This annual event reinforces our commitment to justice and equity, offering a chance to amplify Dr. King's legacy and propel our City and Commonwealth toward greater heights.

In the face of unprecedented challenges, where rights are being unjustly stripped away locally and internationally, today's theme, "The Promise of Democracy," assumes vital importance. This discourse sets the tone for addressing the needs of our communities and nation. It is through this collective gathering that we lay the foundation to move forward, united in our pursuit of a singular goal—placing justice at the heart of our efforts.

With deep gratitude for your presence, we embark on this journey together, striving for a world where the promise of democracy is fulfilled. Thank you for your attendance and unwavering commitment to a better world.

Sincerely,

Ayanna Pressley

Member of Congress

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#### MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATE

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#### OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR LIZ MIRANDA

Dear Honorable Members of the MLK Memorial Breakfast Co-Chairs & Guests,

It is my distinct honor to represent the Second Suffolk District in the Massachusetts Senate, the district of Black political power in Massachusetts.

We are incredibly proud that our district is home to all three of Dr. Martin Luther King's places of residence throughout his time in the City of Boston. Today, as we embrace the notion of *Keeping the Promise of Democracy* and remember his vision, I am evermore committed to being a legislator who fights for those at the center of the injustice and inequity that remains embedded in our Commonwealth's policies. Hope is abundant in our collective work as we make advances in protecting reproductive justice, reversing environmental injustice, and strengthening voting rights for our incarcerated residents.

Thank you for your respective leadership across our communities, uplifting history that has the power to shape our collective future. I am grateful for your partnership.

Yours in Service,

Senator Liz Miranda Second Suffolk District

Office of State Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Miranda

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Dear Friends,

As State Representative for Massachusetts Suffolk District 9, I would like to offer a heartfelt welcome to the 54th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast.

In these times, my hope is that we all carry in our hearts and in our actions Dr. King's teachings of peace and justice. This year's theme, *Keeping the Promise of Democracy* is so relevant to these teachings; together we can honor Dr. King's legacy by continuing the work to make Boston and Massachusetts a just and equitable place for families to thrive.

Thank you to the committee for all you do through the year to make this special event possible.

In Peace & Solidarity,

John F. Moran

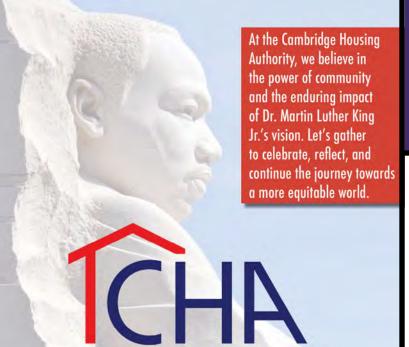
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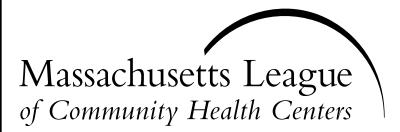






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#### Co-Founder of the MLKMBC



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.

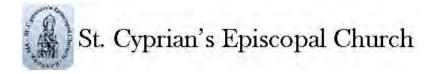
With the migration of Boston's black population, our congregation moved from Beacon Hill to Roxbury and then to its current home on Columbus Avenue—and taking the name" Union." Educator Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, aunt to our pastor at the time, was the keynote speaker for the formal opening May 8, 1949. 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.

### Co-Founder of the MLKMBC



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. Congreagational 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 a 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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#### WE SHALL OVERCOME

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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