

THE CRC NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

Promoting harmony & respect among a diverse citizenry of our state

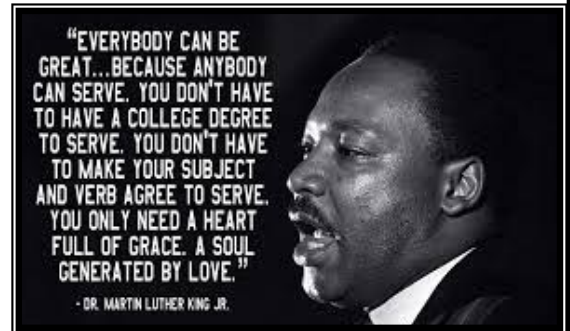


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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day January 21, 2019

The S. C. Human Affairs Commission is a State Agency dedicated to providing and promoting diversity, equal and fair rights for all citizens in regards to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability across the State of South Carolina in employment, housing, and public accommodations. The legendary Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a phenomenal leader during the civil rights movement who will be remembered for a lifetime. Dr. King's powerful speeches touched the lives of millions during such a time where segregation and inequality were part of daily life.



In Columbia, the 2019 King Day at the Dome event began at the historic Zion Baptist Church, followed by a march to the Statehouse.

The University of South Carolina held an event titled "Freedom Rings," emceed by local radio announcer Tre Tailor and Wally "Famous" Amos. This year's event included excerpts from Dr. King's "The Beloved Community" speech and performances by USC's gospel choir *A Touch of Faith*, gospel recording artist John Lakin, Christian rap artist Big Redd, and many others.

The City of Rock Hill Community Relations Council held a Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. Rev. C. T. Kirk accepted the Dream Keeper Award during the 16th annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Interfaith Prayer Breakfast at First Baptist Church Rock Hill. The award honors exceptional community service that helps to keep the ideals and vision of Dr. King alive.

Black History Month Event: Building Bridges of HOPE & HEALING in McCormick

Date: February 9, 2019

Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Please join us for this special evening. We are honored to host guest speaker Chris Singleton at The McCormick County Community Relations Council Annual Banquet.

Chris Singleton is a professional baseball player and a man with a greater mission. He will share his message of hope and healing that was born out of pain and tragedy: on June 17, 2015. South Carolina and the world were shocked by the racially motivated murders of nine individuals at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. One of those killed was Chris's mother, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton. You will be moved to tears and inspired to action by this young man and the timeless truth he shares: "Love Is Always Stronger Than Hate." To register, visit this site:

<https://mccormickcountychamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/9660>



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Interfaith Awareness

Native American: Celebration of Native American Spirituality

Sun Feb 3 at 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

At its 9:30 and 11:15 services, the Unity Church will host Rev. Catherine Nelson and friends who will provide music, drums, message, Calling of the Four Directions. Smudging will occur outside the sanctuary.

2535 Leeds Ave, North Charleston.

For more information, contact: Ask for Ed or Elizabeth, or call Catherine at 843-217-0962

The World Interfaith Harmony Week **Annual UN Observance Week: Feb. 1-7**

The World Interfaith Harmony Week is based on the pioneering work of The Common Word initiative. This initiative, which started in 2007, called for Muslim and Christian leaders to engage in a dialogue based on two common fundamental religious commandments; Love of God, and Love of the Neighbour, without nevertheless compromising any of their own religious tenets. The two commandments are at the heart of the three monotheistic religions and therefore provide the most solid theological ground possible.

The World Interfaith Harmony Week renders the two commandments as 'Love of the Good, and Love of the Neighbour'. This formula includes all people of goodwill. It includes those of other faiths, and those with no faith.

The World Interfaith Harmony Week provides a platform—one week in a year—when all interfaith groups and other groups of goodwill can show the world what a powerful movement they are. The thousands of events organized by these groups often go unnoticed not only by the general public, but also by other groups themselves. This week will allow for these groups to become aware of each other and strengthen the movement by building ties and avoiding duplicating each other's efforts.

It is hoped that this initiative will provide a focal point from which all people of goodwill can recognize that the common values they hold far outweigh the differences they have, and thus provide a strong dosage of peace and harmony to their communities.

Annual Event Calendar for COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

January

MLK/Interfaith Awareness

February

African American History

March

Women's History/End Racism Day

April

Fair Housing

May

Law Enforcement/
Community Relations

June

Disaster Preparedness/Emanuel 9
Remembrance, Peace & Reconciliation

July

Employment Discrimination/
Economic Opportunity

August

Youth Project/Back to School

September

Hispanic Heritage/
Cultural Diversity

October

Disability Employment Awareness

November

American Indian Heritage/
Veterans' Appreciation

December

Aging & Poverty Issues