

A CALL TO PEACE AND ACTION

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We call for a just peace. A peace where people are able to resolve conflicts without resorting to violence. A peace committed to understanding, celebrating and learning from difference. A peace grounded in what Dr. King called the Beloved Community.

It takes more than words to bring about peace. It takes action. Action that decreases hostility between people and actions that promote trust so that our words have meaning. Action, must occur within a vision.

We call on ALL people to imagine a world without poverty, hunger and homelessness. Imagine a world where we reject racist ideologies and replace them with an all-inclusive spirit of love for ALL people. Imagine a world where we resolve disputes by peaceful conflict-resolution and true reconciliation. Imagine a world, where love and justice triumph.

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But, it will take more than vision to bring peace. We must face the injustices of the past and acknowledge the injustices of the present ”no matter how painful. This means we must find a way to talk WITH each other instead of AT each other. It will take all of us searching deep within our own souls, taking what some call the “inward journey of self-reflection.”

It will take all of us to name those things we would rather hide-those things that stop us from being our better selves. We must not only name them, but also begin the process of purging those things that stifle our growth and the growth of others. This will lead us to form and develop communities of understanding that will walk, talk and stand with us. It is in this spirit-with humility and mutuality-that we will come together with one another and build a community of peace and goodwill for all humankind.

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MLK 50 REMEMBRANCE

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Historic Virginia Key Beach Park
4020 Virginia Beach Drive
(off Rickenbacker Causeway)**

Miami, FL 33149



HISTORIC VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK

is a most fitting place for the Remembrance of Dr. King and the many others whose courage and determination mobilized the Civil Rights movement. It was Miami's onetime "Colored Beach" of the Jim Crow segregation era, established in 1945, in response to community demand and a bold "wade-in" protest fully a decade before such tactics would define the Civil Rights struggle.

Unlike typical Southern segregated facilities for the African American population, Virginia Key Beach is a scenic and environmental jewel that is fondly remembered as a place of joy, freedom, and togetherness that brought together all neighborhoods and social classes of the Black community, and regularly welcomed visitors from around the nation, including celebrities performing in Miami, and Dr. King himself. (Visit www.virginiakeybeachpark.net.)



Historic Presentations, Performances, Memory-Sharing, Music, Symbolic Wade-In, Refreshments, and more...

Co-sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council

Specially Remembered:

The 50th Anniversary of the POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

for economic justice, which Dr. King did not live to see, the unfinished work that is more urgent than ever today, as the nation is being steadily weakened by exacerbated wealth disparity and systematic impoverishment linked to racism and discrimination.



THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF DR. MAYA ANGELOU

It is often forgotten that there were prominent women leaders of the Civil Rights movement, and often forgotten that beloved late poet and author Dr. Maya Angelou (1928-2014) was such a leader, officially the Northern Coordinator of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), co-founded by her dear friend Martin King, whose assassination came on her 40th birthday, April 4, 1968, as she prepared to celebrate with close friends in New York.

THE MLK 50 PLEDGE

(From the National Civil Rights Museum, Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tennessee)

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For more information and to officially sign in: : <http://mlk50.civilrightsmuseum.org/mlk50-pledge>

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A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

<https://poorpeoplescampaign.org/>

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THE VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK TRUST COMMEMORATES “MLK50” AND THE LAUNCH OF A NEW MOBILE APP. TOUR.

DATE: Wednesday, April 4, 2018

TIME: 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

LOCATION: HISTORIC VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK

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“A Call to Peace and Action”. The Virginia Key Beach Park Trust, as a collaborating partner with the National Civil Rights Museum, joins this national day of civic reflection to appreciate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We ask the public to join us at the Historic Beach Park for an afternoon of spoken word performances, historical presentation and refreshments.

The co-host for this event is the Florida Humanities Council, which awarded a grant to the City of Miami and the Virginia Key Beach Park Trust, to create a mobile app tour of the 82-acre Historic Beach Park.

The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon reception will follow the re-enactment of the “Wade-In” which precipitated the creation of the segregated “Colored Only” public beach in 1945.

At exactly 6:01 p.m., a bell will be sounded 39 times to represent each year of Dr. King’s life.

We invite the public to join in this afternoon of **“Peace and Action”**.

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MLK50
The Legacy Moves Forward”
Historic Virginia Key Beach
Wednesday, April 4, 2018

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- 12:00 Guest begin to arrive.
- “**Mock Wade In**” begins at the shoreline. (Televised to members of the audience).
 - Program welcome.
 - Comments from Dr. Marvin Dunn. (Suggested topic: the relevance of Dr. King’s legacy to the civil rights movement before him, and after him, as it relates to African Americans in Miami Dade County.
 - Musical selection U.M. students?).
 - Spoken word presentation by Florida Freedom Writers.
 - Introduction of Florida Humanities Council representatives, brief comments. Introduction of elected officials, trustees, and others as appropriate.
 - Comments from Labor union representative.
 - Closing remarks. (Trustee, Commissioner, or Mayor.).
 - Closing musical selection.

2:10 Guest Reception

3:30 *Buses leave for MLK March. (Line up takes place at Northwest 62 Street and 2 Ave.)*

4:30 *MLK march begins.*

6:01 *Gospel concert begins in Range Park.*

6:01 *Bell Tolls 39 Times at Historic Virginia Key Beach Park*

7:00 *Buses return to VKBP.*