

Bastrop County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission Ex-Officio Members

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Acknowledgements

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Bastrop Power & Light BEDC Elgin NAACP Branch 6174
Bastrop, Elgin, and Smithville Area Churches
Bastrop & Elgin Main Street Boards
Bastrop High School Go-Force, Bastrop County Cares

The Commission thanks everyone who helped in any way to assure that the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk and Tribute would succeed.

For information about Black History Month Programs and other Events and History throughout the year, go to & "like"

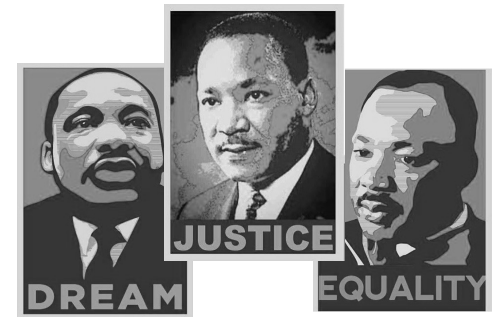
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Joining Together

Bastrop County Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday Commission

Remember! Celebrate! Act!

A Day On... Not a Day Off!!!



**32nd Annual Walk for
Peace, Justice, and Equality**

**Monday
January 18, 2021
Virtual Program hosted
by Smithville, TX**

www.BastropCountyMLKDay.com

Take a photo while you walk and post with the hashtag #BastropCountyMLKDay

The Negro National Anthem
Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing
James Weldon Johnson

Lift ev'ry voice and sing. Till earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise, High as the list'ning 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 chast'ning 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 has
been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of
the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, Here 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, Lead 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 forgot Thee,
Shadowed beneath thy hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.



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2021 MLK Celebration for Peace Program
Monday, January 18, 2021
www.BastropCountyMLKDay.com

Invocation: Pastor William Brown

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

County Proclamation

Remarks

City of Smithville: Hon. Joanna Morgan, Mayor

City of Elgin: Hon. Ron Ramirez, Mayor

City of Bastrop: Hon. Connie Schroeder, Mayor

Student Speakers from
Bastrop County High Schools

Smithville High School: Janae Powell

Bastrop High School: Joseph Overton

Cedar Creek High School: Maya Cornelius

Colorado River Collegiate Academy: Jahziel Leduna

Elgin High School: Genesis Stiggers

McDade High School: Berenice Palacios

Appeal for Student Scholarships

We Shall Overcome

Benediction: Pastor Exie Henry

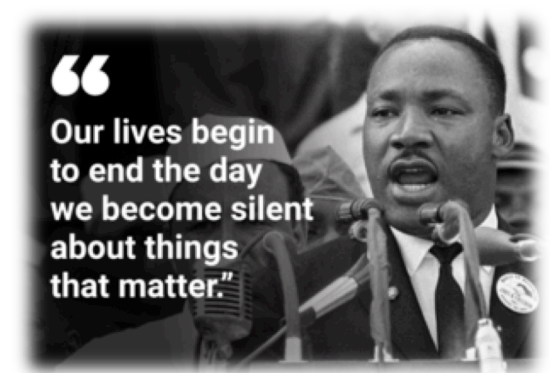
Other Videos and Links:

- Superintendents' Remarks
- Landmark Walking Tours around Bastrop County
- Volunteer Opportunities in Bastrop County
- "What MLK has done for my business"
- "God, Mississippi and a Man Called Evers" by Hannibal Lokumbe
- "30th Annual MLK Walk," winner of the 2019 Kurt Uglund Programming Impact Award
- "A Brief History of the Bastrop County MLK Holiday Commission"
- Bastrop County Cares "Healing History Community Conversations"
- "Civil Rights Activists in Elgin TX"
- Freedom Colonies Exhibit Photo Gallery
- Bastrop County MLK Walk Gallery

... And more!

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#BastropCountyMLKDay



We Shall Overcome
Charles Albert Tindley

We shall overcome
We shall overcome
We shall overcome some day
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome some day

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'll walk hand in hand some day

We are not afraid
We are not afraid
We are not afraid today
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We are not afraid today

The truth shall make us free
The truth shall make us free
The truth shall make us free some day
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
The truth shall make us free some day

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 live in peace some day