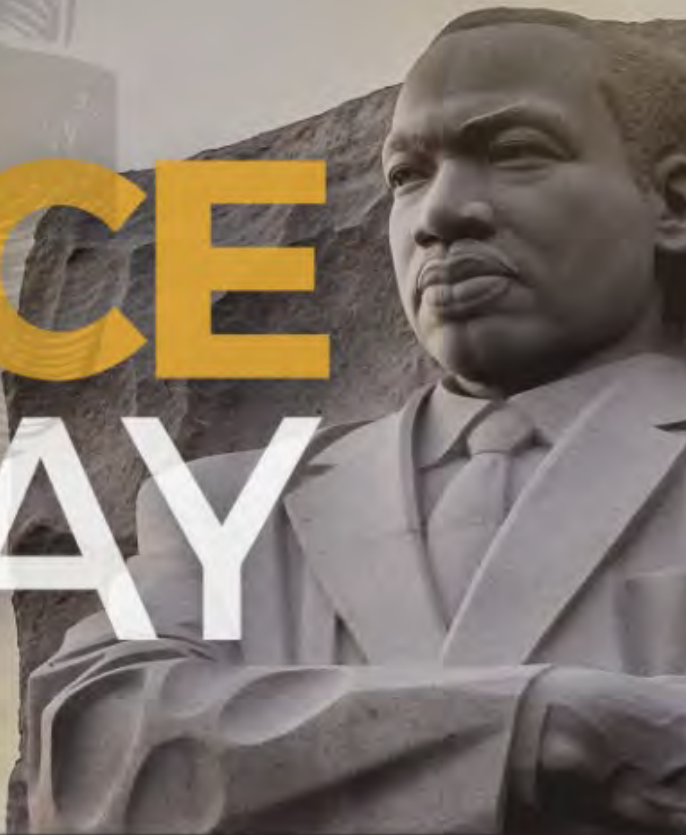


400 YEARS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN
HISTORY COMMISSION

PRESENTS

JUSTICE SUNDAY



JAN
14-15
2024

Livestream beginning
Sunday January 14, at
Noon and continuing
through **Monday**,
January 15, 2024,
at 12:05 a.m. for Martin
Luther King Day of
Service.



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20th Anniversary Observance of Justice Sunday 2024 Service Around the Clock

The 400 Years of African American History Commission (400 YAAHC) is pleased to announce plans to engage all generations through the *2024 Justice Sunday Service Around the Clock*.

This compelling and unique collaboration is a virtual tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights history, the continuing pursuit of justice, unity, faith, and service. It is accessed by over 11,000 viewers each year. The annual observance emphasizes our need to give back, salutes Dr. King, other leaders, and volunteers emboldened by faith, and challenges our obligation to renew and strengthen our daring experiment and commitment to democracy upheld by Dr. King and thousands, then and now, to address evolving social and societal issues.



WHEN: The *2024 Justice Sunday Service Around the Clock* will stream from the 400 YAAHC website beginning at Noon EST on **Justice Sunday, January 14, 2024**, and continuing through 12:05am on Monday, January 15, the federal holiday designated as the MLK Day of Service.

THEME: *“A CHARGE TO KEEP WE HAVE TO SERVE THIS PRESENT AGE”*

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all. He challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union. The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Jan. 15, 2024, will mark the 29th anniversary of the day of service fostered by the late Mrs. Coretta Scott King that celebrates his life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January as “a day on, not a day off,” MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

GUEST PARTICIPATION: Each hour will feature virtual participation of a diverse and distinguished lineup of Congressional, national, local, faith, law enforcement and service organizations **and performing adult and youth leaders versed in public service** to continue the tradition of the commemorative MLK weekend.

In this time of great need, through Justice Sunday Service Around the Clock, we challenge the nation honor Dr. King by committing to and appealing to all to use principles of **non-violence** to achieve **no violence** as he believed and did.



We are pleased to announce our 2024 Hosts

Clifton Davis is an actor, singer, composer, producer and minister. For more than 40 years Clifton Davis has shared his unique gifts with audiences and congregations around the world. Davis is probably best known for his 5-year run as Reverend Rueben Gregory on the popular NBC television series, "Amen," which continues in reruns on cable TV. His earlier series, "That's My Mama," served to establish him as a widely known actor and television star.

Davis holds a BA in Theology from Oakwood University and a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University. Mr. Davis is also the recipient of honorary Doctor of Letters degrees from Lincoln University, Paine College and Edward Waters College, a Doctor of Ministry from Trinity International University and just received a Doctor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Hartford. He is the recipient of numerous awards and citations for his social, civic and spiritual service. Davis is a Christian minister licensed by St. Luke Baptist Church, New York, NY

Isaac Newton Farris Jr., nephew of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was born in Atlanta, Georgia and attended his uncle's alma mater, Morehouse College where he majored in Political Science.

Mr. Farris currently serves as Senior Fellow of the King Center where he not only continues to write, research and lecture on the life, philosophy, and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., but also on how Kingian Non-Violence should guide American society as we confront the social, religious, economic and war issues of America and of the world today.



ABOUT THE 400 YEARS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY COMM

The 400 Years of African American History Commission Act, Public Law 115-102 signed into law January 8, 2018, established a 15-member commission to coordinate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in the English colonies. The Commission is legislated to plan, develop, and carry out programs and activities throughout the United States that recognize and highlight the resilience and cultural contributions of African Americans over 400 years and beyond.

400 YAAHC priorities include to acknowledge the impact of slavery and laws that enforced racial discrimination on the United States; To encourage civic, patriotic, historical, educational, artistic, religious, and economic organizations to organize and take part in anniversary activities and assists states, localities, and nonprofit organizations to further the commemoration and help shape the inclusive 250th anniversary of America; and, to coordinate public scholarly research about the arrival of Africans and their contributions to the United States.

"... You must study and learn the lessons of history because humanity has been involved in this soul-wrenching, existential struggle for a very long time... Though I may not be here with you, I urge you to answer the highest calling of your heart and stand up for what you truly believe. In my life I have done all I can to demonstrate that the way of peace, the way of love and nonviolence is the more excellent way. Now it is your turn to let freedom ring..."



The observance of Justice Sunday was founded over 20 years ago by the **National Alliance of Faith and Justice (NAFJ)**. To aid in public safety, the doors of faith and other institutions across America were closed to mass gatherings indefinitely at the height of the COVID pandemic. Prior to this, Justice Sunday had been most frequently observed as a day on which centers of faith assembled in the United States and beyond to enlist, and to mobilize the armies of service, compassion, and collaboration.

Employing a strategy which would bring the observance into homes on demand, beginning 2021, the 400 Years of African American History Commission partnered with NAFJ and expanded the observance to offer a 12-hour virtual platform. As a result, Justice Sunday was formally expanded and is now known as Justice Sunday Service Around the Clock.



Justice Sunday Service Around the Clock is now available on streaming TV channel ON Demand on ROKU, Apple TV, Amazon Firestick, at <https://smogotv.lightcast.com> or on the Commission's website at www.400yaaahc.gov.

In 2024, our service priorities will uplift unique service examples between law enforcement and the community. Our efforts will include the expansion of the **PEN OR PENCIL Initiative (Let Me Read You Your Rights)**, an African American Civil Rights Network and 400 YAAHC partnership from Justice Sunday through Read Across America Day, bringing students and law enforcement officers together around civic education and literacy. Additional clips of service during *Justice Sunday Service Around the Clock* will highlight service within the **National Park Service**. Among the many opportunities nationwide to learn and serve, visit www.faihandblue.org, www.nps.gov, and our partners below.

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