

NAFJ extends the MLK Day of Service weekend by presenting Justice Sunday™. The legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King is commemorated in thousands of sustained service activities, each representing the many hours volunteered by youth and adults of faith. Ceremonies, prayer breakfasts, artistic performances are all very meaningful contributions and mobilization factors for volunteers which fit into the framework of the national service landscape.

Throughout the pages of history, institutions of faith were not only meeting places for the movement, but they served as an epicenter of freedom and a haven for strategic planning. They were training centers for courageous volunteers, youth and adults, who were enlisted then dispatched to serve in armies of justice and compassion. The National Park Service (NPS) interprets nationally relevant thematic issues like civil rights in collaboration with cooperating associations and other partners, to include those of faith. NPS, a federal agency of the U.S. Department of Interior, seeks the opportunity to increase the use of parks as places of learning and offer a unique opportunity to learn more about hundreds of years of activism and service.

The church was and remains a place where different social and economic groups came and continue to assemble. As we seek justice in this present age, we acknowledge the work began by Dr. King and so many others and recognize that constructive dialogue, strategic steps, community continuity, and long-term commitment was and will be necessary to aid in the achievement of progress. All have a role to play.

On Justice Sunday™, congregations gather in fellowship, renewal, thanks, and are inspired to serve. The following examples include, but are not exclusive, to ways™ in which Justice Sunday has or will be observed:

- Pastors/leaders designate segments of worship services for remarks or proclamations by key officials
- Viewings of the Justice Sunday™ video are presented (can be downloaded at [www.nafj.org](http://www.nafj.org))
- Mentor recruitment opportunities follow worship or special services to support returning citizens or children whose parents are incarcerated
- Inserts are included in service bulletins to increase public awareness of key community and justice issues
- Volunteers and mentors are recognized



### Faith and Destiny

Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church was at the foundation of Dr. King's spirituality, values, and philosophy of nonviolent social activism. He grew up as a member of this church and was later co-pastor with his father from 1960-1968. Dr. King held civil rights planning meetings and delivered some of his most powerful sermons at Ebenezer.

To learn more, visit: [www.nps.gov/malu](http://www.nps.gov/malu)

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Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail



### Brown Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Church

On January 2, 1965, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led a mass meeting at Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Selma, Alabama. The church served as the headquarters to the Selma Voting Movement and was the starting point to the Selma to Montgomery Marches. It was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1997.

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