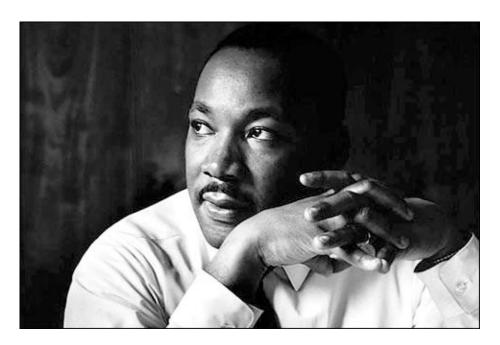
#### DUKE UNIVERSITY'S 2014 SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

## THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

# 50 Years: Backwards or Forward?

Sunday, January 19, 2014 Three o'clock in the afternoon Duke University Chapel Durham, North Carolina



50 years have passed since Dr. King's historic "I Have a Dream" speech that inspired Americans to commune at the table of brotherhood. Today, the segregation era seems like a distant memory. Still, Dr. King's mission remains incomplete. In his finals days Dr. King's shifted his focus from Civil Rights to Economic Justice. How far have we come economically? The unemployment rate for Blacks and Latinos is double that of whites. Why? Considering recent laws passed by the NC State Legislature how will disadvantaged groups prompt change? Does the current state of the education system enable students to break cycles of poverty? Has America gone 50 Years: Backwards or Forward?

### Duke University's 2014 Service of Celebration The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

Duke University Chapel ~ Durham, NC Sunday, January 19, 2014

### Please, no flash photography during the service. And please turn off all electronic devices.

Organ Prelude

Dr. Paula Harrell

Organist at White Rock Baptist Church

**PROCESSIONAL** 

Collage Dance Company Directed by Ms. Sadiyah Shakur

YI' YU L' RATZON (May the Words of my Mouth)

Dr. Judith Ruderman Retired Vice Provost Academic and Administrative Services Duke University

INVOCATION

The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

Dean of the Chapel

Duke University

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE

Nourhan Elsayed Representative of the Mulsim Student Association

Rachel Fraade Representative of Jewish Student Union

The Candle of Peace, Hope and Justice celebrates the light of God that shines through the darkness, pain and violence in the world, which is symbolized by the barbedwire that surrounds the candle. As this candle is lit, we remember those who are experiencing oppression around the world and we stand in resistance to injustice.

MUSICAL SELECTION

100 Men in Black Choir *Marlon West, Director* 

GREETINGS

Dr. Richard H. Brodhead *President, Duke University* 

Ms. Cora Cole-McFadden Mayor Pro Tempore, Durham, NC

Mr. Kevin Sowers President, Duke University Hospital

Marcus Benning President of Black Student Alliance

MUSICAL SELECTION

100 Men in Black Choir

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Britany Thompson

President of the Duke Chapter of the NAACP

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Benjamin Jealous Civil and Human Rights Leader Former NAACP National President and CEO

BENEDICTION

Candance Benbow President of the Black Student Union

HYMN 533 (congregation standing)
We Shall Overcome

MARTIN

We shall overcome, we shall overcome someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we'll walk hand in hand someday!

We shall all be free, we shall all be free someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall all be free someday!

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, we shall live in peace someday!

The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, the Lord will see us through someday!

RECESSIONAL

The Collage Dance Company

\*If you are hearing impaired, a signer will be at the front of the sanctuary. Ushers can direct you to reserved seats where you will be able to see the signer.

For a full schedule of upcoming events and additional information please visit www.mlk.duke.edu

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### BENJAMIN JEALOUS



Benjamin Todd Jealous is the former president and CEO of the NAACP. He ended his presidency at the end of 2013. The youngest president in its history, he began his career at age 18 opening mail at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Jealous has been a leader of successful state and local movements to ban the death penalty, outlaw racial profiling, defend voting rights, secure marriage equality, and free multiple wrongfully incarcerated people. Under his leadership, the NAACP grew to be the largest civil rights organization online and on mobile, experienced its first multi-year membership growth in twenty years, and became the largest community-based nonpartisan voter registration operation in the country. A builder of robust coalitions, Jealous's leadership at the NAACP included bringing environmentalist organizations into the fight to protect voting rights, and convincing well-known conservatives to join the NAACP in championing the end of mass incarceration.

Prior to leading the NAACP, he spent 15 years serving as a journalist and community organizer. While at Mississippi's *Jackson Advocate Newspaper*—the most frequently firebombed publication in the US during the late 20th century—his investigations were credited with exposing corruption at the state penitentiary at Parchman and proving the innocence of a black farmer who was being framed for arson. While at Amnesty International, he led successful efforts to outlaw prison rape, expose the increasing trend of children being sentenced to life without the possibility of parole, and draw attention to expanded racial profiling in the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. When he was still a college student, Jealous helped lead a successful campaign to stop the governor of Mississippi from turning a public historically black university into a prison.

A Rhodes Scholar, he is a graduate of Columbia and Oxford Universities. He has been named to the 40 under 40 lists of both *Forbes* and *Time* magazines, and labeled a Young Global Economic Leader by the World Economic Forum. He is #1 on TheRoot.com's 2013 list of black leaders under 45. Jealous lives in Maryland with his wife and two children.

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In Memoriam: Benjamin Ward (1948-2013)

We remember with gratitude Dr. Benjamin Ward, professor of philosophy, Arabic, and German Studies, and a longtime member of the Duke MLK committee. He was more than an educator. He was a father, a philosopher, a musician, a mentor, and a friend. He had the uncanny ability to touch the lives of everyone he met. For the greatest of souls do not remain forever in body, but in spirit and memory. Ben's legacy will forever live on in those who knew him. His soul was born on this Earth, traveling with purpose and a heavenly essence. Through his existence he created and molded love, talents, and potential beyond all limits and circumstance. Asking only for those he taught to return the favor, we will honor Ben by paying it forward and continuing the work that "Papa Grande" (as he was fondly known by many of his Pitchforks) started.

—Jay Attys, Trinity '16