



A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

2026 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

“We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope.”

– Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 1968.

The third Monday of every January has been set aside to honor the life and enduring legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His belief in the inherent dignity of all people and in non-violent protest and civil disobedience continues to inspire social change around the world.

Born in 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. King knew firsthand the bitter pain of systemic racism. As a minister, civil rights worker, and organizer, he spent his all-too-brief life working to create a just and equitable society. He was assassinated in 1968. Though his life was cut short, he remains ever-present through his writings, speeches, and his example wherever oppression is being fought.

Dr. King’s belief feels more necessary than ever in these troubled times. The temptation to succumb to despair is strong – but we miss the heart of Dr. King’s message if we do. “I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality,” he once said. “This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.”

The world Dr. King envisioned has yet to be fully realized. Our participation will always be required to help make that happen. That is also part of his legacy – and why disappointment must never be allowed to extinguish our capacity for hope.

With gratitude,

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