

### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition Organization Members**

American Friends Service Committee – NH  
City Year NH

Granite State Organizing Project/YOU  
Greater Manchester Black Scholarship Foundation  
Manchester Education Association (MEA)\*  
Greater Manchester NAACP\*

National Education Association-NH (NEA – NH) \*  
American Civil Liberties Union-NH  
New Hampshire Council of Churches \*

New Hampshire State Employees Association,  
SEIU Local 1984

New Hampshire Veterans for Peace\*  
Temple Adath Yeshurun\*

The Currier Museum of Art

United Methodist Foundation of New England (Justice in Our  
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### **Our Appreciation and Gratitude**

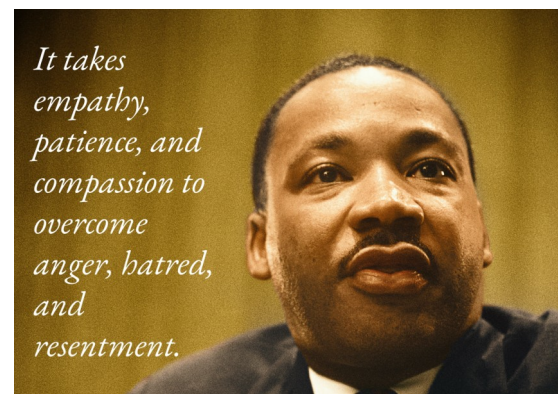
The Manchester School District  
Manchester Memorial High School  
Chalifour's Flowers-Manchester

### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition- NH Organizing Committee**

Jessica Richardson  
Maxine Mosley  
Heidi Carrington Heath  
Rabbi Beth Davidson  
Jason Wells  
James McKim  
Maggie Fogarty  
Grace Kindeke  
Sarah Jane Knoy  
Chris Potter  
Cullen Tiernan

## **41st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Celebration**

**Manchester Memorial High School  
1 Crusader Way  
Manchester, NH 03103**



### **“Communication Across Difference: Toward Beloved Community”**

Presented by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition

Monday, January 16, 2023

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition has organized annual observances of Dr. King’s birthday since 1983. Its members include diverse local organizations dedicated to carrying on Dr. King’s work to end racism, eliminate poverty, and promote peace through active nonviolence.

**\*ASL Interpretation provided by UNH - Manchester**

[www.MLKNH.org](http://www.MLKNH.org)

# Program

12:00-12:50 Refreshments provided  
Partner information tables open  
**\*Manchester Memorial High School Jazz Band**  
Directed by Tim Russell

1:00 *Welcome and Invocation*

Emcee: James McKim (President- NAACP-Manchester Area)

Invocation: Pastor Jason Wells, St Matthew's Episcopal Church,  
Goffstown

Greetings: Mayor Joyce Craig-Manchester

*Land Acknowledgement and a moment of silence*

*Pledge of Allegiance (City Year)*

*Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Proclamation*  
The Governor's Office

*Greetings*

Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator Maggie Hassan, Congressman  
Chris Pappas, Congresswoman Annie Kuster

**Musical Selection: Queen City Youth Choir**

Director: Susan Wilkes Accompanist: Adam Peithmann  
Give Us Hope by Jim Papoulis

**Vanessa Washington-Johnson Youth Awards**

Presented by James McKim

*Recipient: Sarah Naje*

**Youth Empowerment Award**

Presented by: James McKim

*Recipient: Emerald Anderson-Ford*

*Musical Selection: Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir*

Director: James McKim Accompanist: Adam Peithmann

## We Shall Overcome: Lyrics



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 shall overcome, 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 overcome, some day

We are not afraid  
We are not afraid  
We are not afraid, TODAY

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

The whole wide world around  
The whole wide world around  
The whole wide world around some day

Oh, deep in my heart  
I do believe

We shall overcome, some day



We are very proud to welcome back  
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir  
James McKim (Director), Adam Peithmann (Accompanist)

One love, one heart  
Let's get together and feel all right  
Hear the children crying (One love)  
Hear the children crying (One heart)  
Sayin', "Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right."  
Sayin', "Let's get together and feel all right."  
Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa

Let them all pass all their dirty remarks (One love)  
There is one question I'd really love to ask (One heart)  
Is there a place for the hopeless sinner  
Who has hurt all mankind just to save his own?  
Believe me

One love, one heart  
Let's get together and feel all right  
As it was in the beginning (One love)  
So shall it be in the end (One heart)  
Alright, "Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right."  
"Let's get together and feel all right."  
One more thing

Let's get together to fight this Holy Armageddon (One love)  
So when the Man comes there will be no, no doom (One song)  
Have pity on those whose chances grow thinner  
There ain't no hiding place from the Father of Creation

Sayin', "One love, one heart  
Let's get together and feel all right."  
I'm pleading to mankind (One love)  
Oh, Lord (One heart) Whoa.  
Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right.  
Let's get together and feel all right.  
Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all right.

Let's get together and feel all right.

# Program

**Community Reading:**  
*Excerpts from Address to Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa*  
October 15, 1962

## **Building Beloved Community Award**

Presented by: Chris Potter  
**Recipient: Jason Bonilla**

## **Social Justice Warrior Award**

Presented by: Maxine Mosley  
**Recipient: Christina "Tina" Philibotte**

## **Youth Panel Discussion**

**Moderator:** Emerald Anderson-Ford (CDO-YWCA)  
**Panelists:** MacKenzie Verdiner, Sarah Naje

## **Policy Makers Panel Discussion**

**Moderator:** Ahni Malachi (Executive Director, NH Commission for Human Rights)  
**Panelists:** Ernesto Burden (Publisher-NH Business Review), Peter Marr (Assistant Chief- MPD), Melina Hill-Walker (Manager-Endowment for Health Program), Woullard Lett (2012 MLK Jr. award recipient-NAACP Past President), Dr. Jennifer Gillis (Superintendent of Schools-Manchester)

## ***Musical Selection: "One Love"***

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir**  
**Director: James McKim    Accompanist: Adam Peithmann**

## **Martin Luther King Jr. Award**

**Recipient: Grace Kindeke**  
Presented by: Sebastian Fuentes

***We Shall Overcome: Led by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir***

## **2023 MLK, Jr. AWARD**

***Recipient: Grace Kindeke***

***Presented by: Sebastian Fuentes (MLK, Jr. 2022 Award winner)***



Grace Kindeke is an artist, activist, community organizer and a B.A. student of Africana Studies and Sociology at UMASS Boston. She is a fierce advocate for justice and liberation, grounding her work in an intersectional, Black feminist, African-futurist, and anti-oppression practice.

Born in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Grace immigrated to the U.S. as a toddler and grew up in New

Hampshire. Having spent much of her life in the Granite State, she moved to Boston, MA where she lived for several years before returning to her hometown of Manchester with her husband in 2018.

As the NH Program Coordinator for the American Friends Service committee, Grace has shown leadership, empathy and conviction to support and work alongside and on behalf of historically marginalized communities including: undocumented and detained immigrants, asylum seekers, refugees, Black and Brown communities as well as currently and formerly incarcerated people and their loved ones. She is currently working to end the discriminatory Title 42 policy and restore asylum in the US; advocating for a more just and humane immigration system and using art to engage, educate and empower communities to take action. As a Black woman, an African immigrant, and a former DREAMER, Grace shares her powerful voice and unique perspective to call for transformative change through solidarity, community care and unapologetic truth telling in New Hampshire, and beyond.

**We are pleased to honor Grace Kindeke as the  
2023 Martin Luther King Jr. Award winner.**

## **COMMUNITY AWARDS**

### **Vanessa Washington-Johnson Award**

***Recipient: Sarah Naje***

***Rising Senior Class of 2023- Derryfield School***

***Presented by: James McKim (President- NAACP Manchester Area)***

The award is given to recognize and encourage emerging leaders in movements for social justice. Given in memory of Vanessa Washington Johnson Bloeman, for many years the organizer and administrator of the Martin Luther King Coalition and Celebration. Gone too soon, she is missed

by us all.

### **Youth Empowerment Award**

***Recipient: Emerald Anderson-Ford***

***Chief Diversity Officer-YWCA***

***Presented by: Presented by: James McKim (President- NAACP  
Manchester Area)***

While growing up in Atlanta, Ga., Emerald spent weekends helping to feed the homeless population and visited prisons and detention centers. She majored in philosophy at Georgia Southern University, where she began to understand the gaps in the education system and those stuck in carceral and poverty cycles. Emerald served as a co-founder of the City Year Office of

Equity, later serving as the managing director of diversity and equity strategy. She founded Communities Reaching for Equity and Diversity (CRED), an equity consulting group, specializing in abolition and Black liberation work with multiple school districts, police departments, and other government and nonprofit entities.

### **Building Beloved Community Award**

***Recipient: Jason Bonilla***

***MSD School Board-Ward 5, Co-founder of Millennials of Color  
(2019), Program Director of the Equity Leaders Fellowship***

***Presented by: Rev. Deacon Chris Potter (City Year NH)***

Jason came to New Hampshire as a recruiter for City Year in 2017, having previously served two years as a tutor and mentor in systemically under-resourced schools in Boston and Washington DC. As a person of Salvadoran heritage and a multilingual student, Jason's mission has always included supporting students of color with quality instruction and representation among school staff. perspectives, experiences, and culture to our community. collective action and positive community change.

### **Social Justice Warrior Award**

***Recipient: Christina "Tina" Philibotte***

***Chief Equity Officer- Manchester School District***

***Presented by: Maxine Mosley (MLK Jr. Coalition)***

A dynamic, passionate, collaborative leader devoted to nurturing equitable and inclusive schools where all students feel seen, heard, and valued. Over 15 years of experience in public education advocating and applying anti-racist/anti-bias, culturally responsive teaching practices as a DEIB educational consultant and English, Dance, and Performing Arts Teacher/Director. Leading and designing courageous conversations about race and equity through teacher-leader workshops, presentations, and trainings. High energy, hardworking devoted to creating meaningful outcomes grounded in authenticity, sustainability, and soul.

