



# Greater Detroit District

Michigan Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 27th Celebration Virtually Honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Sunday, January 10, 2021 - 3:00 p.m. Via Zoom**  
**Historic Immaunel United Methodist Church**  
**23715 Gratiot Avenue, Eastpointe, MI 48021**  
**(586) 776-7750**

Dear Greater Detroit District Pastors, Lay Leaders, and Youth Leaders,

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dreamed, talked, and demonstrated how to build "Beloved Community".

There is a significant new problem of humanity. We have inherited a big house, in which we have to live together - black and white, Easterners and Westerners, Gentiles and Jews, Catholics and Protestants, Moslem and Hindu, a family unduly separated in ideas, culture, and interests who, because we can never again live without each other, must learn, somehow, in this one big world, to live with each other." (MLK, 1964)

**We invite you to a virtual event that celebrates the "25 Traits of The Beloved Community" by:**

- 1. Leading your congregation to participate virtually on Sunday, January 10, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.  
z ZOOM**
- 2. Nominate a clergy or layperson who demonstrates Rev. King's Christian values to be named a "Drum Major for Justice."**

\*\*\* Please submit a one-page Nomination by December 1, 2020 to the committee by email: ([MLK@greaterdetroitumc.org](mailto:MLK@greaterdetroitumc.org))

- 3. Encourage high school seniors or college students who are active members of your congregation and whose actions demonstrate a commitment to the Christian values of Rev. King to apply electronically for a Scholarship for up to \$1,000.**

\*\*\* Please copy and distribute the enclosed Instruction and Application forms and remind them of the **December 1, 2020** PDF email submission deadline (11:59 pm EST). ([MLK@greaterdetroitumc.org](mailto:MLK@greaterdetroitumc.org))

Faithfully, your 27th Celebration Committee honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,

◆Patricia Gandarilla ◆Sherman Louis ◆Darryl Totty  
Tina Campbell ◆Victor Raybaud ◆Emilio Chable  
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## SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

Detroit Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Greater Detroit District  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee

### Purpose of the Scholarship Fund

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund exists to honor Rev. King's ministry and perpetuate his Christian values, particularly for the benefit of students and communities within the Greater Detroit District of the United Methodist Church.

Scholarship recipients may be awarded up to \$1,000 at the discretion of the Celebration Committee.

### Application Packet Requirements (3)

1. Submission of the Application Packet electronically (PDF) by High School Seniors or College Students
2. Submission of Two Letters of Recommendation: a letter from your pastor **and** a letter from another adult such as a leader in your church, teacher, or counselor. These should attest to the applicant's membership and participation in the United Methodist Church as well as their adherence to Rev. King's values.
3. Submission of an essay (typed, double-spaced, 12 point, 500 words in Times New Roman) using the theme: ***"The Power of You"*** - Imagine suddenly thinking you could be or do anything. Opening that pathway to possibility was Dr. King's enduring gift.

It is essential to base your essay on your experiences and actions. (Note: an alternative submission could be a poem, rap, song, art project, speech, or sermonette.)

### Evaluation Criteria

- Evidence that the applicant understands Rev. King's ministry and his Christian values. Dream,"
- Examples of an applicant's activities that implement Rev. King's ministry, his dream, and or stance on social justice.
- Writing that express how an applicant has been inspired by Rev. King and is likely to inspire others.

Your electronic PDF Application, Letters of Recommendation, and Essay must be emailed **ONLY** on or before December 1, 2020 (11:59 pm EST) to [MLK@greaterdetroitumc.org](mailto:MLK@greaterdetroitumc.org)

# **SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

## **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund**

**Detroit Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Greater Detroit District**

**Date:**

**Applicant's Name:**

**Mailing Address:**

**City/Zip**

**Email:**

**High School/College Attending:**

**Local Church:**

**Pastor's Name:**

**Pastor's Contact:**

**List 2 or 3 church activities in which you currently participate to help make Disciples of Jesus Christ.**

**List 2 or 3 honors you have received as a result of your engagement in the community.**

**What 2 or 3 accomplishments are you most proud?**

- **Include your Essay as an attachment along with alternative submissions.**
- **Include two Letters of Recommendation: One from your pastor and the second letter from another adult (such as a Lay Leader in your church, teacher, mentor, or counselor).**

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