

36th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Memorial Service Press Release

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*Honoring Local Community Members by presenting The
Reverend Onie Cooper Humanitarian Award*

Reno, NV, January 7— The Northern Nevada Dr. MLK Jr. Memorial Committee in cooperation with the Nevada Interfaith Association, invites the community to the 36th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Memorial Service. The event will honor Lonnie L. Feemster for his community service with the Reno/Sparks NAACP and the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN) for their courageousness to bring together diverse and potentially competing organizations into one cohesive force for social and environmental justice in Nevada.

Pastor Debra A. Whitlock Lax, Bethel AME Church, Sparks, the keynote speaker. The theme for this year is “Reclaiming Black Joy.”

The Northern Nevada Dr. MLK Jr. Memorial Committee has been working to ensure the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stays alive in Northern Nevada. They hope this event will inspire the community to take action to support human and civil rights in their day-to-day interactions and work.

This event will be held on Sunday, January 16th at 5:00 pm at the McKinley Arts & Culture Center, 925 Riverside Dr. Reno. Our goal is that this event will inspire the community to take action in support of human and civil rights in their day-to-day interactions and work.

About Nevada Interfaith Association: As a fellowship, the Nevada Interfaith Association promotes collaborative and cooperative relations, encourages the sharing of information among all faiths, advances multi-faith participation, and fosters a climate favorable to diverse religious and spiritual expression. We work with our members and the community at large to support inclusion, kindness, charity, love, and respect among all religious groups and residents of Nevada. Our goal is to understand and honor all faiths, cultures, and beliefs. We create an environment of understanding through communication, having an open mind and open heart, and joining together to focus on what unites us while respecting how we differ.

The Northern Nevada Dr. MLK Jr. Memorial Committee Members:

- * Chair: Rev. Sherman Baker, Nevada Interfaith Association
- * Honorary Chair: Mary Cooper
- * Megan Berner, City of Reno Government (Arts & Culture)
- * Dr. Carina Black, Northern Nevada International Center (NNIC)
- * Donald Gallimore, Reno/Sparks NAACP
- * Patricia Franklin Gallimore, Reno/Sparks NAACP
- * Alexis Hill, Board of County Commissioners, Washoe County
- * Alex Goff, Reno Human Rights Commission (RHRC)
- * KaPreace Renae Young, Shades of Queening Board Member and Washoe County School District