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ONE CHURCH ONE SCHOOL Dream Keepers Workshops A Celebration of the *Life, Work and Legacy* of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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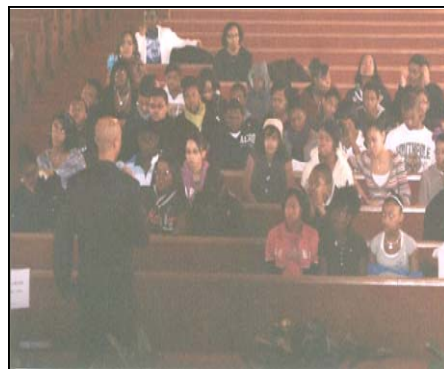
More than 200 persons attended the 14th Annual Dr. MLK Dream Keepers Workshop sponsored by the national OCOS office and held at the site of the headquarters, Carter Temple CME Church.

The day began with Harambee and included Pastor Allen Page III reading aloud the book *Happy Birthday Dr. King*. In the background students role played the story as Pastor Page read.



Pastor Page reading aloud during Harambee

Students proceeded to school grade specific groups for interactive sessions in a study of Dr. King. A focus of the sessions was



Professor Lance Williams with high school students

Dr. King's Six Principles of Non-violence.

The junior and senior high school students participated in a special session facilitated by **Professor Lance Williams**, noted specialist in working with youth and young adults to help them understand the relation of Hip Hop music to their behavior and life choices.

Prior to lunch, all age groups shared their experiences in the small group sessions. The relation to Dr. King was outstanding as revealed by the young people in the sharing session.

It was wonderful to hear students from Pre K through senior high school describe the purpose of the civil rights movement, role play the Montgomery Boycott,

demonstrate peaceful conflict resolution, reveal plans for service throughout the year, present original spoken word about Dr. King and share creative crafts related to Dr. King's work.

Carter Metropolitan CME Church
Mrs. Joyce Johnson, Facilitator
Rev. Peris J. Lester, I, Pastor

Over 100 persons attended the Fort Worth District OCOS Dream Keepers Workshop. Represented in this number were eleven congregations from the District, with Elder Russell O. Fuller, Sr. presiding.



Pastor Kwesi Kamau with members of Morning Chapel CME (Ft. Worth, TX)

Consistent with the OCOS Dream Keepers Workshop format the day began with Harambee led by Rev. Kwesi Kamau.

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Pastor Lester introduced Bishop Henry M. Williamson, Sr. who inspired and challenged participants to remain faithful to the cause for which Dr. King and others worked and many even died.



Primary students at work

Participants viewed the historic, “I Have a Dream Speech.” Following the viewing, students and adults convened in age specific groups where they reviewed and discussed Dr. King’s principles of non-violence. Presentations were prepared by each of the classes.

The adult class, led by Rev. Kamau, read MLK’s, ‘Letter From a Birmingham Jail.’ The discussion revealed the timelessness and relevancy of this letter.

Immediately following the classroom sessions, participants reconvened for group presentations. Creative applications focusing on ways to implement principles of non-violence were presented [e.g. posters, demonstrations, reviews].

One class adapted the ‘brown eyes-blue eyes’ strategy to simulate the well-known model. Using

stars and stripes as the symbols, these students identified with the trauma and pain that comes from negative social stigma.

A special highlight for the students occurred when one of the adults disclosed that she had been a high school student in Birmingham and was jailed for 6 days during the bus boycott. This information led them to more closely examine the “Rocky Road to Freedom” display she had prepared.

Closing remarks were given by Rev. Peris Lester leading the group in singing, “We Shall Overcome.” A light lunch was served after the workshop.

**Lane Metropolitan
CME Church
Mrs. Louise Buchanan,
Facilitator
Rev. Bruce B. Gibson, Pastor**

The Second Episcopal District held its OCOS Dr. MLK Dream Keepers Workshop at Lane Metropolitan CME Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Louise Buchanan OCOS District Director facilitated the activities at this site. Several skilled teachers led the small group sessions and creatively involved the students in activities that reinforced their understanding of Dr. King’s life and work.

PROGRAM

- Welcome - Louise Buchanan
- Negro National Anthem: “Lift Every Voice and Sing”
- Prayer -- Mario Prevo
- Scripture: Psalms 1:1-3-- Ronald Wilson
Matthew 5:1-9-- Simone Prince
- Purpose – Mrs. Buchanan
- Facts about Dr. King: Glen Shumate
- Civil Rights Facts: George Sanders
- Breakout Sessions
Primary--Anjela Prince
Intermediate –Jefferica Pollard
Adults –Vicki Rainey and Atty. Juanita Bryant
- Sharing & Understanding Dr. King
- Closing Remarks: Rev. Gibson and Mrs. Buchanan.



**Metropolitan C.M.E. Church
Redeemed Chapel CME Church
Tywana Glapion, Facilitator
Carla D. Holmes, Facilitator
Rev. Dr. Bobby Best, Pastor
Rev. Travis A. Morris, Pastor**

The Southeast Texas Region of the Eighth Episcopal District celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday along with fellow C.M.E. Churches across the nation. Metropolitan CME Church was the site of the Workshop.

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The churches partnered together and welcomed other churches in the Region to join them and bring their children, youth, and young adults to learn the six non-violent principles of the great civil rights leader, preacher, and national giant. Over 60 persons were in attendance.



Middle school breakout session

Participants organized for a general opening assembly and were welcomed by host pastor, Rev. Dr. Bobby Best and listened to Metropolitan's youth pastor deliver the great, "I Have a Dream" speech. An actual excerpt from Dr. King's final speech (*I've Been to the Mountaintop*) was played prior to viewing a short clip from a movie depicting the pain, sadness, anger, and devastation the country experienced when news of Dr. King's death was announced around the world.

Attendees divided into small groups in classrooms following the opening assembly. Facilitators from Redeemed Chapel led the groups. There was a three-part focus: (1) a specific non-violent principle, (2) the life, work and legacy of Dr. King, and (3) a musical focus on the King of Kings that lives in each of us and the Dr. King that resides in each of us as a change agent in this world.



The music portion was led by Metropolitan's minister of music and youth pastor.

Immediately after the breakout sessions, everyone re-convened to "Share the Dream". Opening with a praise dance and song from Metropolitan youth, Metropolitan's youth director called on participants from each group to share what they had learned.

This segment ended with all the groups singing a tribute to Dr. King – Donald Lawrence's, *There is a King in You*, which reminded all participants of their "royal" heritage in God.



Elementary participants sharing. Photos on this page by Carlton Hamlin Photography (Houston, TX).

The final workshop segment focused on the service project. Rev. Travis Morris, host pastor,

addressed the large group regarding the impact of voting, the history of voting, and the need to be an active part of the voter registration process for the election of 2012.

Churches left with a commitment to make a plan to work with this process in their communities.

After a closing prayer for peace led by Metropolitan's youth pastor, participants were dismissed to receive refreshments and snacks before leaving. Each participant also received a certificate of participation.

**Dallas District
Cedar Crest CME Church.
Rev. Van Carl Williams,
Pastor
Rev. Willie Champion,
Presiding Elder**

The Dallas District OCOS Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Keepers Workshop convened with registration at 8:30 A.M. The overall registration totaled 62 children, youth and adults.

The two classes that were conducted included the Adult Class and the Youth Class. Both of these classes were very informative and engaging. Every person in these two classes participated in the interaction with the instructors.

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The design of the Workshop involved having the restrooms and water fountains segregated with signs placed on them that designated Colored and White Restrooms and Colored and White Water Fountains. Great discussion followed this experience.



The video, "I Have A Dream," was shown and followed by a lively discussion.

Instructors

Adult Class: Mrs. Debra Jones
Hill Chapel CME Church
Rev. Cheryl Bell
Curry Temple CME Church
Young Adult: Ms. Tondolyn Mosley
Cedar Crest CME Church
Youth: Rev. Damion Wheaton,
Bullock Chapel CME Church
Mrs. Lynette Pierce, North Park E Church
Children: Mrs. Kathryn Williams,
Porter Temple CME Church
Ms. Jai Odie, Porter Temple

Members who attended were excited and very involved throughout the workshop.

Plans were discussed regarding future workshops of this nature sponsored by the Dallas District One Church One School District

Coordinator. The plan involves holding a workshop centered around Black History, the Life of Martin L. King, Jr., Civil Rights Movement and One Church One School on a quarterly basis.

**Saturday, January 22, 2011
St. Mark CME Church
Longview Texas**

The purpose of the Dream Keeper's Workshop titled, "**Dr. Martin Luther King- an Essential Church Leader,**" was to instill values of nonviolence, tolerance and justice while examining the role of the church in the fight for equality. Through the series of workshops, children, youth and adults studied the life of Dr. King, developed a better understanding of the principles of non-violence, and learned how to implement those principles, including the role of the church in the process.

Children (4 – 11 yr olds)

Children learned what it means to dream and were allowed to place their dreams on a wall composed of pictures they had drawn. They sang *Dr King Had a Dream* (to the tune of Old MacDonald) and *MLK Jr.* (to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle).

Youth

After a brief history of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the youth participated in a series of quizzes regarding their knowledge gained from a historical perspective. The second phase of the workshop entailed a discussion of dreams the youth have with each student

sharing his/her dreams and aspirations with the group.

In a discussion of potential obstacles and barriers to achieving their dreams, Dr. King's methodology was utilized to show the youth how he not only faced similar obstacles but how he managed to overcome them by applying Dr. King's 6 principles of non-violence: Youth also viewed a Civil Rights Video. A discussion followed which conveyed why Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an essential leader. Youth were encouraged to be proud of their heritage, reclaim their culture and apply Dr. King's technique to their own lives in order to accomplish their goals. In conclusion, youth discussed the importance of SERVICE. Several ideas were shared regarding their churches and communities.

ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults and Adults held discussions as to how these Principles of Non-Violence show up in society today or if they are effective. They discussed the relevance of nonviolence and what we, as a people, can do to encourage each other and our young people as we continue to work toward equality and justice for all.

A discussion was also conducted regarding current societal trends and the affect they have on the black family structure. Following the workshops, a video of Dr. King's "*I Have a Dream*" speech was shown to the entire audience.