

# **ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND** **COORDINATOR OF INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, & EQUITY** **NEWSLETTER**

## **POSITIVE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

Life's most  
persistent and  
urgent question is,  
'What are you doing  
for others?'

*~Dr. Martin  
Luther King Jr.*

## **Upcoming dates for January**

**January 15<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Martin Luther  
King Jr. Birthday**

**January 21<sup>st</sup> – World Religion Day**

## *The Diversity Corner*

**Featured Leader- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later on January 20, 1986. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.

**Did you know-** When born on 15 January 1929, he was named after his father, Michael King. But six years later, King's father visited Germany and learned about Martin Luther, the leader of the Protestant reformation. He was said to have been so inspired that he returned home and officially changed both his and his eldest son's names to Martin Luther King. Also his infamous "I Have a Dream Speech" was improvised. Halfway through his speech in 1963, gospel singer Mahalia Jackson shouted: "Tell them about the dream, Martin!" The call-out prompted King to pivot to a previous sermon he'd delivered, where he described a version of the American Dream that was equal and accessible to all citizens.

**World Religion Day-** The purpose of World Religion Day is to highlight the ideas that the spiritual principles underlying the world's religions are harmonious, and that religions play a significant role in unifying humanity.

**POSITIVE QUOTE OF THE WEEK (SUMMARY)** - Reflecting on this quote it assures us of our true purpose. That purpose is the "key" principle Jesus Christ displayed exceptionally well and that was to "serve others". When Jesus was on earth, he could've come in and assumed supreme authority over everything, but he said that his purpose was not to be served, but to display the humble act of serving.

*~ COREY SHORTER, CIDE, ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND*

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