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LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

PASTOR-ELECT JOE PICKETT, JR.

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A READING FROM THE ISLAMIC FAITH

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GREETINGS & READING

RABBI RUSS SHULKES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF CENTRAL JERSEY

THE MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

HONORABLE J. CHRISTIAN BOLLWAGE

RESOLUTION FROM CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANNY GROVA, JR.

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GALLMAN, JR.

KINGIAN NONVIOLENCE PRINCIPLES IN ACTION: LAWRENCE HAMM – PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION FOR PROGRESS (POP)
AMISTAD COLLABORATIVE OF ELIZABETH - ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS • NATASHA DAVIS – THE BLOC FOUNDATION

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JARED MCCLAIN

MLK COMMITTEE OF ELIZABETH, NJ PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT

THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

POLITICAL POETRY

COMMISSIONER JEREMIAH LAPORT'E

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

ALEXANDRA KOON

STUDENT ATHLETE - CENTENARY UNIVERSITY

MUSICAL SELECTION

JARED MCCLAIN

THE MESSAGE

REV. DALE G. CALDWELL

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR-ELECT OF NJ

PASTOR, COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRESIDENT, CENTENARY UNIVERSITY

WE SHALL OVERCOME

THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

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WREATH LAYING AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MONUMENT - JANUARY 15, 2026 @ 4PM



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**Martin Luther King, Jr.
Commemorative Committee of Elizabeth**

PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called his vision for us a dream. *Forty-two** years after the death of the greatest advocate for human rights, justice and equality America has ever experienced, our ears ring with his message and our hearts are truly enlivened by his spirit. His gifts to us are too many to enumerate but they are priceless and treasured, and we hold them in our hands. For he left to all of us the task of forming the content of his dream and making a reality for generations to come.

Therefore, today we pledge ourselves to continue in the struggle to set the minds, souls, and bodies of our people, through participation and teaching our children about the legacy of Dr. King.

We pledge to be courageous enough to stand in the gap for and with each other during times of crises;

We pledge to be faithful to those values which have shaped our history and can carry us forward;

We pledge to work to eliminate the negative elements and influences in our community;

We pledge to teach our children that dignity and self respect are lasting while sneakers wear out;

We pledge to be involved in activities which promote unity of purpose, rather than divisiveness which impedes our progress;

We pledge to give back by volunteering our time, our talents, and our financial support to our churches, organizations, and those in need.

In keeping this pledge, we will **talk** and **bond** with each other and **not get weary**, we shall have **patience** with each other and not faint.

We shall all rise together and mount up and fly like the great people Dr. King wanted us to be.

Written by Rev. Joseph Garlic - 2010

**The message still rings true 56-plus years after the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



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