

MLK COMMITTEES

We are actively seeking volunteers for the following 2022 #MLK committees:



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TRI-COUNTY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

WHAT IT IS | A multicultural, multi-faith service meant to bring the entire community together to celebrate Dr. King and inspire action to carry the dream forward.

AREA WORSHIP SERVICES

WHAT THEY ARE | Worship services held at a variety of locations throughout the Charleston tri-county area. Programs are based on the current celebration's theme and are inclusive of the entire faith community in each house of worship's area.

MLK PARADE

WHAT IT IS | Hundreds of entrants and thousands of viewers from across the tri-county area gather to celebrate Dr. King's legacy and dream. This event is an opportunity for community, corporate, education, faith-based, and entertainment industry members to recognize Dr. King's dream in unity.

POETRY SLAM | YOUTH SPEAK-OUT

WHAT IT IS | This friendly, energy-filled poetry slam and competition provides an opportunity for young people across the Lowcountry to perform poetry and the spoken word related to social justice, civil rights, and racial equity.

HARVEY GANTT TRIUMPH AWARD

WHAT IT IS | This award is named for the noted architect, academician, and civic leader who became the first Black student at Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina (later renamed Clemson University) since the school's incorporation in 1889. It is given to a local or national community leader who has been instrumental in fighting for social justice. The winner is nominated by a committee each year and the award is given during the MLK Celebration Ecumenical Service.

JOSEPH P. RILEY VISION AWARD

WHAT IT IS | This award is given to a corporation, institution, or an individual whose primary work, mission, contribution, or service achieves outstanding and favorable recognition in their field or industry; contributes positively to the growth of the Charleston metro business market; adheres to all laws regulating workplace non-discrimination, safety, employment, and pay of employees; promotes diversity and equal opportunity through policy, business practice, and/or advocacy; and advances the common well-being of society through community service and/or other acts of charitable good will.