

41st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration Week Videos

With the pandemic making it impractical to get together in person, this year's 2022 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration, like in 2021, offered ways for people to participate through the creation of videos that were included in [this YouTube channel](#). You will find all the videos from that week there. Below organizes videos by date to make it easier to select ones you wish to view.

Special thanks goes to Aisha Adams Media Productions for capturing all the events as well as other videos all in one place.

January 15th, 2022 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Prayer Breakfast

- Dr. Oralene Simmons offered this welcome for the entire week of programs, encouraging all to stay safe, in [this video](#).
- View the entire Prayer Breakfast including the keynote address of Dr. Marcia Johnson-Blanco [here](#). Dr. Johnson-Blanco's keynote address, "***Give Us the Ballot Box, the Urgency of Now!***", starts a little after 36 minutes.
- Asheville Mayor Esther Manheimer's greeting is [here](#).
- Buncombe County Commission Chair Brownie Newman's greeting is [here](#).

January 16th, 2022 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

- Dr. Joseph Fox highlights the Areas of Focus for this year of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Asheville and Buncombe County in [this video](#), highlighting its origin from the vision of Dr. Oralene Simmons.
- The Service Project for this year's is with BeLoved Asheville. [This video](#) offers ways people can support this effort.

January 17th, 2022 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace March

- Dr. Oralene Simmons offered the welcome to the [Virtual Peace March](#) this year.
- In [this video](#), Dr. Joseph Fox shares how Martin Luther King, Jr. and others used demonstrations to highlight the racial inequality in the United States. The need to march and protest continues today and in the future.
- In [this video](#), Dr. Jonathan McCoy speaks to understanding the need for protests in a democracy. Dr. McCoy is a board member of the MLK Association and faculty member for Mars Hill University.
- Art has become an effective instrument of protest. In [this video](#), the Asheville Area Arts Council offers "Asheville Protest Art".
- And finally, and certainly not least, Robert Zachary shares "Lift Every Voice And Sing" in [this video](#) for the 2022 Virtual Peace March that includes photos from past Peace marches..

January 18th, 2022 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Action & Closing Ceremony

- Dr. Oralene Simmons offers this Call to Action to all in [this video](#). The work continues, and it will be easier to be successful if all take action based on their interests and time.

- What is ABIPA? [This video](#) offers what it is and what it is doing in this community to support the health of all, particularly people of color.
- Black Wall Street works to support and strengthen Black businesses in this community. Learn more about this effort from [this video](#).
- The YMI Cultural Center is focused on . Get details of what they have done and continue to do in [this video](#) around economic development, health, home ownership and youth development.
- Dr. Dwight Mullen offers the “State of Black Asheville” in [this video](#).
- Equity Over Everything is one of creations of Aisha Adams projects. Get details from [this video](#).
- Dr. Joseph Fox closes this year’s celebration in [this video](#) reviewing the partnerships this past year, especially with the Equal Justice Initiative, and the work of the Buncombe Community Remembrance Project.