

**KEEPING
DR. KING'S
MESSAGE
OF HOPE
ALIVE
IN 2025**



**I Know the Plans I Have
for You (Jer. 29:11):
Creating Strategies from the
Wisdom of Dr. King**

**An evening of music, prayer,
reflection, and fellowship**

Tuesday, January 14, 2025
7pm to 8:30pm

Order of Program

Tonight, our panel will share insights on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s sermon titled "Why Jesus Called a Man a Fool." This sermon centers on the parable in the Gospel of Luke (Lk. 12:16-21), prompting us to reflect on our dependence on God. God has a plan for us, which is not meant for destruction. We aim to elevate and educate our community, which is one of Rev. Dr. King's primary strategies for us today and tomorrow to keep hope alive in 2025.

Welcome - Dr. Claudia Roberts

Libation to honor our ancestors - Prof. Michael Howard

Prayer - Mr. Dominic Robinson, Brothers of Consciousness

Songs of Hope - Dr. ValLimar Jansen and Visionary Voices

Reading of Luke 12:16-21 - Ms. Corine Holland

Song of Exhortation - Dr. ValLimar Jansen and Visionary Voices

Panel Presentations

Mr. Exodus Broussard

Prof. Howard

Ms. Cynthia Jones-Campbell

Moderator: Dr. Roberts

Online Moderator: Prof. Kim Harris

Q & A with audience (in the room and online)

Final Remarks and Door Prizes

Dr. Robert Hurteau, CRS Director

Closing Prayer - Ms. Mariah Allen

Final song

Reception

Panelists

Mr. Exodus Broussard is a senior animation major at LMU and is from Houston, Texas. He serves as the president of the Brothers of Consciousness (BOC), LMU's premier Black Men's organization. BOC strives to promote brotherhood, manhood, academic excellence, leadership, and service.

Prof. Michael Howard is the lead faculty instructor of the LMU online continuing education program "The Presence of Black Catholics in the Church Today and Tomorrow." In this program, Professor Howard emphasizes the importance of Black Catholics evangelizing with a spirit of inclusivity and love without boundaries. Inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Professor Howard asserts, "Now is the time to lift our national policy from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity."

Ms. Cynthia Jones-Campbell is Associate Director for Racial Relations in the Office of Life, Justice, and Peace of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. She works with parishes to carry on the work of the Task Force on Racism, and comments that the "... issue of racism is about the universality of our Church: it impacts all of us. ... it is about respecting life and the human dignity of every single person."

Moderator - Claudia V. Roberts, Ph.D. is an AI technologist, fitness enthusiast, pianist, and writer. She is a member of Department of Homeland Security's 50-person AI Corps. Claudia is a proud member of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church faith community where she is a lector and member of the young adult choir. She believes in the power of forging an intimate, personal relationship with our creator, God, and believes in investing one's time and talents in the community that one is a part of.

Online Moderator - Dr. Kim R. Harris is the Associate Professor of African American Religious Thought and Practice in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University. In addition to teaching courses on Black liberation and Womanist theologies, Harris composes and leads music for a variety of liturgical and academic settings. She specializes in the music of the Black Catholic experience, the spirituals of the Underground Railroad and the freedom song of the modern Civil Rights Movement.

Inspirational Musical Guest

Dr. ValLimar Jansen has sung and/or toured professionally throughout the North America, Latin America, Africa, Europe and Asia. Recently a headliner at the iconic Carnegie Hall, she has produced and/or co-produced fifteen CDs and has nine published works. Drawing on her Bachelor of Arts in theatre arts, her Master of Arts in dramatic art, and her Doctorate in Christian performing arts, ValLimar is a playwright and storyteller. Dr. Jansen received the Kennedy Center Medallion for "Excellence in Theatre Education" in 2020. In 2024, Dr. Jansen received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the National Council of Catholic Women. Regarded as an accomplished composer, she writes all her music in collaboration with her husband, Frank Jansen. Together they established the singing group, **Visionary Voices**.

Tonight's event is offered in conjunction with the following commemorations organized by the African American Catholic Center for Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast,

Held Sat., Jan. 11, 2025

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass,

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Monday,
Jan. 20, 2025, 3:00 PM



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