A New Vision of Opportunity in America

2014 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunrise Celebration

Monday, January 27 - 6:30 a.m.
Pennsylvania Convention Center
Room 113 A-B
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Welcome
LaJuan Pringle
Co-chair, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunrise Celebration

Audience Participation
“Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”
(words on back cover of program)

Barbara Stripling
ALA President, 2013-14

Keith Michael Fiels
ALA Executive Director

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Editor-in-Chief, World Book, Inc.

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President, Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA)

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President, Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA)

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President, Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA)

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President, Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS)

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Chair, ALA Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT)

Roland C. Hansen
Chair, ALA Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT)

Nicole Winslow
Coordinator, ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)

Dale K. McNeill
Chair, ALA Committee on Diversity

Introduction of Keynote

John Sandstrom
Past/Chair, Member, ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach Services (OLOS)
Advisory Committee

Keynote

Dr. Sheryll Cashin
Professor of Law, Georgetown University

Call-to-Action Speaker

Virgina Bradley Moore
Retired, Prince Georges County Memorial Library System and former Chair,
SRRT Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Task Force

Sara Kelly Johns
Chair, ALA Committee on Literacy

Liana Juliano
Past-Chair, ALA Committee on Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds

Adam S. Szczepaniak, Jr.
Chair, ASCLA Accessibility Assembly

Janet O’Keefe
Representative, RUSA-RSS Services to Older Adults Committee
Dr. Sheryll Cashin is the author of *The Agitator’s Daughter* and *The Failures of Integration*, the latter an Editors’ Choice book in the New York Times Book Review. Her newest book is *Place Not Race: A New Vision of Opportunity in America* which will be published this May. Cashin has published widely in academic journals and print media, including in the Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, and Education Week. A frequent commentator on law and race relations, she has appeared on National Public Radio, CNN, ABC News, BET, and numerous other outlets. Born and raised in Huntsville, Alabama, where her parents were political activists, she was a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and served in the Clinton White House as an advisor on urban and economic policy, particularly concerning community development in inner-city neighborhoods. Ms. Cashin’s participation in this year’s celebration is generously made possible by Beacon Press.

Virginia (Ginny) Bradley Moore has been a leader in the library profession for over four decades. A member of ALA since 1972, Ms. Moore was instrumental in the establishment and institutionalization of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunrise Celebration as chair of the ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Task Force. She has served on many committees and round tables of the association throughout the years, including ALA Council as Councilor-at-Large, and director-at-large of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table. In August 2013, Moore received the Distinguished Service to the Library Profession Award from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association during its 8th National Conference of African American Librarians in Cincinnati. Ms. Moore received her MLS from the University of Maryland, and her Bachelor of Science degree from Winston-Salem Teachers’ College in North Carolina.

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Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing
Lyrics: James Weldon Johnson; Music: John Rosamond Johnson

Lift ev’ry voice and sing,
’Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on ’til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast’ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;

Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
‘Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;

Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

We Shall Overcome
Traditional; Derived from “I’ll Overcome Someday,” by Charles Albert Tindley

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

The Lord will see us through, The Lord will see us through,
The Lord will see us through someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

We’re on to victory, We’re on to victory,
We’re on to victory someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We’re on to victory someday.

We’ll walk hand in hand, we’ll walk hand in hand,
We’ll walk hand in hand someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We’ll walk hand in hand someday.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,
We are not afraid today;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We are not afraid today.

The truth shall make us free, the truth shall make us free,
The truth shall make us free someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
The truth shall make us free someday.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall live in peace someday.

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