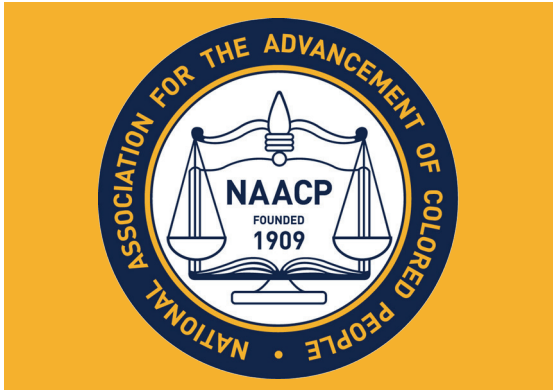


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**Fulfilling Dr. King's Call
for Justice and Equality**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Prayer Breakfast

9 AM TO 11 AM
JANUARY 15 **2018**
WALKER-GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA



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Program

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Rev. Hashmel Turner, Past President, Fredericksburg Branch NAACP, and Associate Pastor, First Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Sparta, Virginia

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Dr. Marceline Rollins Catlett, Deputy Superintendent, Fredericksburg City Public Schools; and Chairperson, Education Committee, Fredericksburg Branch NAACP

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Ernest Woodson, III, Associate Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Spotsylvania

MUSICAL SELECTION

Keith Armstead & Ensemble

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Marceline Rollins Catlett, Mistress of Ceremonies

BLESSING OF THE FOOD

Nehemia Abel, student, University of Mary Washington; and Alexander Abel, student, George Mason University

BREAKFAST

MUSICAL SELECTION

Keith Armstead & Ensemble

TRIBUTE

Gaye Todd Adegbalola, Vice-President, Fredericksburg Branch NAACP

MUSICAL SELECTION

Keith Armstead & Ensemble

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Faye S. Gunn, Associate Pastor, Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Aaron L. Dobyne, Sr., Pastor Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site), Fredericksburg

MUSICAL SELECTION

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

CALL TO ACTION

Warren Williams, Chairperson, Membership Committee, Fredericksburg Branch NAACP

REMARKS

Charlyne Jackson-Fields, President and Chairperson, Breakfast Planning Committee

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Marceline Rollins Catlett, Mistress of Ceremonies

UNITY PRAYER

Rev. Rheda Brown, Pastor, Arm of the Lord Ministries

“Lord..., we thank thee for thy Church, founded upon thy Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon thee. Lord, help me to accept my tools. However dull they are, help me to accept them. And then, Lord, after I have accepted my tools, then help me to set out and do what I can with my tools. O God, our gracious Heavenly Father, help us to rise out of our attitude of self-centeredness, out of our egotism. Lord teach me to unselfishly serve humanity....”

“Help us to work with renewed vigor for a warless world, a better distribution of wealth, and a brotherhood that transcends race or color. And, above all, keep the fires of freedom burning in our hearts...”

Excerpts from ***Thou, Dear God*** by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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MARCELINE ROLLINS CATLETT

Our mistress of ceremonies was the 2017 recipient of the Metzger Award. She was honored at the Women’s Leadership Colloquium for Professional Women for “upholding high standards, personally and professionally, and fulfilling a career goal of ‘significant stature.’” Her career goal has long been in the field of education. She has worked exclusively with the Fredericksburg City Public Schools, where she is presently Deputy Superintendent.

Dr. Catlett is one of our own. She graduated from James Monroe High School in 1977, earned her teaching degree at Virginia State University, and returned to the city as a sixth- and seventh-grade classroom teacher at Walker-Grant Middle School. After teaching for twelve years, she became Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Personnel, a position she held for eight years before being named Deputy Superintendent in 2012.

She earned master’s degrees from the University of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University and holds a doctorate degree from Virginia Tech. Marci has received Postgraduate Certificates from University of Virginia, Harvard University, and Oxford University. She has served as an Adjunct Professor at both the University of Mary Washington and Shenandoah University. Her honors are extensive — including awards from Education Women in Worship Ministries, the Boys and Girls Club, the Bragg Hill Family Life Center, the Girl Scouts, the Virginia Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Harambee 360°, AAUW, the Fredericksburg Jaycees and many more.

She has earned such accolades not only because of her work in education but also because of her community service with Shiloh Baptist Church (New Site), Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Partnership for Academic Excellence, various multicultural outreach efforts, the Fredericksburg Food Bank, the Sunshine Ballpark, the Lioness Club, the James Farmer Scholars, and many, many others.

We are proud to say that she has assumed leadership of the Fredericksburg Branch NAACP’s Education Committee. She and her mother, Mrs. Marie Rollins, are active members of the Fredericksburg Branch of the NAACP. Despite all of Dr. Catlett’s achievements, she has always put family first and has served our children and our community with the same gracious and loving personality. We take this opportunity to publicly salute her outstanding accomplishments and, knowing the hard work involved, we are very proud to call her “Doctor” Catlett.

KEITH ARMSTEAD

Our musician was educated in the Fredericksburg City Public Schools. He taught himself to play piano while in the seventh grade and was subsequently mentored in music by Clintina Hankerson, Ronald Jordan, Mandy Carr, and Jan White. He attended Virginia State University and became the director of its award-winning gospel choir. Keith was ordained as a minister of music in 1991 by Dr. Samuel H. Carter and the council of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Spotsylvania.

Since then Keith has served as minister of music in several churches. He is known for building very professional church choirs, including those at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Little Zion Baptist Church in Colonial Beach, Mount Zion Baptist Church in Spotsylvania, and King George Church of God in King George. He has performed at a national NAACP convention in Cincinnati and with Bobby Jones Gospel in both Las Vegas and New Orleans.

Besides serving as both a voice and piano coach, he has conducted music workshops all over the country. He has released seven CDs, the most recent of which, a Christmas album called *The Bells Will Be Ringing*, has received significant air time. Some of his albums will be available for purchase after this program.

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▶ Tribute

MARGUERITE B. YOUNG

It would be difficult to imagine the City of Fredericksburg without **Mrs. Marguerite Bailey Young**. It would be difficult to imagine the Fredericksburg City Schools or Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site) without Mrs. Young. And, it would indeed be impossible to imagine the Fredericksburg Branch of the NAACP without Mrs. Young.

Mrs. Young was number two of the eight Bailey children from Accomack County on Virginia's Eastern Shore. She graduated valedictorian from the Mary N. Smith High School and continued her education at Virginia State University, Columbia University, and the University of Virginia.

She has worked in education throughout her career as a classroom teacher, elementary school principal, assistant high school principal, and director of instruction in Fredericksburg City Schools. She truly knows how to teach and is a teacher's teacher. Her teaching philosophy is a compassionate belief in the worthiness of all children and their right to the best education that each could be given.

Mrs. Young has been and continues to be a driving force in many organizations, including Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site), the Lions Club, various components of the University of Mary Washington, the Hazel Hill Apartment Corporation, the Virginia State University Alumni Association, various components of Mary Washington Hospital, the Head Start Policy Council, and many others.

This tireless activist has been acknowledged with dozens of awards including recognition from the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., XI Upsilon Omega Chapter, the Walker-Grant Alumni Association, the Girl Scouts, the Mayfield Civic Association, the Women's Forum, the Point of Light and many others.

Today, however, we celebrate and honor her commitment to the NAACP. Her leadership kept this organization alive and solvent — not just in name only but with an active mission. She merely poses this one question to ensure the



survival of this institution. Ask yourself, just as she has asked others, "What would we do if a black youth were killed in Fredericksburg?" The answer for Mrs. Young is simple: "We'd call on the NAACP."

So it is that she worked to insure that the local branch of the NAACP has remained strong, enriched with the vibrant ties, support, and resources available at state and national levels. She refuses to let any of these connections lapse. She refuses to give up the fight and settle for second-class citizenship for any marginalized people. She refuses to rest on what she has personally achieved, for she knows that discrimination is alive and well — even here in Fredericksburg. She is indeed the driving force — or, as her family puts it, the "sergeant major" — for the Fredericksburg Branch. She is fearless. She is resourceful. She is soooo smart. She is phenomenal! Yes, today we honor her — not just with words and a plaque but by keeping her legacy alive. SHE IS OUR SHERO!

▶ Keynote

OUR SPEAKER, AARON L. DOBYNES, SR.

Our keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Aaron L. Dobyne, Sr., is a native of Alabama and a fourth-generation preacher. He attended high school in Selma and earned a B.S. degree in psychology at the University of Alabama. He received his Master of Divinity degree from the Virginia Union University School of Theology and his Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Last year, he completed a Ph.D. in Humanities with a concentration in Martin Luther King studies from Union Institute and University in Cincinnati.

Rev. Dr. Dobyne is passionate about black history, womanist theology, and the "Beloved Community" (see notes that follow).

As of last year, Rev. Dr. Dobyne had been a senior pastor for thirty-one years. During those years, he has served churches in Virginia, Alabama, and Louisiana. His service as the tenth pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site) began on June 1, 2014. In addition to pastoring, Rev. Dr. Dobyne serves on The Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region. He is a member of the 2017 class of Leadership Fredericksburg. He is a founding member of Epsilon Rho chapter of Sigma Pi Phi "The Boulé," a member of the Omicron Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, and a 32nd degree Mason on the James O. Bampfield Consistory #56.

Rev. Dr. Dobyne has served as an executive vice-president of Selma University, as a continuing education professor at Southern University in Shreveport, as a Doctor of Ministry professor at Virginia University at Lynchburg, and as a president of the Shreveport Baptist Ministers Conference. Earlier in life, Dr. Dobyne served for a time in the United States Army and held the rank of 1st Lieutenant (promotable) in the United States Army Reserve.

Rev. Dr. Dobyne is married and has five children. His wife, Ginger Dobyne, is a middle school social studies teacher

ABOUT WOMANIST THEOLOGY

Wikipedia describes **womanist theology** as "a religious conceptual framework which reconsiders and revises the traditions, practices, scriptures, and biblical interpretation with a special lens to empower and liberate African-American women in America."

ABOUT THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

As explained by the King Center, the memorial institution founded by Coretta Scott King to further the goals of Martin Luther King, Jr.: "**Dr. King's Beloved Community** is a global vision in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth.

"In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger, and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it. Racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry, and prejudice will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood.

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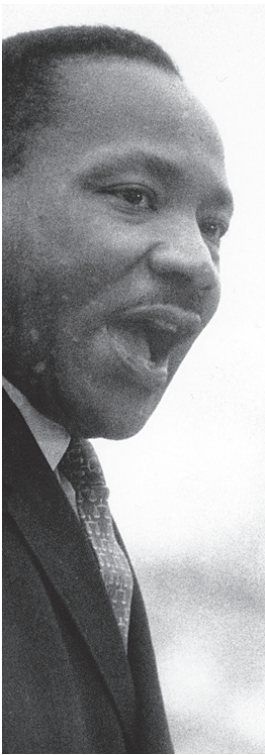
WE INVITE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Dr. King once said: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." We cannot be upset about the problems of our community if we do not speak up and present a unified voice in Fredericksburg.

A wise person once said: "If you're not part of the solution, you are part of the problem." If you are not presently a part of our branch or some civic organization, we invite you to join us in our efforts.

Please don't leave today without stopping by the membership table in the lobby.

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In honor of the work and diligent efforts of the Fredericksburg Branch NAACP towards improving the world around us

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In honor of our loving grandparents, Mr. James E. & Mrs. Etta Bailey

Donated by their loving grandchildren, Omari, Skyler, Matthew, Jaylon, Justin, and Jordan

In memory of my sister, Mrs. Marguerite B. Young, to congratulate her on the recognition of her commitment to the

Fredericksburg Branch NAACP

Donated by her brother and sister-in-law, Capt. William and Mrs. Gladys Bailey

In memory of our parents, the Rev. Dr. Emmett Fleming, Sr., and Mrs. Marie Fleming, and Deacon Robert Campbell and Deaconess Pauline Campbell

Donated by their children, Dr./ Atty. Emmett Fleming, Jr., and Mrs. Mary Campbell Fleming

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In honor of my sister, Etta Jackson

Donated by Charlyne Jackson-Fields

In honor of Mr. Jimmy & Mrs. Shirley P. Johnson

Donated by their loving son, Donnie Johnson, and family

In memory of Mrs. Sarah Jackson Lewis, a matriarch, entrepreneur, restaurateur, gardener, and musician whose achievements inspired family, friends, and others in the local community

Donated by her daughter, Sarah Lewis Irby, and grandchildren, Lee R. Lewis, Jr., and Lori Lewis

In memory of my mother, Mrs. Louise J. Lucas, a long-time dedicated teacher

Donated by her loving son, Wilfred Lucas, and family

In honor of the Mattaponi Baptist Association

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In memory of the Murchison and Weston families

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In memory of the Rev. Dr. John O. Peterson, Pastor Emeritus, Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria

Donated by the Rev. Dr. Faye S. Gunn, Retired Assistant Pastor, Alfred Street Baptist Church

In memory of my parents, Mr. James A. Richardson, III, and Mrs. Ida Richardson Jenkins

Donated by their son, Xavier R. Richardson, and family

In memory of those who came before us

Donated by the Robinson family

In memory our parents, Mr. Charles & Mrs. Jeanette Robinson and Mr. Spencer & Mrs. Lula Bell Cordell

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In memory of Mrs. Mamie B. Scott & the Honorable John W. Scott, Jr., Past Presidents of the Fredericksburg Branch NAACP and loyal NAACP Branch servants

Donated by his wife, Ms. Alda L. White, and son, Mr. Jeffrey A. Scott

In memory of our parents and grandparents, Mr. Clarence R. & Mrs. Gladys P. Todd, local civil rights advocates

Donated by their loving daughter, Gaye T. Adegbalola, and grandson, Juno Pitchford

In memory of Dr. Phillip Wyatt, former President of the Fredericksburg Branch NAACP and President, Virginia State Conference NAACP

Donated by his grandson, Dr. Adam Wyatt, and family

In honor of Mrs. Marguerite B. Young, dedicated Treasurer of the Fredericksburg Branch NAACP and 2018 MLK Breakfast Honoree

Donated by her son, Lonnie Bailey, and family

In honor of Mrs. Marguerite B. Young, dedicated community advocate, in celebration of her being honored as the 2018 MLK Breakfast Honoree

Donated by Fredericksburg Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw

In memory of the Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Young, Former President of Fredericksburg Branch NAACP; Area NAACP Chair; and President, Virginia State Conference NAACP

Donated by his loving family: wife, Dr. Carolyn Young; children, Nathaniel, II, Karen, and Paula; and grandchildren, Jasmine and Janae



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LIFT EVERY VOICE

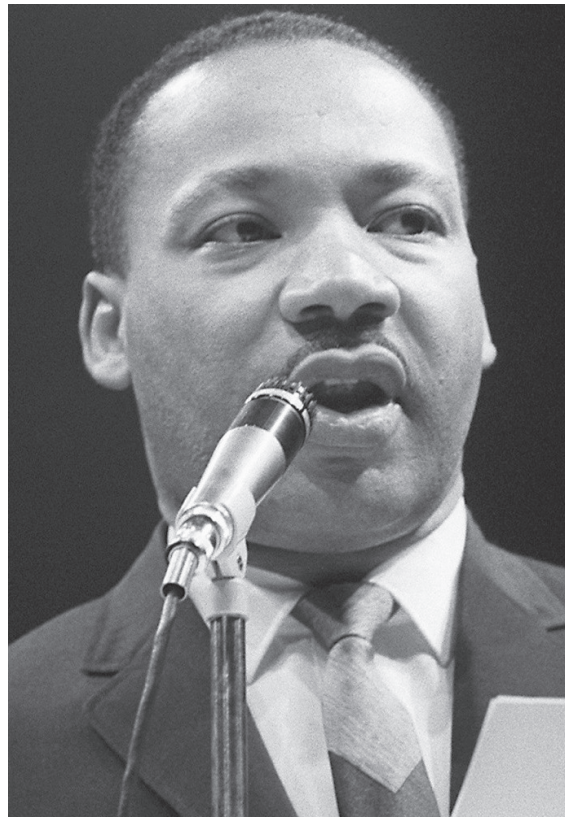
*Lift every voice and sing
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chastening 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 died?*

*We have come over a way
that with tears have been watered;
we have come, treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered;
out from the gloomy past,
till now we stand at last
where the white gleam
of our bright star is cast.*

Lyrics by James Weldon Johnson
Music by John Rosamund Johnson

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DR. KING ISSUED THE CALL:

“Lord help me to accept my tools.
However dull they are, help me to
accept them. And then Lord, after I have
accepted my tools, then help me to set
out and do what I can with my tools.”

NOW, LET ME RESPOND TO HIS CALL:

I plan to use my tools by
doing the following:







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WE INVITE YOUR PARTICIPATION

The Fredericksburg Branch meets on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site) Annex, located at 811 Sophia Street, Fredericksburg.

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