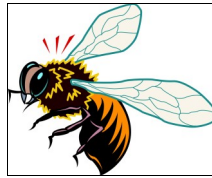


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## ACTION ALERT

MARCH 2018

# Labor Council To Co-Sponsor Dr. Martin Luther King Commemoration

The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council will serve as a co-sponsor of a commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's "Mountaintop Speech." The commemoration will be held on **Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at IBEW Local 712 Hall in Vanport. It begins at 7 PM.**

The other co-sponsors of the commemoration are AFSCME Council 13, Beaver County NAACP, Beaver-Lawrence PA Moral Monday Coalition, Martin Luther King Celebration Committee, New Castle NAACP, Pittsburgh A. Philip Randolph Institute and United Steelworkers.

Dr. King delivered the Mountaintop speech on April 3, 1968, the day before his assassination. He delivered the speech at the Mason Temple in Memphis, Tennessee. The speech will be played at the commemoration in its entirety, exactly 50

years to the day and approximate hour from when it was originally delivered.

In the speech, Dr. King urged support for striking sanitation workers who were fighting through their "I AM A MAN" campaign to gain recognition for their union, AFSCME Local 1733.

Dr. King ended the speech by referring to threats against his life and foreshadowing his death the next day by affirming that he was not afraid to die in the battle for a just world.

The commemoration will also feature photos and information provided by AFSCME Council 13 about the "I AM A MAN" campaign and the continuing relevance of the campaign and Dr. King's struggle for social and economic justice, including their connection with the Janus v. AFSCME Council 31 case now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

At the same time as our local commemoration, a national commemoration of the Mountaintop Speech will be taking place in Memphis, sponsored by AFSCME and the Church of God in Christ. It will feature national leaders, artists and an audience of thousands of dignitaries.

Please print the attached flyer and distribute it to your local union members, family and friends and encourage them to attend our commemoration. For additional information please contact Howard Thompson, AFSCME Council 13 and Labor Council Vice-President (724-944-5165); Willie Sallis, Beaver County NAACP President (724-508-5480) and Mark Benkart, Labor Council Vice-President and Labor Council Community Services Committee Chairperson (724-312-4387).

For the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council, Rick Galiano, President

## Dr. Martin Luther King 50th Anniversary Commemoration

*"Something is happening in our world. The masses of people are rising up. And wherever they are assembled today...the cry is always the same: **We want to be free!**"*

- Martin Luther King Jr.

On the night before he was taken from us by a brutal assassin, **Dr. Martin Luther King** was in Memphis, TN to support sanitation workers who were fighting to gain **recognition for their union, AFSCME Local 1733**. He addressed the workers by delivering what is now known as his **Mountaintop Speech**.

**Observance of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be sponsored by:**

- AFSCME Council 13
- Beaver County NAACP
- Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council
- Beaver-Lawrence PA Moral Monday Coalition
- Martin Luther King Celebration Committee
- New Castle NAACP
- Pittsburgh A. Philip Randolph Institute
- United Steelworkers (USW)

**Tuesday, April 3, 2018 - 7:00 PM**  
**IBEW Local 712 Hall - 217 Sassafras Lane, Beaver,**  
**PA 15009**

The Mountaintop speech will be played its entirety exactly 50 years to the day and hour from when it was originally given.