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## A LITANY FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY

LEADER: In a sermon delivered on August 11, 1957, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'what are you doing for others?'"

AUDIENCE: *In remembrance of Martin, "What are you doing for others?"*

LEADER: King stated that "An individual has not begun to live until he can rise above the narrow horizons of his particular individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

AUDIENCE: *In the name of service, "What are you doing for others?"*

LEADER: King also said that "Every person must decide, at some point, whether they will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness."

AUDIENCE: *In the name of community, "What are you doing for others?"*

LEADER: We are all the benefactors of the deeds, contributions and sacrifices of those who have gone before us. They left their mark; we enjoy the fruit of their labor. It is incumbent upon us, therefore, to leave our mark and to make greater contributions to the betterment of society.

AUDIENCE: *In the name of those who have gone before us, "What are you doing for others?"*

LEADER: To whom much is given, much is required. The freedoms and privileges of our citizenship along with the right to pursue our dreams are gifts of immeasurable proportion. What legacy will we leave those who will come after us?

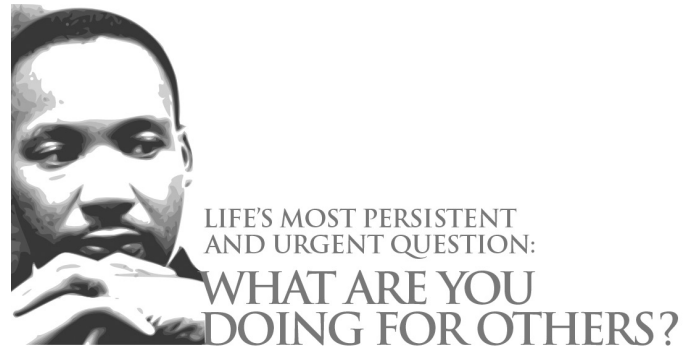
AUDIENCE: *In the name of generations yet to come, "What are you doing for others?"*

LEADER: In remembrance of Martin, what will be our response to life's most persistent and urgent question?

AUDIENCE: *In response to the question, we endeavor to rise above the narrow confines of individualistic concerns and commit ourselves to making a difference for the betterment of society at large and within the communities in which live.*

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## A Commemorative Breakfast Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 15, 2010

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### MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Jazz Ensemble, USC School of Music students  
Directed by Sarah Kervin, student

### PRESIDING

Bobby Gist, Chair, USC 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
Holiday Committee, and Executive Assistant to the  
President for Equal Opportunity Programs

### INVOCATION

The Reverend Dr. Sheila Elliot  
Associate Pastor, Francis Burns United Methodist Church

### OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bobby Gist

### WELCOME ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Harris Pastides, President, University of South Carolina

### MARTIN LUTHER KING LITANY

Meredith Ross, USC Student Government President

### MUSICAL SELECTION

Caryn N. Wells  
Student, Richland Northeast High School

### INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Bobby Gist

### SPEAKER

Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr., Senior Pastor  
Brookland Baptist Church, West Columbia, South Carolina

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

President Pastides, assisted by Carl R. Wells, Director of  
Access and Equity/Diversity Training

### CLOSING REMARKS AND PRESENTATION

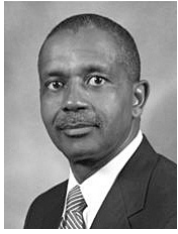
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### BENEDICTION

The Reverend Dr. Sheila Elliott

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DR. CHARLES B. JACKSON, SR.,  
SENIOR PASTOR  
BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH



Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr., a native of West Columbia, S.C., attended the public schools of Lexington County School District 2 and graduated with honors. He continued his academic career at Benedict College in Columbia, S.C., where he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. While at Benedict, he received the Distinguished Mathematics and Physics Award for the highest academic average. After graduating from Benedict, he pursued seminary studies at the Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga., and graduated with honors, receiving his Master of Divinity Degree (M.Div). He received the Distinguished Board of Directors Award from the Morehouse School of Religion for high academic achievement. In addition, he completed one year of certification of residency in clinical pastoral education at the South Carolina Academy for Pastoral Education.

Dr. Jackson has a weekly radio broadcast in Liberia, West Africa, and has preached revivals throughout the United States and lectured at more than 15 colleges and universities. He began preaching at age 9, was licensed at age 10, ordained at age 12, and at age 18, was installed as pastor of his home church, Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia, S.C., where he has served for 38 years. With 65 ministries and more than 160 employees, Brookland is one of the fastest growing congregations in the state. Its ministries include the Brookland Foundation, the Brookland Center for Community and Economic Change, the Brookland-West Columbia Community and Housing Development Corporation, the Brookland Community Pediatric Center, and the Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center.

Dr. Jackson holds membership in a number of civic and community organizations, including the President's Advisory Committee of the University of South Carolina, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., the NAACP, and the Cayce-West Columbia Rotary Club. He is the recipient of a number of honors and awards, including honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from Morris College in Sumter, S.C., and Benedict College, as well as the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor the State of South Carolina confers upon its citizens.

Dr. Jackson is married to the former Robin Hoefler and has two adult children and four grandchildren.

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY  
CELEBRATION HISTORY

The commemoration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has a rich history at the University of South Carolina. Even before the inception of the national holiday, commemorative activities were held at USC. In January 1983, the USC Black Alumni Caucus sponsored the first University program in honor of Dr. King's birthday and continued to sponsor the event, held in Rutledge Chapel, until 1986.

In that same year, the Office of Minority Student Affairs, in conjunction with the Black Alumni Caucus and the Association of African-American Students, expanded the program and moved it to the Russell House Ballroom. Dr. King's daughter, Ms. Yolanda King, was the 1986 keynote speaker. Since then, through the Office of the President, Division of Student Affairs, and the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs, this commemorative program has evolved into a three day celebration. Nationally recognized speakers and native South Carolinians who have achieved success in religion, government, and politics have been past keynote speakers for the Annual Commemorative Breakfast which traditionally kicks off the MLK activities for the weekend leading up to the Monday birthday celebration.

The USC Chapter of the Black Law Students Association implemented their Commemorative Law School Program in 1989. The primary focus of this event has been on the legal aspects of Dr. King's life and the Civil Rights Movement, and this event is open to the public and is held on the day of the actual King Holiday. The Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Committee is pleased that these activities have evolved into a University-wide event. The committee, with the full support of President Harris Pastides, salutes those individuals and groups that have led the way in commemorating Dr. King's birthday at this institution.

In 1999 then President John M. Palms cancelled classes and declared the day a University-wide Day of Service. This tradition continues today under the leadership of President Harris Pastides. USC's Day of Service includes projects in which faculty, staff, and students devote a day to community service in the greater Columbia community and it continues to grow in scope. USC's Day of Service celebrates Dr. King's spirit and our commitment as a University to never forget his contributions to this nation and to the world.