

**State of Connecticut Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission**

**Agenda November 3, 2025 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom**

**Item 1:**

**January** - Bell Ringing Ceremony and Celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Year of the Commission and the recognition of 97<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 19, 2026, at the State Capitol. Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Speaker for the event:

Celebratory Dancer

Soloist Joquon Kinsey

Food or hors d'oeuvres

Invitees from across the state of CT (to include Constitutional Officers and local officials

For the celebration

Introduction of Commissioner and Analysts

Invocation Reverend Bruce Carter – Hartford

Bell Ringing Ceremony US Senator Richard Blumenthal and US Representative Johana Hayes.

**Item 2.**

**February** - Black History Month

Recognition of 3 outstanding (two adults and two youth) individuals/or one organization throughout Connecticut.

Visual Display of Black inventors throughout our history – LOB (Legislative Office Building)

**Item 3.**

**March** - Women's History Month Panel Discussion

Heal from racial, relationship, and childhood trauma, and embrace your purpose, and not someone else's.

***"Prioritizing Our Mental and Emotional Health, While Protecting Our Peace."***

Dr. Tayarisha Batchelor, Andrea Hawkins, Annika Burke, Jasmin Fortson, and Bowls Therapy for relaxation and healing. Location: TBD

**Item 4.**

**April** – Honoring the Memory of Dr. King Concert Choir

Event to be held in New Britain. Recognition of Individuals who paved the way in New Britain to follow the dream of Dr. King.

**Item 5.**

**May** – 1<sup>st</sup> Black Excellence Interview

**Item 6.**

**June** - Juneteenth Celebration w/Flag Raising Ceremony and Panel Discussion

Theme:

***"Black Voices in the Media: Are We Being Heard?"***

**\*Help wanted with Website Discussion**

Next Meeting Date: Monday, December 3, 2025

Closing Prayer