

From Sandra's Study
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I'm glad Martin Luther King Jr. Day falls in January. The New Year seems a fitting time to honor his legacy. Dr. King participated in sit-ins and marches. He is known for a number of famous speeches, among them the "I Have a Dream" speech from August 1963. He was influential in the civil rights struggle that led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. His list of accomplishments goes on and on.

His actions and words are an inspiration to us as we imagine what the coming year might bring. As we embark on 2008, we can take a time of remembrance, reflection, and renewal – to consider how well we have fulfilled the promise that Dr. King's work began. We can take this time to rededicate ourselves to peace and justice in the world.

In the Martin Luther King, Jr., Day flyer produced last by the Reading Branch of the NAACP and sponsored by our congregation, the holiday was described as important because:

- It honors the memory of a great man and a great American.
- It is a day to remember many monumental successes in the area of human rights, spearheaded by Dr. King.
- It is a day of rededication to human rights causes, to help those who are unable to help themselves.

I hope each of us will find a way in the coming year to let Dr. King's message and work touch our hearts and inform our living.

Warmly,
Sandra