

Youth Service Opportunity - Jan. 19, 2009

On behalf of the 9/11 Unity Walk's Youth Service Initiative, I would like to invite you to join us for a service "Day-On" to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and promote environmental justice. On Monday, January 19, 50 youth (aged high-school through young professional) will come together for a full program of service, dialogue and celebration. Flyers are attached for you to share with your friends, family and networks.

In the morning, the Youth Service Initiative is partnering with the Earth Conservation Corps (ECC) in **hands-on volunteer opportunities** to clean up the Anacostia River and the surrounding shoreline. ECC is a "nonprofit organization that engages the strong minds and muscles of Anacostia's youth in the restoration of the Anacostia River. As corps members improve their own lives, they rebuild the environmental, social, and economic health of their communities." Volunteers will have the choice to head out on boats to pull trash and debris from the river, or to stay on dry land and clean up the surrounding shoreline and the "River Walk" trail. For more information on ECC, please visit www.ecc1.org

Over **lunch**, all participants will come together for interfaith dialogue to reflect on the central themes of the day - the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, the call to service, and environmental justice. Youth from diverse faith traditions will share what the day means to them and how they are called by their faith to engage in service and the protection of the environment.

In the afternoon, all participants are welcome to join us as we head across town to the National Cathedral for their annual **MLK celebration**, "Continuing the Dream." Youth from around the metropolitan area will come together to celebrate the life of Dr. King and the future of our country under the leadership of President-elect Barack Obama. Musical performances will be interspersed with opportunities to create your own message to the new president. This will be the forty-first anniversary of Dr. King's untimely death and all are encouraged to attend this dynamic, joyful, soulful afternoon, led by multi-media artist and educator Bomani Armah. For more information, please visit <http://www.nationalcathedral.org/events/mlk2009.shtml>

To register for the day's events, please complete the attached registration form and return to Meg Poole at meg@911unitywalk.org, or via fax at (202) 244-5006.

A detailed schedule of events follows:

- **8:30 - 8:45 am** Arrival and registration (driving and metro directions provided following registration)
- **9:00 am - 12:00 pm** Earth Conservation Corps service project (see attached flyer)
- **12:00 noon** Pizza lunch and interfaith dialogue
- **1:15 pm** Complimentary transportation to the Washington National Cathedral (see attached flyer)
- **2:00 - 4:00 pm** "Continuing the Dream of Dr. King" youth celebration
- **4:15 pm** 2009 MLK Day concludes

Included with your registration:

- Lunch and refreshments (advance notice of eating restrictions required)
- Transportation from the Metro in the morning to the work site and transportation over to the Cathedral for the afternoon performance
- Recognition for service hour requirements for school *and most important...*
- **A unique and enriching experience to meet youth from other faiths, while protecting the environment!**

We do hope that you are able to join us on January 19 and please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Happy Holidays,

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