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## DuPage County MLK Celebration

# Press Release

## DuPage County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Wheaton, IL, January 18, 2016: Gary United Methodist Church, Wheaton, IL

All residents of DuPage County are encouraged to join their neighbors in “Live the Dream”, the Annual Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday, at 6:30 PM, Monday, January 18, 2016, at Gary United Methodist Church 224 Main St. in Wheaton. The Annual Event welcomes people of all races, faith traditions, ethnic backgrounds and economic classes, along with public, educational, business and religious leaders, to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on this national holiday. The MLK Celebration Planning Committee expects a record crowd of people to participate in this year’s celebration.

This year we commemorate the 26th annual and oldest public celebration of the life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in DuPage County. This year the celebration is returning to the heart of Wheaton and we are thrilled to be back.

Our keynote speaker will be **Rev. Dr. Tracy Malone, District Superintendent** for United Methodist Churches. Rev. Dr. Tracy Malone is an ordained Elder and has served in associate pastor, solo pastor and senior pastor positions. She is a lifelong member of United Methodist Church, growing up in the Northern Conference. Her experience in the church spans conferences, Jurisdictional and General Church roles. Rev. Dr. Malone has served on numerous boards, including the Board of Directors for the United Methodist Church, Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, and the Board of Directors for Shalom Education, to name a few. She was also an active volunteer who worked with the Wheaton Ecumenical Clergy Association, Wheaton Chamber of Commerce, DuPage County M.L. King Planning Committee and ESSE Older Adult Care. She is married to Derrick and they have two daughters.

This evening will include the glorious singing of the Second Baptist Church Mass Choir and the Gary United Methodist Church Choir, the SBC Praise and Dance Team and the Waubonsie Valley High School Diamond Steppers.

For more information or interviews please contact any Committee Member at 630-260-0190 and/or visit our website: [www.mlkduplicate.org](http://www.mlkduplicate.org).

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