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Mission Moment

This Sunday is **Human Relations Day**, one of the six Special Sundays for the United Methodist Church. On this day, we take an offering across the denomination. It is no mistake that **Human Relations Day** is near the day we honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King was one who heard the call of God to do the holy work of liberating people. His work against racism, oppression, poverty and violence disrupted layers of historic oppression of people. Dr. King's commitment to working for the benefit of others mirrors our own efforts as the church to listen for the voice of Jesus who came to bring good news to the poor and set the oppressed free.

Our gifts on **Human Relations Day** allow the church to further the work of ministries that serve neighborhoods and communities through community development and advocacy. These are ministries that further the kind of work Dr. King strived to accomplish not only by working against racism and discrimination, but also against poverty and oppression.

Ministry that is done within a community is an investment in the future. Supporting the work of community development means inspiring people to hear the voice of God calling them to use their God-given gifts and abilities in ways that benefit their own community. Our generous **Human Relations Day** offering makes this ministry possible.