

January 20, 2019

Mission Moment

*Today is **Human Relations Day**, one of 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 the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

King 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 and systematic oppression of people. His 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.

Ministry that is done within a community is an investment in the future of that community. Supporting this work 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 gifts on **Human Relations Day** allow the church to further the work of ministries that serve neighborhoods and communities through advocacy.

Our offerings allow the church to join in God's work of justice and liberation.