

September 7, 2023

Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Commemorative Planning Committee

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Dear Colleagues,

I write to ask you to serve on the 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Planning Committee. The role of this committee is to coordinate campus and community activities designed to commemorate the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year, Medra Roberts-Southerland will serve as the chair of the committee along with Dr. Gina Lee-Olukoya, who will serve as co-chair.

The charge for the membership is to implement the planning committee's framework using collaborative, meaningful, impactful, and engaging activities and programs. The plans of the committee should involve students in the planning, convene them as volunteers for events, and encourage them to promote planned events among their various networks.

Please decline or accept this invitation to serve by replying to this email. If you agree to participate, our first virtual meeting to discuss the committee framework, theme and expectations will be Tuesday, September 26, at 10 AM. If you have a scheduling conflict and cannot attend, email Kellye Smith (kemith4@illinois.edu) who is providing administrative support for the committee.

Thank you in advance for your service on this important committee. Your work is crucial and valued.

Sincerely,



Sean C. Garrick
Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

cc: Danita Brown-Young, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs