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A Greeting From Your University Chaplain

Dear Jumbos,

Welcome and welcome back! On this first day of the semester, campus springs back to life: sidewalks bear the footsteps of students striding to class, and dining halls exude the warm aromas of delicious food; the campus center resounds with cheerful greetings and the fitness center buzzes as treadmills are put back into action. All over our campuses, there are signs of new beginnings and fresh invitations to be the learners and teachers, mentors and friends we're called to be.

This is a time, as Alfred Lord Tennyson's classic poem, *In Memoriam*, invites, for ringing in – and for ringing out. The poem begins:

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.*

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

At 5:00 p.m. today, Goddard Chapel's carillon bells will strike: five bell tones precede its current musical accompaniment *Au Clair de la Lune* ("By the Light of the Moon," a French folk song). And while the carillon plays daily and the tune changes monthly, no matter the time of year, today it feels special. Today, our very own wild bells ring in a new semester to our very own wild sky. If you are on the Medford-Somerville campus today and hear its fortissimo peal, I hope that you can pause and reflect. In the spirit of Tennyson's poem, I wonder: what are you ready to ring in? And what might you ring out? In your classrooms, projects, communities, and self-exploration - what is needing a fresh reappraisal, and what is asking for a renewed commitment?

In our world weighed down by continued war and violence, in a country divided against itself on so many matters of human rights, in our lives where the challenges of making meaning and doing justice abound, how shall we together ring in the hope, the resilience, and the persistence we need to keep saying yes to a life of deep purpose and work for the common, global good?

The chaplains, staff, and student leaders of the University Chaplaincy are ready to live, and actively respond to, these questions with you. I hope that you will explore all the offerings we are planning together with our campus partners in the coming weeks, especially the opportunities (listed below) to engage and learn from the still inspiring and ever-urgent witness of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Pax et Lux,

Elyse Nelson Winger
University Chaplain

Upcoming Signature Programs

"We Don't Have Much Time"

RAISING CONSCIOUSNESS AND BUILDING THE FUTURE NOW

With Dr. Régine Michelle Jean-Charles

January 30, 2023 • 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. • Breed Memorial Hall



"But we do not have much time. The revolutionary spirit is already world-wide. If the anger of the peoples of the world at the injustices of things is to be channeled into a revolution of love and creativity, we must begin now to work, urgently, with all the peoples, to shape a new world."

– *The Trumpet of Conscience, 1968*

Join us for the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

We will welcome Dr. Jean-Charles of Northeastern University, author of *Martin Luther King and the Trumpet of Conscience Today*. She will offer a compelling vision for ending racism, mass incarceration, and sexual violence informed by King's final writings. Dinner will be provided, and the winner(s) of the Student Voices Award will offer their creative response to this year's theme.

The event will take place in-person and is open to everyone in the Tufts community and local community members.

RSVP for
dinner here



MLK STUDENT VOICES AWARD

"What does love and creativity look like for you in the service of action for love and justice?"

Interested undergraduates and graduate students are invited to respond to the question above for this year's MLK Student Voices Award. Submissions must be original work, but can have been created for another class, activity, or contest. Submissions can be considered as essays, poems, songs, art, and performances, and are due by Wednesday, January 18 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Find more information and submit at go.tufts.edu/studentvoicesmlk.



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"We Don't Have Much Time:" Raising Consciousness and Building the Future Now

The 2023 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Celebration

Monday, January 30, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Breed Memorial Hall

Join the Africana Center, Tisch College of Civic Life, and the University Chaplaincy for the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration. This year's theme, "We Don't Have Much Time:" Raising Consciousness and Building the Future Now, is inspired by a series of lectures that King offered in 1968 that were published as a book entitled *Martin Luther King and the Trumpet of Conscience Today*. The 2023 guiding quote is from King's book and reads: "But we do not have much time. The revolutionary spirit is already world-wide. If the anger of the peoples of the world at the injustices of things is to be channeled into a revolution of love and creativity, we must begin now to work, urgently, with all peoples to shape a new world."

We will welcome scholar Dr. Régine Michelle Jean-Charles as our keynote speaker. Dr. Jean-Charles is Director of Africana Studies, Dean's Professor of Culture and Social Justice, and Professor of Africana Studies and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Northeastern University and is the author of *Martin Luther King and the Trumpet of Conscience Today*. This powerful book invites us to critically reflect on King's legacy and to resurrect King's radical calls for transformation and justice for the sake of today's most urgent issues: ending racism, sexual violence, and mass incarceration.

Following her keynote address, attendees will engage in facilitated table discussion about what it looks like to personally and communally take action in our lives and campus now. The event will also feature student artists and musicians as well as winner(s) of the MLK Student Voices Award. Dinner is provided.

The event will take place in person at Breed Memorial Hall, and will include dinner. Please email University Chaplaincy program manager Nora Bond with any questions or accessibility needs. We will have ASL interpretation on-site. This event is co-hosted by the Africana Center, Tisch College of Civic Life, and the University Chaplaincy. This event is co-hosted by the Africana Center, Tisch College of Civic Life, and the University Chaplaincy. The event is sponsored by the President's Office, with generous additional support from the Provost's Office, the Department of History, the Department of Romance Studies, and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Register for the MLK Celebration



MLK DAY OF COMMUNITY ACTION

 ALUMNAE
LOUNGE

February 4th | 11am - 6:30pm ■

Apply to be a 2023 CAFE Co-Coordinator

By Friday, January, 20, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

How can we channel our revolutionary spirits to create change? Join the Interfaith Ambassador Team of the University Chaplaincy for the 2023 MLK Day of Community Action for community building, workshops on MLK's legacy in modern activism, and direct action. Together, we will explore our own roles in the fight for change through the lens of carceral and food justice. Engage in service and advocacy opportunities with local organizations working to address these issues in our very own metro Boston neighborhoods. Locally sourced lunch and dinner meals will be provided. Registration is

Register for the Day of Community Action

Want to make an impact for incoming Jumbos?
Like to think about what community means to you?
Enjoy eating meals with people?

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Find more at
[chaplaincy.tufts.
edu/cafe](http://chaplaincy.tufts.edu/cafe)



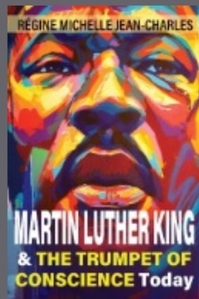
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Our Pre-O CAFE is in the works for summer 2023, and you could be one of the two student leaders to craft a fun, deepening, and connective experience of Tufts for incoming students. As a co-coordinator, you have the opportunity to shape this five-day experience directly. You will gain skills in community-building, program assessment, project management, creating meaning-making experiences, and collaborative leadership. The [position description and application are available on our website](#). All returning students and graduating seniors, with past experience in CAFE or none at all, are encouraged to apply! Please reach out to University Chaplaincy program manager [Nora Bond](#) with any questions.

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Martin Luther King and the Trumpet of Conscience Today Book Discussion Series



@TuftsGLADC



As part of the Tufts University Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, the GLADC will host a discussion series of the book *Martin Luther King and the Trumpet of Conscience Today* by this year's Celebration keynote speaker, Dr. Régine Michelle Jean-Charles. The series will launch over winter break and include opportunities for the Tufts community to sign up for a one of three small group discussion sessions (two in-person, one virtual) ahead of the January 30th celebration. Physical and electronic copies of the book are available.

Hosted by the Generous Listening and Dialogue Center in collaboration with the MLK Celebration planning committee

Register Here: https://tufts.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/sv_eKCzwDeeRuWvG4e



Sign up for Generous Listening and Dialogue Center's (GLADC) Book Discussion Series

Discussions in January, pick up a book today

As part of the Tufts University [Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration](#), the GLADC will, in collaboration with the MLK Celebration planning committee, host a discussion series of the book *Martin Luther King and the Trumpet of Conscience Today* by this year's Celebration keynote speaker, Dr. Régine Michelle Jean-Charles. Participants are invited to read the book over winter break and sign up for a one of three small group discussion sessions ahead of the January 30 celebration. Copies of the book are available electronically and physically. Please send any questions to GLADC Program Administrator [James Fisher](#). Copies of the book can be picked up at Goddard Chapel. [Email the University Chaplaincy to confirm a pick up time](#) before or after winter break. An e-book is also available via the Tufts Library. You can [register for the book discussion group of your choice here](#).

Sign up for a Book Discussion



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STUDENT VOICES

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Accepting creative submission for the
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MLK Student Voices Award

Submissions due Wednesday, January 18 at 11:59 p.m. ET

Interested undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit creative responses for this year's Student Voices Award as part of the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration coordinated by the Africana Center, Tisch College of Civic Life, and the University Chaplaincy. We ask submissions to respond to the quote below and answer the question, "What does love and creativity look like for you in the service of action for love and justice?" We invite submissions of essays, poems, spoken word, songs, art, or performances - to be considered and be included in the January 30 celebration.

The 2023 guiding quote is from King's book *The Trumpet of Conscience*, and reads: "But we do not have much time. The revolutionary spirit is already world-wide. If the anger of the peoples of the world at the injustices of things is to be channeled into a revolution of love and creativity, we must begin now to work, urgently, with all peoples to shape a new world."

This year's theme, "*We Don't Have Much Time.*" *Raising Consciousness and Building the Future*

Now, comes from the quote, and will inform the university-wide event. You can [find information about the Award, the submission process, and more here](#). A small committee including members of the planning team for the Celebration will choose up to three winners. The winners will be chosen based on organization, clarity, creativity, originality, and relationship to the 2023 theme. There will be a cash prize for each winner, and one of the winners will be invited to present at the Celebration on Monday, January 30, 2023. The submissions will be displayed on the Africana Center and University Chaplaincy website, with permission of the creator.

[Learn more about the Student Voices Award](#)

Religious and Philosophical Programs

SERVICE CORPS SUNDAY

Dinner and conversation
Sunday, January 29, 6pm
Rabb Room, Barnum Hall

Come learn about service-oriented gap year and post-graduation opportunities! Dinner provided. RSVP to chaplaincy@tufts.edu

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Service Corps Sunday (Dinner included)

Sunday January 29, 6:00 p.m. in the Rabb Room in Barnum

Are you interested in learning about service and justice-oriented programs after graduation or perhaps for a gap year? Come for dinner and conversation sponsored by the University Chaplaincy. Representatives and alumni from Avodah, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Life Together, and City Year will be visiting to share about their programs, discussing the work for justice, living in intentional community, and discerning a year of service. All are welcome, regardless of religious or philosophical background. Please email Associate Director and Catholic Chaplain [Lynn Cooper](#) or Protestant Chaplain [Dan Bell](#) if you have any questions or would like to learn more.

Partner Programs



Support Menstrual Equity with the Women's Center

All of March 2023, apply for Event Funding by Wednesday, February 1

According to the National Organization for Women Foundation, the average menstruating person will spend up to \$20 in menstrual products per cycle for up to 40 years. The financial burden of constantly purchasing menstrual products is enormous, and the amount of waste produced from the packaging of disposable menstrual products alone is 400 pounds per person in one lifetime. Menstrual equity and being environmentally conscious are incredibly important to our community at the Tufts Women's Center, which is why they are raising money to support students in accessing free reusable menstrual products. Donating \$40 gives 1 menstrual product to a student in need! We need your help to support Tufts' menstruating population, help reduce waste, and fight for menstrual equity!

[Give to the Menstrual Fund](#)



Pre-Orientation Peer Leader Info Sessions

Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Interested in becoming a Pre-Orientation leader? Join the Office for Campus Life (OCL) for this informational session where OCL staff will review the application process and job expectations, as well as answer any questions you may have! Get more information and [register for a session via JumboLife](#).

Upcoming Religious Celebrations and Observances

These events are drawn from the multifaith calendar maintained by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life at Harvard Divinity School. To see more upcoming religious holidays and festivals, please follow the link to the [Harvard Divinity School calendar](#).

Lunar New Year

Begins Sunday, January 22, 2023

"Tied to the lunar calendar, the holiday began as a time for feasting and to honor household and heavenly deities, as well as ancestors. The New Year typically begins with the first new moon that occurs between the end of January and spans the first 15 days of the first month of the lunar calendar—until the full moon arrives." [Information sourced from History.com](#), not Harvard Divinity School's Calendar.

Sadeh

Tue., Jan. 24, 2023

Tradition: Zoroastrianism

"Sadeh an Iranian festival that dates back to the first Persian Empire, Achaemenid Empire.[1] Sadeh celebrates 50 days before Nowruz." [Information sourced from Wikipedia](#), not Harvard Divinity School's Calendar.

Vasant Panchami (Sri Pancami)

Wed., Jan. 25, 2023

Tradition: Hinduism

One of many festivals to honor the advent of spring, this day is celebrated particularly in North India, where it is associated with Saraswati, the goddess of learning; however, it also retains connection with the goddess Lakshmi.

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The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. We provide pastoral care, support religious and philosophical communities, educate about spiritual and ethical issues in society and the world, and promote multifaith engagement.

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