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*"There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly."*  
—Buckminster Fuller

What did you like about this calendar?

Would you like to join the 2005 MLK Committee?

What didn't you like?

In what ways was it useful, if any?

If so, print your name, address, phone number and/or email address below.

What would make it more useful?

Are you interested in seeing a 2005 calendar?

Other comments?

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Thank you!

## take action!

**For 19 years, under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee, volunteers have planned a community celebration of the life and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. To encourage people to take up MLK's message throughout the entire year, the 2004 committee created this calendar. What do you think of it? The 2005 committee will begin meeting this month. All volunteers are welcome. Send in the evaluation/committee sign-up postcard.**

- 👉 Create a piece of art or craft something which shows your idea of undoing racism.
- 👉 Attend a theater or musical performance of a culture different from your own.
- 👉 Identify and implement creative ways to make your workplace more welcoming to people of all racial, ethnic, and cultural identities.
- 👉 Celebrate Mother's Day in the spirit of Julia Ward Howe.

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

## Getting Sensitive to Language

Sometimes we rely on available identity labels (such as those used on government forms) which do not accurately represent our human complexity. Many of us are of mixed heritage and wish to identify as such. To insist that we claim a single identity is to deny our right to self definition. We can ask each other how we prefer to be named.

Beltane (Wiccan) Celebration of fertility. (2003) The U.S. Navy officially stops bombing Vieques after 62 years. The struggle to reclaim and clean up the contaminated land continues.

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The Department of Mental Health's Cultural Diversity Committee presents *The Shadow of Hate: A History of Intolerance in America*, from *Teaching Tolerance: A Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center*. Information: 413.587.6200

*"People usually consider walking on water or in thin air a miracle. But I think the real miracle is not to walk either on water in thin air, but to walk on earth."*

—Ven. Thich Nhat Hanh (1926), Vietnamese Buddhist, activist

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The goal of the Holyoke Youth Task Force's Youth Power in Education work is to reduce racism as a barrier to academic success. Information: Julie, 413.322.5578



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(1862) ¡Cinco de Mayo! Mexico defeats the French army at the Battle of Puebla.

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(1882) Chinese Exclusion Act approved. Prohibits Chinese laborers from entering the U.S. for 10 years (and is extended in 1904). It is the first major restriction on immigration to the United States.

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Holyoke merchant Lee Wong Hing reckons with the Chinese Exclusion Act.



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Birthday, John Brown (1800–1859), abolitionist. In 1859 he, and a company of men, raid Harper's Ferry, a federal arsenal, and hold it for two days. It is the first major armed uprising against slavery by a white American. In his later years, he sells his personal belongings to help fund the Underground Railroad.

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(During 2001) In response to the tragic events of September 11, 2001, 250 women from throughout New England gather at the First Churches of Northampton in November 2001 for the first Women's Congress for Peace. The congress continues to meet each year. Info: 413.256.1760 / www.womenscongressforpeace.org

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(1870) Julia Ward Howe releases a Mother's Day Proclamation which calls women of all nations to rise up and oppose war in all its forms and work collectively toward justice and peace. (1872) Howe begins promoting a Mother's Day for Peace. (1907) Anna Jarvis founds a memorial day for women, influenced both by Howe and her mother who organized Mothers' Work Days. (1914) President Woodrow Wilson declares the first national Mother's Day, emphasizing women's role in the family, not as activists in the public arena. Mother's Day Proclamation, 1870, by Julia Ward Howe (1819–1910)

Arise then...women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts! Whether your baptism be of water or of tears! Say firmly: "We will not have questions answered by irrelevant agencies, our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause.

Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, the women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs." For the full text, visit: [www.wagingpeace.org/articles/0000/1870\\_howe\\_mothers-day.htm](http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/0000/1870_howe_mothers-day.htm)

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(1996) President Clinton issues an official apology for the Tuskegee study; only 11 of the original 399 men subject to the study are still alive. From "1932 to 1972, 399 poor Black sharecroppers in Macon County, Alabama were denied treatment for syphilis and deceived by physicians of the United States Public Health Service" as part of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study. [Syphilis Study Legacy Committee Final Report, May 1996]

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(1954) 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education. The Supreme Court rules that separate educational facilities for Blacks and whites are legally "unequal."

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*"Sitting at the table doesn't make you a diner, unless you eat some of what's on that plate. Being here in America doesn't make you an American."*

—Malcolm X

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Birthdays for May 19:

Al-Hajj Malik Shabazz, also known as Malcolm X, (1925–1965), Civil Rights leader  
Yuri Kochiyama (1922), Japanese American activist interned during the war and active in the Civil Rights movement

Ho Chi Minh, (1890–1969), Vietnamese freedom fighter



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*"When you dream of something, you can begin to take it upon yourself, make it yours, change it. But you have to dream it first."*

—Henry Hampton (1940–1998), Emmy Award-winning filmmaker of *Eyes on the Prize*

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(During 1987) A letter from teacher Barbara Skolnick Rothenberg and her second grade Amherst Fort River class begins a 3-year struggle to change the Mass. Turnpike sign which depicted a Pilgrim's hat with a Native American arrow piercing the center.

The Declaration of the Báb (Bahá'í). Begins at sundown.

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The Declaration of the Báb (Bahá'í). The day marking the beginning of the Bahá'í revelation (1824).

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*"Creativity is the expression of self and soul. To be creative is to be free."*

—Amira Schroeder (1988), local performer, poet

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(1998) Sirius Community, Shutesbury, hosts orientation activities for walkers participating in The Interfaith Pilgrimage of the Middle Passage (see May 30). For current activities information: [www.siriuscommunity.org](http://www.siriuscommunity.org)

Shavout (Jewish). Begins at sundown.

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Shavout (Jewish). Commemoration and reenactment of having received the Ten Commandments from God through Moses on Mount Sinai.

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*"Odd how the creative power at once brings the whole universe to order."*

—Virginia Woolf (1882–1941), British novelist, essayist, feminist, socialist, pacifist

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(1967) Boxer Muhammad Ali refuses induction into the military, based on his Islamic religious beliefs. He is sentenced to five years in jail. In 1970, the Supreme Court overturns the conviction.

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The Children of the Sun Pilgrimage to One People, One Earth, continues the work of The Interfaith Pilgrimage of the Middle Passage. Information: Brother North Star, 413.367.2202  
TheNorthStar@OnePeopleOneEarth.Org

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(1998) 5th Anniversary of the beginning of the Interfaith Pilgrimage of the Middle Passage. This year, the Pagoda will host a Flower Festival to mark this date. Information: 413.367.2202

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