

*366 Days
for Racial Justice*

A Western Massachusetts Undoing Racism Calendar

2004

A message from the 2004 MLK Committee

By their very nature, calendars bear the weight of history as past joys and sorrows are forever woven into a particular date. Calendars help us to remember, to celebrate or, in the face of inequality, to recommit ourselves to work for justice and peace. Yet as any given year rolls, 365 (or sometimes 366) days appear before us full of possibility and hope.

366 Days for Racial Justice lies balanced between these fundamentally linked realities. As it reaches back in time for the wisdom and courage of those who have gone before, it honors the abundance of current undoing racism efforts in our valley. As it drags our collective shameful and/or enraging history to the fore, it asks that we reckon with and respond to current injustices.

366 Days' core message is that we can all work intentionally and collectively every day, to uproot racism and end oppression, and that white people must especially acknowledge and end their roles in the perpetuation of racism and dominance.

While the primary focus of this calendar is undoing racism, it is vital that we acknowledge that racism does not and cannot thrive in a vacuum. To the contrary, it is entwined with other destructive systems—militarism, classism, homophobia, nationalism and a host of other -isms and -phobias.

We are deeply grateful for the enormous guidance and support we received from our community and our donors, and to you for engaging in this project. Please note that we do not consider this a definitive piece of work. What is represented in this calendar is surely not all there is to be known. It is, rather, what we wove into this story. We apologize, in advance, for any errors or misrepresentations and welcome your feedback.

Each calendar month centers on a theme which we based on a particular moment in history, or religious or cultural date, or emerging story. The themes represent the humanity we all possess from birth. At the dawn of 2004, our nation is in the midst of an endless war and our communities are reeling from a series of devastating budget cuts that threaten to further fracture our valley. In the next 366 days, let us heed the teachings of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and all those whose courage changed the world. Let us help put an end to war, honor local struggles and work to undo racism in our communities, trusting that our work for justice will ripple out to our nation and our world.



About the American Friends Service Committee

The American Friends Service Committee is a Quaker grassroots social justice and peace organization. We believe in nonviolence and have faith that the power of love will overcome conflict and injustice. Frances Crowe founded Western Massachusetts AFSC in 1968. For more information about AFSC or the MLK Committee, contact 413.584.8975 / afsc@crocker.com / www.WesternMassAFSC.org

About the MLK Committee

For nineteen years Western Massachusetts community members, working under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee, have come together as the MLK Committee to plan a celebration of the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and push forward the gains made during this country's Civil Rights Movement. In 2002, this committee organized the community-wide educational effort *Lift Every Voice!* In 2003, it produced Mistinguette Smith's original work *Freedom in the Air!* to explore the role of actors and allies in the Montgomery bus boycott to end segregation.

C O M M U N I T Y R E S O U R C E S

Active Ingredients

www.activeingredients.org
Local website with activist resources.

ALAANA (Asian, Latina, African American, Native American and Allies)

Franklin Community Action Corporation

Aida Martinez
413.774.7028
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Focused on creating a safe place for young people of color.

All Soul's Unitarian Universalist Church Social Action Committee

Hope and Main Streets,
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Alternatives to Violence Project

Box 2341, Amherst, MA 01004
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Provides workshops in prisons by training teams of community members and prisoners.

Amalgamated Transit Union Local 448

640 Page Boulevard,
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413.732.8041
atu448@berkshire.net / www.atu.org/
Part of the largest labor organization representing transit workers in the U.S. and Canada.

Amandla Community Chorus

Eveline MacDougall
P.O. Box 223, Greenfield, MA 01302
413.773.8655
A community chorus that celebrates life, reflects and articulates social concerns.

American Civil Liberties Union of Western Massachusetts

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39 Main Street, Florence, MA 01062
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www.WesternMassAFSC.org
A grassroots social justice and peace organization.

Anti-Displacement Project

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A membership organization of low-income families building new institutions they control.

Arise for Social Justice

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www.angelfire.com/ma4/arise/
A low-income rights, anti-oppression membership organization in Western Massachusetts.

Bill of Rights Defense Committee

241 King Street, Suite 216,
Northampton, MA 01060
413.582.0110
www.bordc.org / info@bordc.org
Encourages local communities to take an active role in working for civil liberties.

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holyoke

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Supports youth. Celebrates Latino History Month, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, and Black History Month.

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A national organization of American Jews deeply committed to Israel's well-being through the achievement of a negotiated settlement to the long-standing Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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Committed to examining our own privilege and internalized oppression and to fostering public dialogue and deep listening. Open to all Buddhist traditions.

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Promotes Latino empowerment and cultural pride in Hampshire County through service, education, facilitation, dialogue and action.

Center for Popular Economics

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www.populareconomics.org
A non-profit organization that teaches economic literacy to activists for progressive social change.

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413.774.7469 ext. 13
Established 12 years ago in response
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County, the Coalition sponsors a
Week of Awareness each spring,
including a Take Back Our Lives
March and Rally and other events
focused on prevention of violence,
primarily violence against women.

Community Crisis Support Service

Barbara Russell
413.772.0582
The CCS is a team of trained volun-
teers who provide support and assis-
tance to communities and groups
affected by violence, crime, and
other tragedies.

Conscious Communication Institute

Sandra Boston
413.774.5952
Offers an eight week training in Basic
Skills for Conscious Communication,
active study groups and a teacher
training program.

Department of Mental Health

Western Massachusetts Area
P.O. Box 389, Northampton, MA
01061-0389
413.587.6200
Supports the work of the Cultural
Diversity Committee.

Dunbar Community Center, Inc.

Natasha George
33 Oak Street, Springfield, MA 01109
413.788.6143
Provides opportunities to understand
youth and families through social and
cultural development, education,
recreation, advocacy and support,
mentoring and access to technology.

European Dissent—Uprooting Racism in our Community

Greenfield, MA
Sharin Alpert
413.625.2951
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Self-education, discussion, and
action group for anti-racist whites in
Greenfield/Franklin County area.

Everywoman's Center

Wilder Hall, University of
Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003
Sandy Mandel
413.545.5827
www.umass.edu/ewc
Counseling and advocacy programs
for women.

Franklin/Hampshire Health Coalition

George and Arky Markham
413.586.0345
Meets the third Tuesday, 7:30pm,
Community Room of the Cahill
Apartments, Northampton; working for
Single-Payer Health Care legislation.

GLASS (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Society)

Brandin Dear
413.774.7028
A group for young people who
identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual,
transgendered or questioning, and
their allies.

GRACE (Get Real and Create Equality)

Franklin Community
Action Corporation
Jen Jakowski
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Weekly drop-in group led by peer
leaders on social justice and conflict
resolution. Monday and Wednesday
afternoons, ages 12–18.

Greenfield Center School

71 Montague City Road,
Greenfield, MA 01301
413.773.1700
www.centerschool.net

Greensboro Justice Fund

P.O. Box 1594, Northampton, MA 01061
413.584.1079 / Toll-free: 877.585.6606
martygjf@attbi.com / www.gjf.org
Educates the general public with
regard to the origins, symptoms,
manifestations, dangers and injus-
tices of discrimination and supports
organizations in the south that work
against discrimination by providing
direct charitable aid.

Hampshire Community Action Commission

557 Easthampton Road,
Northampton, MA 01060
413.582.4237 / 800.339.7779
www.hcac.org/
A non-profit, human service agency
whose mission is to address both the
causes and the effects of poverty.
The organization provides services
and advocates for social change to
improve the quality of life for resi-
dents of Hampshire County and the
surrounding area.

Holyoke Community College

303 Homestead Avenue, Holyoke,
MA 01040
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www.hcc.edu

Holyoke Youth Task Force and Youth Commission

20 Korean Veteran's Plaza,
Rm. 409, Holyoke, MA 01040
413.322.5578
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Reducing racism as a barrier to aca-
demic success among Holyoke youth.

Indymedia

www.wmass.indymedia.org/
An independent media site.

Jones Library English As A Second Language (ESL) Center

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43 Amity Street, Amherst, MA 01002
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Volunteer tutor training and tutoring.

Karuna Center for Peace Building

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A U.S.-based nonprofit organization
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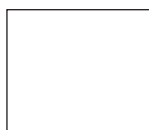
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Comprehensive youth and community
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Mass Justice Project

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Offers legal help with civil issues
such as housing, domestic relations
and government benefits. Also has a
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Media Education Foundation (MEF)

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MEF produces and distributes video documentaries to encourage critical thinking and debate about the relationship between media ownership, commercial media content, and the democratic demand for free flows of information, diverse representations of ideas and people, and informed citizen participation.

Men's Resource Center

236 N. Pleasant Street, Amherst, MA 01002
413.253.9887
www.mensresourcecenter.org
Dedicated to supporting men, challenging men's violence and developing men's leadership in ending oppression. Has Young Men of Color Leadership Project.

MLK Jr. Committee of Amherst, Inc.

P.O. Box 3211, Amherst, MA 01004-3211
Holds an annual breakfast to celebrate community members who are carrying Dr. King's work forward today.

Mount Toby Meeting of Friends (Quakers)

194 Long Plain Road (Route 63),
Leverett, MA 01054
Meeting phone: 413.548.9188
Clerk: David Ahlfeld, 413.253.5687
All welcome. Has a strong peace and social justice mission.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Amherst

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william.norris4@verizon.net
National non-political advocacy group for African-Americans and other persons of color.

National Priorities Project

17 New South Street, #302,
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413.584.9556
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Offers citizen and community groups across the country tools and resources to shape federal budget and policy priorities that promote social and economic justice.

Nipponzan Myohoji Peace Pagoda

100 Cave Hill Road, Leverett, MA 01054
413.367.2202
www.peacepagoda.org
The Nipponzan Myohoji is most well known for their construction of Peace Pagodas throughout the world. These pagodas are offerings for world peace, and "prayers of the spirit made manifest form."
Locally Nipponzan Myohoji initiates state-wide walks to help bring about justice and peace.

Northampton Center for the Arts

17 New South St., Suite 303,
Northampton, MA 01060
413.584.7327
www.nohoarts.org/
Dedicated to providing a place where people can dance, display art, make music, perform theatre and be immersed in the creative process.

Northampton High School

380 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01060
413.587.1344
www.hamphigh.org/

Northampton Human Rights Commission

Northampton City Hall, 210 Main Street,
Rm. 12, Northampton, MA 01060
413.587.1249
Educates and advocates around issues of human and civil rights. This year, among other projects, the Commission is co-organizing a series of study groups on racism.

Northampton Interparish Social Concerns Committee

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Northampton Meeting of Friends (Quakers)

43 Center Street, 2nd Floor,
Northampton, MA 01060
Meeting phone: 413.587.4622
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All welcome. Has a strong peace and social justice mission.

Nuestras Raíces

329 Main Street, Holyoke, MA 01040
413.535.1789
www.nuestras-raices.org
A grassroots organization that promotes economic, human and community development in Holyoke.

Nueva Esperanza

401 Main Street, Holyoke, MA 01040
413.533.9442
Community development corporation dedicated to neighborhood revitalization and community education.

Out Now!

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125 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01105
413.736.4610
An LBGTTSQQA youth organization of greater Springfield. Holds regular group meetings on Fridays from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Pioneer Valley Project/ Proyecto del Valle Pionero

235 Eastern Avenue, Springfield, MA 01109
413.827.0781

pvp.general@verizon.net
A membership organization of congregations, unions, and community groups working to relieve conditions of poverty, racism, discrimination, dependence, unemployment, and to prevent further deterioration of our communities.

Prison Book Project

413.584.8975 ext. 208
Providing free books to prisoners. Meets every Sunday at 1:00pm at First Churches Northampton.

Project 2050 of the New WORLD Theatre

Uday Joshi
100 Hicks Way, Room 16 Curry Hicks,
University of Massachusetts,
Amherst, MA 01003
413.577.2990
www.newworldtheater.org/

A multi-year exploration of the year when it is projected that people of color will become the majority in the United States. Addressing the issues compelled by these changing demographics, the project engages professional artists, youth communities, scholars, and community activists in civic dialogue and artistic creation.

Root 9 Collective

413.586.4792
A local activist/artist collective engaged in social justice struggles.

Sirius Community

72 Baker Road, Shutesbury, MA 01072
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Sirius@siriuscommunity.org
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Social Workers for Peace and Justice

Pioneer Valley Chapter
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Works on issues that promote peace and justice in our society and world.

Solidaridad Colombia

413.584.8975
www.westernmassafsc.org/
colombia/index.html
Supports Colombian and U.S. efforts for justice and peace.

Springfield Harm Reduction Coalition

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A statewide network of groups and individuals working to reduce drug-related harms, to individuals, communities and society and to oppose all prison expansion.

Springfield Vietnamese Civic Association

433 Belmont Avenue, Springfield, MA 01108
413.733.9373
www.svacaconversent.net
A community-based civic association offering services and cultural outlets.

The Islamic Society of Western Massachusetts

377 Amostown Road,
West Springfield, MA 01089
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The Palestine Action Coalition

westmasspac@westmasspac.org
Works to educate and inform students and community members in the Pioneer Valley about issues facing Palestinians, and to advocate for a peaceful resolution to the Israel/Palestine conflict.

Traprock Peace Center

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413.773.7427
www.traprockpeace.org
Exploring nonviolence, fostering community, working to end war.

Undoing Racism Organizing Collective (UROC)

Ann, 413.736.5136, Lisa, 413.367.2190, Marco 413.746.1960, or Mary, 413.586.9988
A network of anti-racist organizers in Western Massachusetts whose mission is to organize, educate, communicate, and provide resources to undo racism in our families, communities, and institutions. Every October, UROC hosts an Undoing Racism Organizing Training by the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond.

Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence

220 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060
413.584.1390
office@uunorthampton.org
Has Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM).

Unitarian Universalist Society of Greater Springfield

245 Porter Lake Drive,
Springfield, MA 01106
413.736.2324
uusgs@uuspringfield.org
Has Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Team

United Auto Workers Local 2322

Open Square, 383 Dwight Street,
Holyoke, MA 01040
413.584.4905 / 800.682.0269
uaw2322@uaw2322.org /
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Over 3500 workers from 14 employers united in an amalgamated local of the United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), with members in virtually every sector of the economy.

Valley War Bulletin

413.584.8975
www.westernmassafsc.org/vwb/
A monthly free publication dedicated to covering the war at home and abroad.

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Western Mass. A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism) Organizing Center

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Information, activism, and resistance to U.S. militarism, sinking with struggles against racism and oppression within the United States.

The International League of Muslim Women, Inc.

P.O. Box 1377, Northampton, MA 01061
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Western Massachusetts Center for Healthy Communities

Gail Weirick
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www.westernmasshealthycommunities.org
Offers training, consultation and a full lending library as resources for prevention and assistance.

Western Massachusetts Jobs with Justice

640 Page Boulevard, Springfield, MA 01104
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wmjwj@hge.net
WMass Jobs with Justice is a grassroots, non-partisan coalition of over 40 union, student, faith-based and community organizations and individuals working together to build unity and support for the struggles of working class people.

White People Addressing Racism —A Twelve Step Approach

Judith S.
C/O Skillings, P.O. Box 503,
Leverett, MA 01054
413.549.4837
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A twelve-step approach to addressing addiction to the white comfort zone and/or the false entitlements of white privilege.

Women's Congress for Peace

Emily Lewis
www.womenscongressforpeace.org
A diverse group of women activists, united in their commitment to building communities based on equality; social, economic, and environmental justice; and non-violent means of resolving conflict.

Youth Leadership in the Arts

c/o Casa Latina, 140 Pine Street,
Florence, MA 01062
800.850.3880 ext. 3313
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Young artists and activists working for change in their communities.

Zen Center

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Intentional and conscious exploration of race and privilege, and how it manifests in our communities.