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MORRIS, Minnesota (January 4, 2016)—The University of Minnesota, Morris will celebrate the 7th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service (MLK Day of Service) on Monday, January 18. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to attend any and all components of the event, which include lunch and dinner, service projects, and a program.

Participants will gather for registration, lunch, and pre-service reflection at 12 p.m. in the Student Center's Oyate Hall. From there they will move to service sites, which include MLK-themed lessons at Morris Area Elementary School, Bingo and conversations with elders at West Wind Village, donation solicitation for Someplace Safe and Habitat for Humanity, and preparation for the evening meal. Projects at West Wind Village, Shopko, and Willie's Supervalu are family friendly, and children are welcome to join their parents.

Participants will gather at East Side Park for a public march to Faith Lutheran Church (108 West 8th Street, Morris, MN 56267) at 4 p.m., in honor of King's dedication to equality for all. At the church there will be opportunities for reflection. A program will begin at 5 p.m., with a free community meal at 5:30. Free transportation back to East Side Park and the Morris campus will be provided after the meal.

Those who are not able to physically participate in the day's service activities are invited to contribute by leaving checks on their doors made payable to Someplace Safe. Participants will collect these checks in exchange for porch, walk, and sidewalk shoveling.

Those interested in participating can register online at [goo.gl/forms/iYN43AiDm8](http://goo.gl/forms/iYN43AiDm8). Free parking is available in all campus lots. For more information, contact the Office of Community Engagement at 320-589-6457 or [engagmnt@morris.umn.edu](mailto:engagmnt@morris.umn.edu).

The MLK Day of Service is co-sponsored by the University of Minnesota Morris's Offices of Community Engagement and Equity, Diversity, and Intercultural Programs. Meal sponsors include Lazos, Voces Unidas, Black Student Union, Women of Color Association, RiverWood Bank and Homeland Mortgage.

**Schedule of Events**

12 p.m.  
Registration  
Student Center, Oyate Hall

12:45 p.m.  
Opening Program  
Student Center, Oyate Hall

1 p.m.

Service Projects  
Various locations throughout Morris

4 p.m.  
March  
East Side Park to Faith Lutheran Church

4:30 p.m.  
Welcome and Remarks by Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson  
Faith Lutheran Church

4:40  
Post Reflection  
Faith Lutheran Church

5 p.m.  
Keynote Speaker: Elliot James  
Faith Lutheran Church

5:30 p.m.  
Community Meal  
Faith Lutheran Church

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