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Summary: Members of the campus and greater community are invited to participate in the fourth annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on January 21, 2013

(January 7, 2013)-The Office of Community Engagement and the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Intercultural Programs invite members of the campus and greater community to participate in the fourth annual Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day of Service on January 21, 2013, beginning at 1 p.m. in the Student Center's Oyate Hall. This day marks the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday and serves as an opportunity for Americans to honor Dr. King's legacy through community service.

Taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service. The event empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community." The vision for the day is that faculty, staff, community members, and students of all ages will come together to reflect on and learn about the life of Dr. King while serving the Morris community.

"Martin Luther King believed communities could get better if people worked together," says Argie Manolis, coordinator of the Office of Community Engagement. "We are hoping to honor that spirit by energizing the community to make a difference, either by taking the time to learn more about issues of diversity or by serving alongside other community members."

A welcome and free bag lunch will be held at 1 p.m. in Oyate Hall, while service and educational projects will take place from 1:30 until 5 p.m. A short program, followed by a community meal, will begin at 5 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church (108 West 8th Street, Morris MN 56267). All members of the community are welcome to attend the program and meal, regardless of participation throughout the day. Transportation between the service sites, the evening program and meal, and campus parking lots will be provided.

All volunteers interested in participating in the MLK Day of Service will be welcomed, but pre-registration is required. Additional information, including pre-registration and a schedule of events, is available [online](#).

The MLK Day of Service is a part of United We Serve, the President's national call to service initiative, which calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to pressing national problems. The program is supported by the Office of Equity, Diversity and Intercultural Programs, Student Activities, the Office of Community Engagement, and by local community partners.

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