KING DAY 2006: "REALIZING THE DREAM: TODAY, TOMORROW AND BEYOND"

INGLEWOOD CELEBRATES THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



Channel 5 Newscaster, **Michaela Pereira**, *Mistress of Ceremony*



Pastor John Hunter, First AME Church, Keynote Speaker



Channel 7 Newscaster, **Marc Brown,** *Grand Marshal*

or the 23rd year, the City of Inglewood will recount the numerous contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at its annual march and ecumenical service on Saturday, January 14, 2006. This year the City will kick-off its King Day celebration with a rousing ecumenical service at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary at The Tabernacle at Faithful Central Bible Church located at 321 N. Eucalyptus Avenue. Immediately following the special service, over a thousand marchers will take to the streets to reenact, in a tribute to Dr. King, the symbolic marches of the 1960's.

An exciting line-up of renowned leaders, celebrities and talented groups has teamed up to make this a memorable event. The program will feature an inspiring keynote address by Dr. John Joseph Hunter, Senior Pastor of First African Methodist Episcopal Church. KTLA Channel 5 newscaster Michaela Pereira will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies for the program and the Southern California Evangelical Jurisdictional Youth Choir (EJYC) will provide handclapping and toe-tapping entertainment during the program.

Also featured will be this year's dynamic winners of the King Day speech contest. The winners will represent four grade categories including the early elementary (K-2); elementary (3-5), middle school (6-8) and high school (9-12) grade levels. New this year, the winners will speak on one of three pre-selected topics. The topics are "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had a Dream and so do I," "Educating a Diverse Nation about Dr. King...I will Tell the Story," and "Is my Dream Still in Effect?"

Immediately following the ecumenical service, the City will begin its symbolic march. KABC Channel 7 newscaster Marc Brown will serve as Grand Marshal. Highlighting the march will be performances by drill teams, bands and pep squads representing all of Inglewood's schools and several churches throughout the City.

Marchers will leave The Tabernacle at 11:30 a.m. and will travel south on Eucalyptus Avenue; head east on Regent Street; south on Prairie Avenue; east on Manchester Boulevard; and south on Kareem Court to the parking lot at Hollywood Park Racetrack - Gate 8 entrance (enter from Pincay Drive formerly 90th Street).

Free shuttle service will be available for March participants. Individuals participating in the March may park their cars at Hollywood Park Racetrack (Gate 8 - Pincay Drive (90th Street) entrance) prior to the ecumenical service. The shuttle will transport marchers from Hollywood Park to The Tabernacle beginning at 7:45 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Groups who want to participate in the March should register by calling the City's Cultural Office at (310) 412-8700. For more information about the King Day Celebration or to obtain a March registration form, contact the Cultural Office or visit the City's website at www.city-ofinglewood.org (Search keyword: MLK).