

MLK KEYNOTE CELEBRATION 2025

*Celebrating the Legacy of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



JANUARY 23, 2025

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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“IN THE END, WE WILL
REMEMBER NOT THE
WORDS OF OUR ENEMIES,
BUT THE SILENCE OF OUR
FRIENDS”

- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



ORDER OF SERVICE

4:30 PM Doors Open

4:45 PM Guest Enter Auditorium

5:00 PM Opening & Welcome

5:05 PM Introduction

5:15 PM President's Remarks

5:20 PM Keynote Speaker

5:45 PM Fireside Chat

6:15 PM Awards & Closing Remarks

6:25 PM Reception

SPECIAL GUESTS

Black Awakening Choir

President Michael Rao, Ph.D

Jessica Bell Brown, ICA

Provost Fotis Sotiropoulos, Ph.D.

Maghboeba Mosavel, Ph.D,

Community Engagement

Faye Belgrave, Ph. D, Inclusive

Excellence

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. John Kinney,
Virginia Union University,
Director, Center for African
American Pentecostalism and
Leadership Development

FIRESIDE CHAT



MODERATOR

**Dr. Tomika
Ferguson,** VCU
School of
Education

PANELIST

Carol Adams,
Carol Adams
Foundation



PANELIST

Sean Miller,
Boys & Girls
Club of Metro
Richmond



PANELIST

**I-Kamliah
Hiwott,** VCU
Student



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bios &
digital
event
program



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