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MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017, 10:00-11:30 AM
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Join us for the 21st annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King’s life on Monday, January 16, 2017, 10:00-11:30 AM, at the West Hartford Town Hall Auditorium, 50 South Main Street.

This year’s keynote speakers are Victoria Christgau and Pastor James Lane of the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence.

Victoria Christgau is a lifelong peace and nonviolence educator. At the request of legendary civil rights leader, educator and activist, Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr., Ms. Christgau created the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence in 2007. As founder and executive director, she has trained hundreds of people from across racial, social, economic and generational divides in the philosophy and strategies of Kingian Nonviolence. She is the winner of the Hartford Courant’s 2010 Tapestry (Diversity) Award, and in 2014, she received a Community Organizer award from the CT Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

Pastor James A. Lane, Jr., is a senior trainer and advisor for the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence. He is the founder and pastor of The Northend Church of Christ/The Urban Mission, Inc., in Hartford, where he has been serving the community for over 30 years. He is the founder of The Buddy Breakfast Program, a manhood training mentoring program for inner city males, the Two-Way Youth Project, and co-founder of The Men of Color initiative. He appears as guest lecturer for many institutions across the nation.

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Refreshments are provided by the Elmwood Senior Center. West Hartford Community TV airs this event live on Comcast Channel 5. For more information, contact Renée McCue at (860) 561-7521 or renee@westhartfordct.gov

EVENT PARTICIPANTS

Keynote Speakers:
Victoria Christgau & Pastor James A. Lane, Jr.
CT Center for Nonviolence

Greeting:
Mayor Shari Cantor

Opening Prayer:
Fredd L. Ward, III
Congregation Church of Naugatuck

Emcee:
Roszena Haskins
Director of Continuing Education and Diversity Advancement
West Hartford Public Schools

Keynote Introduction:
Natalie Mendes
West Hartford African American Social & Cultural Organization

Student Perspectives:
Madino Hassan
Conard High School
Amina Symone Lampkin
Hall High School

Performances:
Hall High School Jazz Combo
Sedgwick Sounds
Conard’s Voices of the World Choir