

Dear EUUC,

One of the great quotes attributed to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is one I have been wrestling with all year. ***“If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.”*** Frankly I have not had much initiative to do anything this year – large or small.

Tribalism. Political division. Bigotry. Systemic racism. Intolerance. Street violence. Hatred. And a pandemic to boot! Some days it’s been hard to get out of bed.

However, in recent weeks, the call for a third annual Dr. King Tribute - Inspiring a Beloved Community event by supporters and attendees of the last two celebrations has motivated me to step out of my homebound malaise of sorts and into a call to action. In fact, the theme of the January 2021 **virtual** event will be ***“Becoming Brave”*** – the title of a recently published book by Rev. Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil and the **headliner** of our program!

Dr. Salter McNeil is an Associate Professor of Reconciliation Studies at Seattle Pacific University, directing the Reconciliation Studies program. She is also the Associate Pastor of Preaching and Reconciliation at Quest Church in Seattle and an author, a sought-after international speaker, counselor and friend.

The Lift Every Voice Legacy (LEVL), a passionate group of South Snohomish County community activists, is partnering with the **Community of Color Coalition (C3)** in promoting our work to build a Beloved Community free of hatred, injustice and poverty and **we need your help to do great things – big and small – to keep these values alive and moving forward.**

On the day we celebrate Dr. King’s Birthday, **January 18**, we will debut our video program on various websites and social media platforms. There will be **no charge** to view the **Third Annual 2021 Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. – Inspiring a Beloved Community Program**, however, a donation will be asked in support of ongoing programs throughout the year sponsored jointly by C3 and LEVL.

However, we do have some upfront costs in producing a video during a pandemic which includes videography, program participant and staging fees and promotional expenses for starters. **We are about \$14,000 shy of meeting our budgeted goal.** Any financial donation you can provide would get us further down the road in building our **Beloved Community** with friends and neighbors.

Please know, nonetheless, that any gift EUUC can provide would be a huge blessing to this endeavor! I am both humbled and grateful for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Donnie Y. Griffin
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