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**MLK Dream Weekend Announces “Liberty Bridge Unity Walk and Prayer Vigil”**

GREENVILLE, S.C. – Join us as we kick off the 7th annual MLK Dream Weekend with the Liberty Bridge Unity Walk and Prayer Vigil. The MLK Dream Weekend Board along with community and religious leaders have planned a candlelight vigil and prayer walk for 7 p.m., Friday, January 6, 2012 at the Liberty Bridge in downtown Greenville.

The half-hour program will include prayers by local religious leaders, with specific focuses on unity, community and peace. The program will also include remarks by local political leadership and a Unity Litany.

Dr. Phillip M. Baldwin, Co-Chairman for MLK Dream Weekend, will open with a Call to Worship. The Welcome and Purpose will be led by Overseer Curtis L. Johnson, Chairman for MLK Dream Weekend. Prayers will be led by Minister Cynthia Wright of Rock of Ages Baptist Church, Pastor Carlton Austin, President of Baptist Ministers Fellowship of Greenville and Vicinity, Father Patrick Tuttle of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Mayor of Fountain Inn, Gary Long, and Pastor Henardo Marin of Rosa Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Participants will meet on the side of the Liberty Bridge opposite Main Street, and walk across the bridge together to symbolize unity and community spirit. Once on the other side, prayer and benediction will go forth as we pray for unity and peace among families, public servants, religions, all races and cultures. Candles will be provided and all attendees are encouraged to please wear black attire.

“This brief program is designed to impact our community through a strong demonstration of unity as we focus our hearts and minds on the goals of MLK Dream Weekend and the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” said Nika White, MLK Dream Weekend Director of Marketing.

This event is open to the public and free of charge. We hope to see you there as this time of reflection and prayer brings us... All. Together. Now.

For more event information, visit [www.mlkdreamweekend.com](http://www.mlkdreamweekend.com).

MLK Dream Weekend is an organization of civic and business leaders committed to the cause of Dr. King and the citizens of Greenville County. Initiated in 2006 to establish an annual community-wide celebration of the MLK Holiday for the Greenville, South Carolina area, MLK Dream Weekend is based on Dr. King's dreams of diversity with equality and peace. For more information, please visit [www.mlkdreamweekend.com](http://www.mlkdreamweekend.com).

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