



Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr

Monday, January 20, 2020

5-6 p.m. followed by Reception and Exhibit

4:45 *Let Freedom Ring: Choose Non-Violence*

National Bell-Ringing Ceremony

United Church of Jaffrey, 54 Main St.

**Conval's Rachel Sturges featured at
Jaffrey-Rindge *Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.***

2019-2020 New Hampshire Youth Poet Laureate Rachel Sturges, a Conval senior, will open this year's Jaffrey-Rindge *Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.* commemoration with an original poem on the event theme of "Our Beloved Community." Rachel also held a series of poetry workshops with home school and public elementary school students in connection with the upcoming event.

The Youth Poet Laureate position is a sterling honor. The New Hampshire Youth Poet Laureate Committee, a juried panel of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, selects from among many competitive candidates after a rigorous review. As Youth Poet Laureate, Rachel acts as an ambassador to heighten the visibility and value of poetry by and for young people in New Hampshire.

Please join us at *Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.* for a ceremony that is always thought-provoking and deeply meaningful. In addition to Rachel's reading of her commemorative poem, we will hear from keynote speaker JerriAnne Boggis of the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire, recognized for work that has vastly enriched human understanding and put New Hampshire on the cultural map. Music will be provided by school choirs, winners of the MLK Student Poetry Contest will be announced and share their poems, and benches built and painted for MLK National Day of Service will be presented. The event is free and open to all and handicap-accessible. For updates including weather concerns visit and like us at MLK Celebration Jaffrey-Rindge on Facebook.