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Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only **love** can do that.



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The Sponsors wish to thank:

- The many wonderful and excellent speakers **and performers** listed in the program, in particular:
 - o Ms. Kim Marie Nicols for American Sign Language interpretation
- **Pollard Middle School** for the use of its facilities

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- Roche Bros./Sudbury Farm - 1177 Highland Ave.
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2020 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



"There is little hope for us until we become tough-minded enough to break loose from the shackles of prejudice, half-truths and downright ignorance." — MLK Jr.

Sponsored by the following local organizations:

- *Needham Diversity Initiative*
- *Needham Community Education*
- *Needham Interfaith Clergy Association*
- *Needham Human Rights Committee*
- *The Needham Public Schools + its METCO program*

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Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund

The Needham Public School's METCO Department provides scholarships to graduating seniors who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to the advancement of the community.

Donations will be accepted at the end of the program. There are collection boxes at the entrance. Checks can also be mailed to:

Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund.
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METCO Program
Needham High School
609 Webster Street, Needham, MA 02492.

Thank you.



Please support the mission and activities of Needham Diversity Initiative by participating in its activities and by making a tax-deductible donation at:

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To participate in our meetings and to attend our various events please visit our web site to learn more, or email us at needhamdiversity@gmail.com

Needham Diversity Initiative, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable corporation whose mission is to create a welcoming town. Our goal is to explore, foster, strengthen, and celebrate Needham's diversity of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender (including identity and expression), ethnic identity, socioeconomic status, ability, and age.

Program

"Shed a Little Light" - Bellevue Community Church, Nashville

Introduction – Ally Zaff and Owen Woo, NHS

"That's Me" - Audience Response Activity

NHS Bomb Squad – Traditional Step-Dance Group

Candles Honoring Dr. King's 39 Years: His Own Words
Moment of silence to honor Dr. King and other courageous Civil Rights Workers

"Crossing to the Other Side" – Brother Dennis Slaughter and Friends. (Lyrics are handed out).

Remarks: Sen. Becca Rausch; Rep. Denise Garlick,
Select Board Chair, John Bulian

Eliot School Children's Chorus performs: "Woke Up This Morning" – Directed by George Vallatini

Entering Mr. Roger's Neighborhood
Choose Love & Kindness – David Summergrad, NDI President

A Moment of Reflection - Needham Clergy Association
- Rev. Daryn Bunce Stylianopoulos & Rev. Maddie Foster

Plugged In Teen Band Program - *"All you Need is Love"*

A Group Reading: "Let America Be America Again" –A poem by **Langston Hughes**

"Behold How Good" by Lisa Levine– Temple Beth Shalom Youth Choir, directed by Emily Perlman

Brother Dennis Slaughter

- *Rise Up*
- *We Shall Overcome* (Lyrics are handed out)
- *Lift Every Voice* (Lyrics are handed out)

Upcoming Events - Announcement

Thank You and Farewell –
Wishing you all Peaceful Tomorrows Filled With Love