

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE “UNDIVIDED”



“I never intend to adjust myself to economic conditions that will take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few.”

-MLK

Greater Covington’s Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2022 Birthday Celebration Poster and Essay Contest

The time has come to celebrate the immense contributions of the revered civil rights leader, Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. This year our focus will be on his involvement in the struggle for equality for all Americans. Our theme “Past, Present, Future” “Undivided” exemplifies the importance of participation in all private and non-private sectors of a free and undivided America for all. Our past, present and future rights is still a struggle that is still being fought today.

It is customary that we honor Dr. King’s focus on **SERVICE**. Our 2022 Service Project will be a Community of Sharing provided by Councilman Lewis, City of Covington, One Covington, VFW, and our local volunteers of the community, churches, leaders, and non-profits on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at the Greater Covington Hall. Our goal is that everyone will have a wonderful meal on that day.

As usual, our 2022 celebration begins with our traditional Poster and Essay Contest. We invite the citizens of St. Tammany Parish to join us by participating in the Greater Covington Area’s Essay and Poster Contest that is sponsored by the local NAACP Chapter.

Schools are asked to submit their **top five posters and top five essays only**.

Poster Contest Rules:

Posters submitted should:

1. Relate to Dr. King’s “Past work how it affected our present and where we need to be in the future” or his plea to have an “Undivided America.”
2. Consist of a drawing, logo or other form of expression of Dr. King’s thoughts on the above theme.
3. Be on a regular, full-size poster (22” X 28”).

Essay Contest Rules:

Essays submitted must:

1. Be entitled based on the theme.
2. Give your interpretation of Dr. King's thoughts regarding our past, present, future or “undivided.”
3. Be no more than 250 words, typed and double spaced or written neatly on 8-1/2 by 11 white papers.

All entries must consist of an Entry Form **complete with a notification telephone number and securely attached Entry Form on back of the submission**. Winning entries will be judged on a variety of factors, including message, creativity and originality.

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First and second place winners will be chosen in four categories: grades K-3, 4-7, 8-12 and adults. Winners will receive a prize if in attendance at the celebration. First place winners will be given the opportunity to read their essays or display their posters during the holiday celebration at Fuhrmann Auditorium on Monday, January 17, 2022. DEADLINE: Entries must be delivered to the Covington Planning and Zoning Department at the Greater Covington Center by noon Friday, January 07, 2022. Winners will be notified on Monday, January 14, 2022. For more information or clarification, Councilman Peter Lewis 225-505-3030.

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter.”

--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.