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To: News Events

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Re: **Rescheduled Tiffin-Seneca Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Program, March 31, 2019**

This year's postponed Tiffin-Seneca Martin Luther King, Jr., Day celebration, *The Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.*, has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 31, 2019. The evening events begin with an optional dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the free evening program at 7:15 p.m. The keynote speaker, Tonya Rider, is retired from a twenty-six year career with the Toledo Police Department Crimes Against Persons/Homicide unit. During her career with the Toledo Police Department, she received a Meritorious Service Medal for her work on a high profile cold case homicide investigation. She is now an investigator for the "Cold Justice" television program and is an instructor in Bowling Green State University's Forensic Investigations Program.

The 2019 Peacemaker Award recipient is Dr. Cynthia Lepeley, Heidelberg University Professor of Spanish and Chair of the Department of Languages, and her students. Last May a group of her Spanish language students spent a week of twelve-hour days interpreting for asylum seekers at the South Texas Family Residential Center, an immigrant detention center in Dilley, Texas. The "credible fear interviews" made a lasting impression on the students who learned of the horrific conditions that led the women to flee their countries and seek refuge in the United States.

The program emcees are students from Heidelberg and Tiffin Universities. A highlight of the evening is when area schoolchildren read their prize-winning essays on "If I were Martin Luther King, Jr., today, I would do or say..." For their achievement the children receive a certificate and a book about Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Civil Rights Movement.

The MLK Day program begins at 7:15 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Prior to the evening program those wishing to attend the 6:00 p.m. dinner should place their dinner reservations by March 25, by phoning Heidelberg Multicultural Student Affairs at 419-595-3603 or going to <https://goo.gl/forms/du5HuMSF6irNtdil2>. The cost for adults is \$20 and children 4-10 years, \$5. The program and dinner are at Faith United Methodist Church, 75 N. Sandusky St, Tiffin. The program is sponsored by the Tiffin/Seneca Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Committee.

Calendar of Events Listings:

March 31, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Tiffin-Seneca Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Community Celebration Dinner. Reservations by March 25, call 419-595-3603 or online at <https://goo.gl/forms/du5HuMSF6irNtdil2> Adults \$20; Children \$5. Faith United Methodist Church, 75 N. Sandusky St, Tiffin.

March 31, 2019, 7:15 p.m. Tiffin-Seneca Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Community Celebration. The keynote speaker is Tonya Rider, former detective, BGSU instructor and "Cold Justice" investigator. Dr. Cindy Lepeley is the Peacemaker Award recipient. The 7:15 p.m. program is free and open to the public. Faith United Methodist Church, 75 N. Sandusky St, Tiffin.

Tonya Rider, former Toledo Police Department detective, now an investigator for the "Cold Justice" television program and instructor in Bowling Green State University's Forensic Investigations Program, is the keynote speaker. The Peacemaker Award Winner, Dr. Cindy Lepeley, does Spanish interpretation work and took a class of Heidelberg University students to interpret for asylum seekers in Dilley, Texas. The program is at Faith United Methodist Church, 75 N. Sandusky St, Tiffin.