

PRESS RELEASE

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Churches, NAACP to Commemorate 50th Anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP and two local churches are collaborating to present three events in Lompoc commemorating the 50th anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Tuesday, April 3, the monthly NAACP business meeting will feature a presentation of music, film and historic reminiscences of the challenges and changes brought about by Dr. King and his colleagues. The event will take place at Valley of the Flowers United Church of Christ, 3346 Constellation Road, Vandenberg Village beginning at 6:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, April 4, a short ceremony will take place at 5:45 p.m. at Grace Temple Missionary Baptist Church, 201 S. H Street, Lompoc, followed by a commemorative serenade by the new church bells at 6:01 p.m., the hour when Dr. King fell in Memphis.

At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, Valley of the Flowers United Church of Christ will host an “MLK: Vigil and Storytelling” where the general public may share personal stories of their interactions with Dr. King and his colleagues and the changes they began.

For additional information about the Tuesday event, contact NAACP President, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt at (805)-448-7869. For information about the Wednesday, 5:45 event concluding with bell chiming, contact Rev. Ronald Wiley at (805)-698-6010 or Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt at (805)-448-7869. For more about the Vigil and Storytelling contact John McReynolds at (805)-291-0770 or Marcus Wilkins at (805)-717-7541.