

# The Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee



## 2022 KING LEADER AWARD Application Announcement

The Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee (TMLKC) is seeking applicants for our annual “King Leader Award”. This award recognizes leaders in our community who exemplify Dr. King’s passionate commitment for transformation and justice.

The criteria for the award include:

- Leadership of a group, organization or movement that is making a positive impact on the community in the areas of social justice, transformative relationship building, community empowerment, equity and/or inclusivity.
- A minimum of 5 years working in your identified area of impact (exceptions may be considered for exemplary impact from a start-up entity)
- Location in the greater Triangle and surrounding areas (e.g. Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Orange, Vance and Wake counties) and/or having an impact on these geographic areas

The 2022 King Leader Award recipient will be announced at the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast (virtual) on January 17, 2022 as part of the Committee’s celebration of the King Holiday. The award includes \$5,000 to support the recipient’s ongoing work in the community in alignment with Dr. King’s legacy. Finalists will be acknowledged during the Prayer Breakfast and will receive \$100 to support continued efforts.

### **Application Process**

- Write an essay in response to the following:

“Dr. King’s Beloved Community is a global vision, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it. Racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry and prejudice will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood. In the Beloved Community, international disputes will be resolved by peaceful conflict-resolution and reconciliation of adversaries, instead of military power. Love and trust will triumph over fear and hatred. Peace with justice will prevail over war and military conflict.” *(Excerpt taken from The King Center’s online article entitled “The Beloved Community”- <https://thekingcenter.org/about-tkc/the-king-philosophy/>)*

TMLKC’s theme for the 2022 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Observance is:

**“Beloved Community: Here and Now”**

**Please describe how you, as a leader, are acting with urgency in the here and now to address persistent, structural injustices and transform our community to one representing Dr. King’s vision.**

- Essay must be 500 words or less, single-spaced and no smaller than 12-point font. The essay should be one page in length at most using these guidelines.
- Nominations must include a cover page that states:
  - o Name of the leader
  - o Organization name and a BRIEF synopsis of the mission and work of the organization
  - o Link to the organization's website
  - o Names and contact information of 3 references for the organization's work and impact
  - o 990 or equivalent overview of organization's activities, governance and detailed financial information MUST be provided in order to be considered.
- Optional: Please include any documentation of your work in the form of photographs, videos and/or links to news coverage, articles, websites, social media, etc. The Committee recognizes that all applicants may not have the same access to resources and therefore some may not have documentation to share. Documentation will be useful but is not a necessity for full consideration.
- Self-nomination and nomination of others will be accepted.
- Submissions should be made to: [planner4trianglemlk@gmail.com](mailto:planner4trianglemlk@gmail.com) **Subject Line:** KLA Application.
- Completed applications must be received no LATER THAN **January 7, 2022** for consideration.
- All monetary awards will be made to the King Leader's and other finalists' organizations.
- Finalists will be notified by January 12, 2022. **All finalists must commit to the following:** 1) Attend the virtual Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on January 17, 2022 where the winner will be announced, 2) Participate in the development of a video presentation at a time TBD between January 10 – 14<sup>th</sup>, 3) Allow name, image, application essay and organization information to be used at will, without compensation, by TMLKC on our website, social media, newsletters and other media.

### **About Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee**

#### **Mission**

TMLKC invests in and amplifies the voices of leaders, organizations and movements pursuing systemic and transformational change through collective community service in the Triangle.

#### **Vision**

A world that reflects the Beloved Community where all people are valued, respected and treated with dignity. *(Adopted from The King Center's vision statement)*

#### **Values**

- Love
- Servant Leadership
- Social Justice – A process, not an outcome, which (1) seeks fair (re)distribution of resources, opportunities and responsibilities; (2) challenges the roots of oppression and injustice; (3) empowers all people to exercise self-determination and realize their full potential; (4) and builds social solidarity and community capacity for collaborative action
- Equity – the process of fairly returning value to every human being
- Intergenerational – Involvement of several generations
- Anti-Racism – Encompasses a range of ideas and political actions meant to counter racial prejudice, systemic racism and the oppression of specific racial groups. The definition of anti-racism: the policy or practice of opposing racism and promoting racial tolerance