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2020 Northfield Human Rights Commissioners: Mar Valdecantos, Angelique Dietz, Veronica Gamino, Jonathon Woodyard, Nina Mattson, Linda Larson, Barbara Wornson, Rigoberto Lazaro, Lucy González Mirón. Youth Commissioners: Chloe Thomas-Greene, Anna Dwyer, Esperanza Carrera Murga, Grant Bouvin. City Council Liaison: Clarice Grenier Grabau, Northfield School Board Liaison: Tom Baraniak, City Staff Liaison: Beth Kallestad.

The Northfield Human Rights Commission works to recognize and prevent discrimination and inequities in the daily life of the Northfield community. This City Council sponsored group meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at City Hall, 801 Washington Street. At each monthly meeting, there is an opportunity for people to bring inquiries, concerns, or complaints to the attention of the HRC. Members of the HRC are available to consult with residents who feel that their human rights have been violated. For more information, contact Mar Valdecantos: marvaldecantos@yahoo.com



The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led the fight for racial and economic equality in rallies such as this 1968 march in Memphis. (AP)

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr
January 15, 1929—April 4, 1968

WE ALL COUNT



The 1965 Selma to Montgomery March; Source: Associated Press

“We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy.”
—from "I Have A Dream" speech in Washington, D.C.,
August 28, 1963

The 26TH Annual Community Celebration of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
January 20, 2020, 7:00 pm
Emmaus Church

26TH Annual Community
Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The time is always right to do what is right."
—from Oberlin College commencement speech, 1965

Welcome/Emcee	Anna Dwyer and Grant Bouvin
Greetings from the City of Northfield	Rhonda Pownell, Mayor
Greetings from Emmaus Church	Abe Johnson, Pastor
Musical Performance	Northfield Youth Choirs "On Justice, Truth, and Peace" by Amy F. Bernon "Hymn to Freedom" by Oscar Peterson Allyss Haecker, Conductor
Human Rights Award	Angelique Dietz, Presenter Eileen Anderson and Jayne Overstreet on behalf of Laura Baker Services Association, Recipient For their strong dedication to volunteerism and their commitment to recognizing the value of all and bringing our community together

Speaker "Lift Every Voice" by Joan Hepburn

Associate Professor of English in the English Department, Race and Ethnic Studies, and Africa and the African Diaspora at St. Olaf College. She has administered programs at several colleges and taught at Fordham University, Brown University, and Columbia University, among other educational institutions. She specializes in West African Drama in English but has offered a wide array of classes across disciplines. Her written work focuses on the intersection of cultural diversity and relationships to power. She was for a year a Human Rights Commissioner.

Musical Performance	Justice Choir Dan Kallman, Conductor
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Comments Mar Valdecantos, Human Rights Commission Chair

Open Microphone: Audience members are invited to briefly share
a memory or vision inspired by Dr. King.

Closing Song:

"We Shall Overcome", Traditional Audience

VERSE: We shall overcome. We shall overcome.
We shall overcome some day.

CHORUS: Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome some day.

VERSE: We'll walk hand in hand.
We shall brothers be; We shall sisters be.
We are moving forward.
We shall live in peace.

Refreshments will be served at the end.

Visit the League of Women Voters table on voter registration.

Visit the Census table with important information about Census 2020.