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## **One Priority Briefing for Congregational Leaders from George Bullard**

A Family of Congregations in the Midlands of South Carolina

### **One Priority**

*Starting and Strengthening Congregations to Serve as Vital and Vibrant Missional Communities.*

### **Premiere of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Video Today at 6:00 p.m.**

CMBA will hold its 2021 Martin Luther King (MLK) Day celebration virtually in response to the steady increase in COVID-19 cases across the Midlands. The video podcast will include some members of our racial reconciliation panel, plus Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley, who was scheduled to be our speaker and is an Assistant Dean, Research Professor, and Director of the Office of Black Church Studies at Duke University's Divinity School.

"The MLK celebration is an important part of our year as an association. We seek to reconcile everyone to Christ and to one another. Therefore, we feel racial reconciliation is an important part of what we do and the MLK celebration is a significant annual event to express our commitment. The spread of the pandemic does not make it ethically wise to conduct an on-site celebration. A video podcast will allow us to hear from my long-term friend David Goatley and to hear the passion and perspectives of our racial reconciliation panel," explains George Bullard.

CMBA participants in the video podcast are Andre Rogers of Concord Fellowship Baptist Church, Ant Frederick of Midtown Fellowship – Two Notch, Brian Thomas of NorthStar Christian Center, Andre Melvin of Temple Zion Baptist Church, Freddy Johnson of North Point Community Church, Chris Reynolds of Killian Baptist Church, and Executive Director George Bullard.

"The podcast will allow CMBA to continue the discussion about racial inequalities in America in a safe way. Unlike our previous MLK celebrations, people who may not feel comfortable leaving their homes during the pandemic can tune in. People can listen to the podcast anytime from the comfort of their homes giving more individuals the opportunity to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with CMBA than ever before," Rogers says.

To view the video [HERE](#) (at 6:00 p.m. or after) or to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CMBAssociation> today at 6:00 p.m. or any time thereafter.

### **The First Ten Congregational Resources Offered by CMBA**

CMBA is sharing one resource currently offered to congregations each weekday. These resources and how to connect with them are posted on our website at [www.ColumbiaMetro.org/CMBA-Resources/](http://www.ColumbiaMetro.org/CMBA-Resources/). The newest resource shared each weekday is also posted on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CMBAssociation>.

Here are the topics of the first ten shared: Hunger Ministries, New Congregational Expressions, Bylaws and Miscellaneous Legal Issues, Ministry Among African-American Churches and Communities, Soaring Between Pastors, Contextual Research and Interpretation, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, One Priority Podcasts, Covenant Congregational Pilgrimage, and Congregational Assessment and Learning Experience.

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