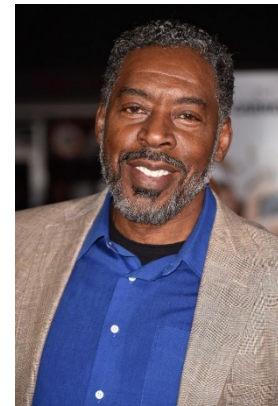




2022 Justice Sunday Service Around The Clock

The 400 Years of African American History Commission (400 YAAHC) is pleased to announce plans to engage all generations through the **2022 Justice Sunday Service Around the Clock**. This compelling tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., viewed by over 11,000 persons to date, calls attention to his selfless service, his vocation as a leader emboldened by faith, and to our obligation to sustain the efforts that he and thousands began to address pressing social and societal issues.

Back for the second year, highly acclaimed **Actor Ernie Hudson** will serve as celebrity host.



WHEN: The **2022 Justice Sunday Service Around the Clock** will stream from the 400 YAAHC website beginning at Noon EST on **Justice Sunday, January 16, 2022**, and continuing through 12:05am on Monday, January 17, the federal holiday designated as the MLK Day of Service.

THEME: “A CHARGE TO KEEP WE HAVE TO SERVE THIS PRESENT AGE”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all. He challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union. The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Jan. 17, 2022, will mark the 27th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader’s life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January as “a day on, not a day off,” MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

GUEST PARTICIPATION: Each hour will feature virtual participation of a diverse and distinguished lineup of Congressional, national, local, faith, service organizations and performing adult and youth leaders versed in public service to continue the tradition of the commemorative MLK weekend.

TRIBUTES: Through segments dedicated to ACTION, FAITH, MUSIC, SERVICE, and INSPIRATION, a different topic each hour will explore such issues as history, education, equality, strategy, fair treatment, freedom, humanity, non-violence, respect, sacrifices made, rights, and unity.

ABOUT ERNIE HUDSON

Ernie Hudson is an American actor. He has appeared in dozens of film and television roles throughout his career, but is perhaps best known for his roles as Winston Zeddemore in the Ghostbusters film series, Sergeant Darryl Albrecht in *The Crow* (1994), and Warden Leo Glynn on HBO's *Oz* (1997–2003). Hudson has also acted in the films *Leviathan* (1989), *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle* (1992), *Airheads* (1994), *The Basketball Diaries* (1995), *Congo* (1995), *Miss Congeniality* (2000) and as Principal Turner in *The Ron Clark Story* (2006). He had a cameo as Patty Tolan's uncle in the remake of *Ghostbusters* (2016) and will reprise his role as Winston in the upcoming *Ghostbusters: Afterlife* (2021).

ABOUT THE 400 YEARS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY COMMISSION

The 400 Years of African American History Commission Act, Public Law 115-102 signed into law January 8, 2018, established a 15-member commission to coordinate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in the English colonies.

The Commission is legislated to plan, develop, and carry out programs and activities throughout the United States that recognize and highlight the resilience and cultural contributions of African Americans over 400 years and beyond. 400 YAAHC priorities include to acknowledge the impact of slavery and laws that enforced racial discrimination on the United States; To encourage civic, patriotic, historical, educational, artistic, religious, and economic organizations to organize and take part in anniversary activities and assists states, localities, and nonprofit organizations to further the commemoration and help shape the inclusive 250th anniversary of America; and, to coordinate public scholarly research about the arrival of Africans and their contributions to the United States.

Visit our website at www.400yaahc.gov.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF FAITH AND JUSTICE

In 2000, the National Alliance of Faith and Justice, www.nafj.org, invited the nation to join in observing its first year to join in extending the holiday and service weekend beginning on the Sabbath and continuing through the formal national observance of Justice Sunday, observed on the day before the federal holiday. The observance was so named in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his vocation as a faith leader and drum major for justice. The word “justice” appears in many of the most cherished documents of the United States to include the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

As founder of Justice Sunday, NAFJ, municipal, faith, and national partners, to include the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, continue the tradition of the commemorative weekend to honor the diverse armies of faith, justice, and compassion of all ages, past and present, whose sacrifices continue to illuminate the human spirit and dignity.