



**Jan. 18 Recognition of the Power of Faith**

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# JUSTICE SUNDAY

NATIONAL RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE



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**National Alliance of Faith and Justice ([www.nafj.org](http://www.nafj.org))**

## **Justice Sunday to Rally the Armies of Faith and Compassion**

In a befitting tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King and in alignment with the recent announcement by the President Elect's aides that the official four day inaugural span will begin and end in the tradition of faith (Four day official events begin on Sunday, include the MLK Day of Service, and will conclude on Wednesday with a national day of prayer), the National Alliance of Faith and Justice (NAFJ) has announced plans for the national observance of JUSTICE SUNDAY.

Founded and later trademarked by the National Alliance of Faith and Justice (NAFJ), JUSTICE SUNDAY has been observed since 2000 on the day prior to the Congressionally authorized MLK Day of Service which mobilizes millions to demonstrate their appreciation for the selfless acts of Dr. King by defining and engaging in their own acts of service. NAFJ is one of several national intermediaries empowered by the Corporation for National and Community Service to help identify opportunities and events throughout the country which commemorate the legacy of Dr. King and offer a vehicle for volunteerism in addressing critical areas of need in local communities.

In addition to encouraging the advance and promise of new levels of engagement, JUSTICE SUNDAY also offers a thematic occasion for unification which honors Dr. King as a clergy and encourages respect and gratitude for the unimaginable courage of thousands known and unknown who as volunteers paved the way to where we have been, are now, and hope to go in the continued struggle for change.

Plans for the Justice Sunday National Service in the inaugural epicenter are underway. In anticipation of the enormous traffic considerations and lack of familiarity with the area to many visitors who will be traveling to Washington for the inauguration, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Lanham, Maryland has been selected to host the service. The location offers easy and visible access from I-95.

Thematic observances are scheduled to occur in 15 states to date among which include sites such as the Little Rock, Arkansas region; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; the Triad of North Carolina, and as far west as Greater Los Angeles and Washington state. While sites may choose any number of compelling needs, NAFJ will continue in its efforts to raise attention to the need for mentors in the lives of youth as one of several compelling service priorities.

The theme of JUSTICE SUNDAY, *“A Charge To Keep We Have To Serve This Present Age.”*

To become a JUSTICE SUNDAY observance site or for persons who desire to find out more about plans for JUSTICE SUNDAY, visit [www.nafj.org](http://www.nafj.org).

A wide variety of options for volunteerism will be accessible through all MLK Day of Service intermediaries and may be found at [www.cns.gov](http://www.cns.gov).

