Dear Friends,

Pacem in Terris invites you and your family to join us in celebrating the birthday of Martin Luther King in the coming week. Dr. King’s life and philosophy was (and remains in spirit today) a living expression of Shalom or wholeness. He helped us see the relationship between personal spiritual health and the well-being of all, between faith and action, justice and peace. Joining in upcoming King birthday celebrations, we can renew our commitment to his life goals: racial and economic justice and world peace. On the back of this page you will find a calendar of events marking King’s birthday. I hope you will join us for one or all of these events.

"We ask all (people) of goodwill to take action against apartheid in the following manner... Don't buy South Africa's products; don't trade or invest in South Africa."

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dec. 10, 1962

Pacem in Terris has been in the forefront of education and action on the issue of justice and peace in South Africa over the past year. Now, we have joined with a broad coalition of religious, community, black, hispanic and labor groups and leaders in New Castle County to support the passage of a Divestment Ordinance in County Council. The enclosed information sheet provides extensive background on the ordinance, the issue of divestment and what you can do to help in this effort.

Members and friends of Pacem in Terris can play a significant role in enacting this important legislation. We need an outpouring of support for Divestment in order to override County Executive Rita Justice's veto of the ordinance passed in County Council (Dec. 17, 1985).

Here is what you can do: Study the info sheet and;
1) Write your County Council rep., especially Richard Cecil, Richard LaPenta and Deborah Boulden who voted against Karen Peterson’s bill.
2) Call your Council rep: Cecil (h) 764-9270 (o) 571-7536; LaPenta, (h) 239-7617 (o) 571-7534; Boulden (h) 239-7617 (o) 571-7534.
If no answer at home or Council office, call main Council (571-7520.
3) Join the Divestment Coalition January 14 at 7 pm at the City-County building to Witness for a veto override in Council.
Your calls, letters and presence at the Tuesday, January council session can make a difference. If the override fails, we will continue our work for a strong ordinance mandating full divestment of county pension funds.

For Justice and Peace,

Craig Stevens, Program Associate

P.S. County Council address: 800 French St. City/County Bldg., Wilmington, DE 19801.

CALENDAR OF KING CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, January 12 - "Living the Dream" A Salute to Dr. King - 2 PM - Free.
Christina Cultural Arts Center 800 E. 7th St., Wilmington (652-0101)
Keynote Speaker: Right Rev. Quinton E. Primo, interim bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware. Bishop Primo served as rector of St. Mathews in Wilmington, 1963-1969, during which he was active in the NAACP, Project Equality and the drive for open public accommodations.
The Eighth Street Baptist Church Men's Choir will also be on hand to praise Dr. King in song.

Radisson Hotel, 700 King St., Wilmington.
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Gladys D. Motley, Vice President Student Affairs, Delaware State College. For information, call: Mrs. Hazel Plant, 764-4180 or Mrs. Louise Dillard, 764-3494.

Gather at 10 am at the Howard Career Center parking lot, 12th & Poplar Sts. March begins at 10:30 going up Poplar St. to King St. March will end at Peter Spencer Plaza, French St. between 8th and 9th Sts. Participants will proceed to the noon King Celebration at Ezion.

Wednesday, January 15 - Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration - Noon - 1 PM - Free.
Ezion Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church, 8th & Walnut Sts., Wilmington.
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sibusiso Nkomo, Assist. Prof. of Public Affairs, Lincoln University. South African exile.
Sponsored by the Delaware King Memorial Foundation, Inc.

Monday, January 20 - Federal Holiday marking King's Birthday - 1st Annual
Note: not aware of public events at press time. Various workplaces and schools are marking King's birthday on either Jan. 15 or Jan. 20.