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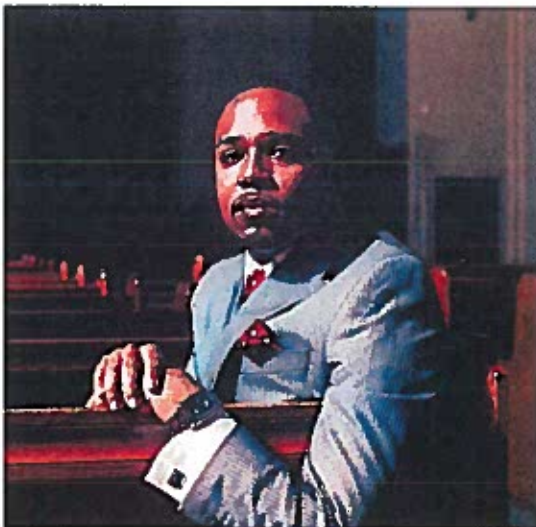
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Rev. Dr. Katherine Adams, pastor

Martin Luther King Jr. Community Brunch
Monday, January 15, 2018, 9:30 am

First Congregational Church in Billerica will host its third Martin Luther King Jr. Community Brunch. The brunch is one element of the *Conversations on Race* program which explores our complex relationships with racial issues.

The principal speaker is Reverend Julian Cook, Senior Pastor of Saint Mark Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Boston. Saint Mark's is Boston's oldest Black Congregational Church. Rev. Cook also serves as the Assistant Director of Thurman Networks at Boston University's Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground - a student center committed to promoting Thurman's principles of the "search for common ground" and the "unity of all people." Rev. Cook is a 2013 graduate of Houghton College and received his Masters in Divinity in 2016 from BU's School of Theology.



Rev. Cook's talk "Beyond the Dream; Where Do We Go From Here?" will focus on Dr. King's book *Where Do We Go From Here*, published in June of 1967, less than a year before Dr. King's assassination. The book goes far beyond the oratory that we know from King's "I Have a Dream" speech to discuss Dr. King's vision for the US and the world. In this book Dr. King presented his thoughts on many issues that are relevant today despite the 50 years that have passed since its publication.

All are welcome at this community event. Tickets to the brunch are \$5.00. If ordered in advance, a brunch ticket and a copy of *Where Do We Go From Here* are \$16.00.

Doors will open at 9:30 for coffee and socialization prior to the program. The brunch will start promptly at 10:00 am.

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