

How Spiritual Communities Are Uniting to Fight This Destructive Evil

I have said, "Where peripherals collide, convergence is imminent."

In the ongoing movement to promote racial healing in America, there are unified nationwide efforts growing among spiritual, community and civil rights activists; most recently with some activities converging around the anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

There is the upcoming April 3, 2017 kickoff of a yearlong campaign beginning on the eve of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. assassination anniversary with a goal of creating "National Awareness of a Government Apology for Slavery and Institutional Discrimination" to culminate by the 50th Anniversary of Dr. King's death next year.

Also, on March 20, 2017, I joined a Celebration of Unity live streaming racial reconciliation rally hosted by The Reconciled Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

The response was positively overwhelming, to say the least. It would appear that we are on the road to true racial reconciliation (see Acts 17:26).

Said community activist, Ted Hayes, "In 2008, Congress made history by officially apologizing for chattel slavery in the U.S. and the subsequent Jim Crowism that plagued black people after emancipation. Everyone knew about the poor treatment, but few know about the rare act of contrition by our government and its intention to heal our nation." Hayes was a key organizer of the Day of Love and Reconciliation for Healing.

He added, "In my own experience, people knowing that this apology happened goes a long way in changing the minds of people holding negative opinions about America because of its treatment of the black community."

The initial "Day of Love and Reconciliation for Healing" will be promoted by talk radio hosts of all political leanings drawing attention to H.R. 194 (110th), a resolution passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on July 29, 2008 that "apologize[d] to African-Americans on behalf of the people of the United States, for the wrongs committed against them and their ancestors who suffered under slavery and Jim Crow" and "express[ed] its commitment to rectify the lingering consequences of the misdeeds committed against African-Americans under slavery and Jim Crow and to stop the occurrence of human rights violations in the future."

A similar resolution was passed by the U.S. Senate almost a year later.

This congressional apology for slavery and Jim Crowism constitutes one of only a handful of times the U.S. government formally apologized for past actions.

A goal of the 3/3 project is that talk radio hosts and their audiences will read on the air and discuss the content and the meaning of the congressional apology for slavery.

Talk radio hosts interested in participating in the April 3 Day of Love and Reconciliation For Healing, or participating at a later date, are encouraged to contact Ted Hayes via apologyforgiven@. Dr. King once said, "We must learn to live together as brothers [and sisters] or perish together as fools."

On an endnote, speaking as director of Civil Rights for the Unborn with Priests for Life, my co-host of *Changing Your Community* radio show, Emmanuel Boose, and I will be participating in the reconciliation effort.

We also affirm that one can only long for the day Congress will acknowledge the “One Blood, One Human Race” of Acts 17:26, apologizing for the atrocities suffered by society from the ongoing scourge of abortion and its byproducts.

Our shared hope is that someday there will be more legislation, museums and memorials dedicated to the weakest unseen victims of legal oppression; those 60 million victims of legal abortion, and their mothers and families.

No more auction blocks, no more instruments used to dismember and decapitate innocent unborn children, no more shackles, no more bags marked “medical waste” where babies are thrown after being terminated.

Let’s pray for a brighter day for all life, for liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all. Pray for America. {eoa}

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