

On MLK Jr.'s Birthday Ted Cruz Gets African-American Pastor's Endorsement

Rev. CL Bryant is an African-American Baptist minister, author, radio host and Crystal Dove award-winning filmmaker.

The founder of One Nation Back to God and the creator and star of the Crystal Dove award-winning movie *Runaway Slave* is also a Senior Fellow with Washington, Freedom Works, and a former NAACP President in Garland, Texas. He's also the latest faith leader to endorse U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz for president:

"I believe the greatest responsibility placed upon the free people of America, is the duty to make the right choices when selecting our leaders," he said. "I have prayerfully considered and listened to all candidates who would be this nation's next commander in chief. I have no doubt that Ted Cruz has the faith, strength and content of character to re-establish our nation as the undisputed leader of the free world, to restore the prosperity and economic strength of our free-market economy, to reverse the assaults upon our religious liberty and other unalienable rights, and to do so based upon the Judeo-Christian, Constitutional principles that are the underpinning of our nation's greatness. These are the foundations of what the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King referred to as right."

The announcement of Bryant's endorsement came on the anniversary of King's birthday. In a press release from the Cruz campaign, Bryant said his decision to support Cruz is rooted in a quote from King: "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, [n]or politic (politically correct), nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right."

“Those words contain the reasons I have complete confidence in my full voiced endorsement of Sen. Ted Cruz for the office of president of the United States of America ... because it is right!,” he said. “Today is a national holiday honoring a man of great courage and deep personal conviction, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This is a perfect day to look toward America’s future with the courage and optimism of Dr. King.”

Bryant is a frequent guest on *FOX News*, *The Blaze*, *CNN* and *MSNBC*. In addition to being an African-American Baptist minister, author and host of The CL Bryant Radio Show based in Shreveport, Louisiana, Bryant is widely recognized as one of America’s most dynamic orators and activists. The Cruz campaign said he would bring a “fresh perspective on topics such as race, politics and education.”

“Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a man for whom I have the utmost admiration and respect,” Cruz said. “King’s persistent, patient campaign against injustice, his wisdom and his legacy continue to inspire generations of Americans. Now more than ever, we must accept King’s challenge to give the world an example of harmony and brotherhood. I am honored to have the support of Reverend CL Bryant, a minister who loves freedom and challenges injustice with a passion urgently needed in our times. I look forward to his leadership in the African-American community as we rally against the disastrous policies of the left and toward a bright American future.”