

**Chico's 36th Annual Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Sunday, January 14, 2018**



***“ . . . unarmed truth and unconditional love
will have the final word. . .”****

Chico, CA - Chico will celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 14th, beginning at 2:30pm with a Rally at Chico City Plaza, followed by a March through downtown led by the children, and ending at Trinity United Methodist Church, E. 5th & Flume Streets at 4pm for an inspirational program. The day closes with a shared community dinner in the Church Social Hall.

The Rally will offer high-spirited, diverse dance groups, hip hop, and closes with folk dance and the famous Cupid Shuffle - which will get everyone moving. The Church Program features a timely and compelling talk by Dr. Lesa Johnson, Professor of Sociology at CSUC, with the intriguing title, *A Kind-Hearted Deceit*. Cara Lamumba will lead the group in singing the Black National Anthem, and there will be uplifting music by Sisters Community of Faith, the Bethel AME Gospel Choir, and Doin' It Justice Community Chorus.

This family event is free and the public is invited. For more information, visit facebook.com/belovedcommunitychico.

The Chico practice of celebrating Dr. King on the Sunday closest to his birthday was started in 1982 by the Essence Women, a group of African American women mostly from Bethel AME and Second Baptist Churches in Chico. This celebration of Dr. King has become a Chico tradition.

Sponsoring Organizations:

MLK Unity Group, Trinity United Methodist Church, Second Baptist Church, Rhema Word of FAITH, and the Chico Peace & Justice Center.

* from Dr. King's acceptance speech for the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize