

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

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**When and why will there be a March on Washington?**

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The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary March on Washington will take place on **Saturday, August 24, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall**. Fifty years after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his historic "I Have a Dream" speech, leaders from civil rights, organized labor, housing, media, education and politics will once again convene in the nation's capital to urge Congress to create more jobs, protect voting rights, and to address the litany of recent attacks on immigration and workers' rights, and equality for the LGBT community.

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**Who is organizing the March?**

**A.**

The march has been convened by the **Reverend Al Sharpton**, President and Founder of National Action Network (NAN), and **Martin Luther King, III**, the eldest son of Coretta and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and President of Realizing the Dream. Participating groups include but are not limited to: The King Center, A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI), NAACP, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), NAACP LDF, National Urban League (NUL), National Council of Negro Women, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (NCBCP), Tom Joyner, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Service Employees International Union (SEIU), 1199 SEIU, United Federation of Teachers (UFT), United Here, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, American Federation of Government Employees, AFGE, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Communities Without Boundaries International, Inc. (CWBI), Military Families Speak Out, Fair Vote, United for Peace & Justice, Veterans for Peace, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, National Congress of Black Women (NCBW), , National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. (NCBW), Black Women's Health Imperative, Human Rights Campaign (HRC), National Black Justice Coalition, Family Equality Council, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Old Lesbians Organizing for Change, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), The Hip Hop Caucus, Operation Hope, Impact Black Youth Vote, OurTime.org, Skinner Leadership Institute and many others.

**Q. How many people will attend?**

**A.**

We are expecting at least one hundred thousand people will rally with us in DC and hundreds of thousands more will rally through social media to take a stand against the many issues that are plaguing our broad community. Issues such as racial profiling, Stand Your Ground laws, unemployment, poverty attacks on women's rights, workers' rights, gun violence equality for gays and concerns over healthcare, housing and the environment will be the focus of the march. Like the 250,000 people who converged on Washington, D.C fifty years ago, this gathering will be multi-racial and intergenerational.

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**Who is scheduled to speak at the event?**

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In addition to **Rev. Al Sharpton, Martin Luther King, III**, the current list of speakers includes the **families of Trayvon Martin and Emmett Till**, along with **Congressman John Lewis**, the only one of the six leaders of the March on Washington of 1963 that is still alive; House Democratic Leader **Nancy Pelosi**; Democratic Whip **Steny Hoyer**; **Randi Weingarten**, President of American Federation of Teachers (AFT); **Lee Saunders**, President of AFSCME; **Janet Murguia**, President of The National Council of LaRAZA; **Mary Kay Henry**, International President of Service Employers International Union (SEIU); **Dennis Van Roekel**, President of National Education Association (NEA), **Terri O'Neill**, President of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and many others. Speakers will be listed on the National Action Network website in the near future ([www.nationalactionnetwork.net](http://www.nationalactionnetwork.net))

**Q.**

**I'm interested in attending or organizing a bus to attend the March. How do I register myself and find out information about buying a bus ticket to attend? How do I register the bus I'm organizing and get a parking pass?**

**A.**

To register yourself for the march, go to [www.nationalactionnetwork.net/mow/register/](http://www.nationalactionnetwork.net/mow/register/) or call 877-626-4651. The contact information for bus coordinators from across the country can be accessed at <http://nationalactionnetwork.net/mow/buses/> or by calling the NAN hotline at 877-626-4651. To register a bus that you are sponsoring or selling seats on, please visit <http://nationalactionnetwork.net/mow/bus-registration/>.

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**I am interested in financially supporting the March. How do I go about doing so?**

**A.**

Your financial support will help us to cover increased costs to make August 24th a huge success. Support the March by making a donation to the National Action Network. Your support will ensure that our voices are heard as we work to realize the dream of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

Your donation can be made by visiting [www.nationalactionnetwork.net](http://www.nationalactionnetwork.net) or by mailing a check or money order to:

National Action Network  
106 West 145th Street  
New York, NY 10039

**Q.**

**I saw a website that said the March on Washington will be on the 28th. Is that correct?**

**A.**

No. The National Action to Realize the Dream March is taking place on Saturday, August 24th and is part of the official schedule of events being hosted by the King Family, four of the remaining organizations who executed the 1963 March - A. Philip Randolph Institute, NAACP, National Urban League, and SCLC in conjunction with NAN, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (NCBCP), National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), National Park Service, The Children's Defense Fund and The Skinner Leadership Institute. The full schedule of events can be found by visiting [mlkdream50.com](http://mlkdream50.com). The march on August 28th is being led by a private citizen and is not part of the official events.

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**What if I have more questions?**

**A.**

You can call our House of Justice at 1-877-626-4651. We will continue to update our FAQs online, so please check back for more information. Please also look for updates and trend with us on our social media sites: [Facebook.com/nationalactionnetwork](https://www.facebook.com/nationalactionnetwork), [Twitter.com/NationalAction](https://twitter.com/NationalAction) [Instagram.com/NationalActionNetwork](https://www.instagram.com/NationalActionNetwork).

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**In preparation for attending the March, I am interested in learning more about the 1963 March and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Are there books that you would suggest that I read to gain a better understanding of this historic event?**

**A.**

Although this is by no means a comprehensive list, the following books are recommended:

*\*The March on Washington*, by William P. Jones (W.W. Norton, 2013)

*\*The King Years: Historic Moments in the Civil Rights Movement*, by Taylor Branch (Simon & Schuster, 2013)

*\*My Daddy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*, by Martin Luther King, III (Harpers & Collins, 2013)

*\*Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference*, by David Garrow (William Morrow Paperbacks, 2004).

*\*Let Freedom Ring: Stanley Tretick's Iconic Images of the March on Washington*, by Kitty Kelley (Thomas Dunne Books, 2013)