



A TRIBUTE TO ROSA PARKS 1913 - 2005

On October 24th, the world lost a beloved and courageous fighter, whom many regard as “The Mother of the Civil Rights Movement.” Mrs. Parks became the symbol for racial, economic and social justice, as her refusal to give up her bus seat on December 1, 1955, inspired a massive movement which helped to change the world.

On December 1st, Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Mrs. Parks’ protest and celebrate the civil rights movement!

THURSDAY DEC 1 6:00 PM

**Gather at the
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
MEMORIAL PLAZA
Brambleton Ave. and Church Street**

**“Walk For Freedom” to
THE HISTORIC FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH - BUTE STREET
418 East Bute Street**

7:00 PM - Tribute To Rosa Parks

Special Guest Speaker
Rev. Dr. Yvonne V. Delk

Dr. Yvonne Delk was the first African American woman ordained by the United Church of Christ and was selected by Ebony magazine as one of the top 15 woman preachers in the country. She is the former executive director of the Community Renewal Society (CRS), a Chicago-based mission agency related to the United Church of Christ. CRS works to empower people to dismantle racism and poverty in order to build just communities. She directed a staff of 40. She is a Norfolk native.

As an interfaith leader and prolific speaker, Dr. Delk has taught and lectured in over 100 countries on five continents. She is former moderator of the World Council of Churches (WCC) Programme to Combat Racism (PCR) working group and prior to that, she was a member of the PCR Commission. Through the WCC, she has worked extensively with justice networks globally. She also serves on the board of Sojourners Magazine.

A champion in the cause for justice, Dr. Delk continues to speak a prophetic word in the 21st century as a unconditional friend and champion for the “least of these.”

Rev. Delk is currently serving as the Founding Director of the Center for African American Theological Studies located in Chicago, IL.

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