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Dear Tom,

Just a friendly reminder that we will not meet this coming Monday, Martin Luther King day. As we learned this week at our meeting, inequities are not always present on the "surface". May we treat our fellow humans with grace, compassion and understanding as we all experience life in different ways.



Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, in the [United States](#), [holiday](#) (third Monday in January) honouring the achievements of [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) A Baptist minister who advocated the use of nonviolent means to end [racial segregation](#), he first came to national prominence during a bus [boycott](#) by African Americans in Montgomery, [Alabama](#), in 1955. He founded the [Southern Christian Leadership Conference](#) in 1957 and led the 1963 [March on Washington](#). The most influential of [African American](#) civil rights leaders during the 1960s, he was instrumental in the passage of the [Civil Rights Act](#) of 1964, which outlawed [discrimination](#) in public accommodations, facilities, and employment, and the [Voting Rights Act](#) of 1965. King was awarded the [Nobel Prize](#) for Peace in 1964. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968.



[Martin Luther King, Jr., Day: parade](#)

Almost immediately after King's death, there were calls for a national holiday in his honour. Beginning in 1970, a number of states and cities made his birthday, January 15, a holiday. Although legislation for a federal holiday was introduced in Congress as early as 1968, there was sufficient opposition, on racial and political grounds, to block its passage. In 1983 legislation making the third Monday in January a federal holiday finally was passed, and the first observance nationwide was in 1986. The day is usually celebrated with marches and parades and with speeches by civil rights and political leaders.

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