

Occupy the Dream

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This MLK day there will be a grassroots march and rally in Minneapolis honoring the human rights legacy of MLK. The rally starts at noon at the Harbor Lights building behind the Metro Transit bus terminal downtown on 10th street between Glenwood and Currie Av.. From there, participants will march to City Hall to rally and yes hear speakers.

All over the country similar marches are taking place. Some are named "Occupy the Dream" to once again assert the human rights legacy of Dr.King while at the same time highlighting current human rights problems and injustices including. Themes for rallies include: an end to homelessness; calls for a moratorium (freeze) on foreclosures; calls for jobs for all and an end to the disproportionate percentage of Black and Latino unemployed; cuts to social services; a call for reduction in military spending; quality education for all; an end to the unjust mass incarceration that targets Black youth.

The Minneapolis rally will acknowledges the mothers who have lost children due to violence of all kinds. A Somali contingent will protest their inability to send money home because of Homeland Security regulations. Somalis send millions of dollars home each year to families who have no other means of support, and restricting the ability to support families at home amounts to a humanitarian disaster, rally organizers said.

Occupy MN, a contingent of 8th graders from a local junior high school, and members of a coalition of homeless persons are expected to join the rally.