

Message of Dr. King echoes in The Community House

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The continuing message of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was heard again, for the 18th straight year - at the M. L. King Celebration this morning at The Community House in Birmingham.

More than 100 persons attended the breakfast and hear guest speaker Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Denise Langford Morris address the topic: "Were Do We Go From Here and What Is Our Part?"

"Our freedom has come with much struggle," Langford Morris said. But, "if the human experience proves anything, it proves man's insistence to be free."

She noted that many people lost their lives in the struggle for equality, such as Viola Liuzzo, a Michigan civil rights activist who was murdered in 1965, and Medgar Evers, an African American activist who was killed in 1963.

But the cause for justice and freedom went on. And, "Dr. King provided a blueprint for what America could become," Langford Morris said.

Langford Morris was the first African American to serve as an Oakland County Circuit Court judge. She was appointed to the court in 1992, elected in 1994 and re-elected in 2000 and 2006.

Music for the event was presented by the Chris Brent Trio, and the God's Heavenly Hands and Joyous Signers made a special presentation. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Manisha Dostert, associate rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, in Troy.