



Action Alert

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From NFDW President Cindy Jenks:

We honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday because he changed our country for the better. Through his non-violent peaceful protests, he, and others that shared his non-violence views, exposed the injustices that were so prevalent in our country, and they did so by peacefully gathering, delivering inspirational speeches, marching forward.

When fellow Americans physically attacked Dr. King, Jr. and others, spat on them, and hurled racial slurs at them, they remained peaceful and positive that their movement would prevail. Bev Jackson, a member of the Cobb Democratic Women in Georgia, said, "He grew a movement and changed a nation without social media, computers, or cell phones. Just dream."

In light of the insurrection and violence at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, as well as so many murders and acts of violence over this last four years, we have to wonder what would Dr. King, Jr. say today? He once said, "We've learned to fly in the sky like birds, we've learned to swim in the seas like fish, and yet we haven't learned to walk the Earth as brothers and sisters..."

Dr. King, Jr. also wrote in his book *Strength to Love*, Chapter 14, "Paul's letter to American Christians: In a world depending on force, coercive tyranny, and bloody violence, you are challenged to follow the way of love. You will then discover that unarmed love is the most powerful force in all the world."

NFDW wants to hear your thoughts about what we can do to help end racism and violence in our country. This Action Alert will be posted on both of NFDW's Facebook pages. Post your comments about how NFDW should proceed on the private page. Let's have a sincere discussion about the

unacceptable situation that exists in our country. The private Facebook page has the blue banner with women pictured all across.

Where do we go from here?

Onward!