



Continuing the Dream MLK Day Celebration and Prayer Service

USDA Center for Faith

January 15, 2026, 8:30-9:30 AM

Location: USDA Jamie Whitten Building Patio

Agenda

8:30 – 8:35 AM	Welcome Remarks and introduction of Dr. Ben Carson Steve Messeh, Director, USDA Center for Faith
8:35 – 8:40 AM	Remarks Dr. Ben Carson, National Advisor for Health, Nutrition, and Housing, U.S. Department of Agriculture
8:40 – 8:45 AM	Remarks Dr. Mehmet Oz, Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
8:45 – 8:50 AM	Leadership Remarks Secretary Brooke Rollins, U.S. Department of Agriculture
8:50 – 8:55 AM	Leadership Remarks Secretary Robert Kennedy, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
8:55 – 9:00 AM	Leadership Remarks Dr. Alveda King, Senior Advisor on Faith and Community Outreach, USDA Center for Faith
9:00 – 9:05 AM	Worship and Song Let Freedom Ring –Ms. Vernessa Mitchell
9:05 – 9:10 AM	Sermon and Prayer Pastor Lorenzo Sewell, 180 Church
9:10 – 9:15 AM	Remarks Devon Westhill, USDA Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Closing Remarks and Prayer Pastor Paula White-Cain, Senior Advisor to the President, White House Faith Office Dr. Alveda King, Senior Advisor on Faith and Community Outreach, USDA Center for Faith USDA National Prayer Shield Members