



American Dream MLK Day Celebration Roundtable

USDA Center for Faith

January 15, 2026, 10:00-11:15 AM

Location: Williamsburg Room, 104A

Agenda

10:00 – 10:05 AM

Welcome

Dr. Alveda King, Senior Advisor on Faith and Community Outreach, USDA Center for Faith

Introduction of Participants

Steve Messeh, Director, USDA Center for Faith

10:05 – 10:30 AM

Leadership remarks

Devon Westhill, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, USDA Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

Patrick Penn, Acting Undersecretary, USDA Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services

Bruce LeVell, Director of Public and Private Partnerships, USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement

Cody Cornell, Chief of Staff, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

10:30 – 10:45 AM

Q & A with Participants

Guests will be invited to ask questions of USDA Leadership for discussion

10:45 – 10:50 AM

Worship Song

Dr. Alveda King, Senior Advisor on Faith and Community Outreach, USDA Center for Faith

10:50 – 11:00 AM

Closing Prayer

Prayer Shield Members will be invited to each close discussion in prayer for a specific focus