

At the start of a new year, there's often an expectation to feel rejuvenated, goal-oriented, and ready to embrace new beginnings. Yet, many of us feel scattered and heavy as winter settles in.

Perhaps, like us, you felt a surge of anxiety this week as we crossed the four-year anniversary of the January 6th insurrection at the Capitol. The vision of Beloved Community can seem distant amid the violence, delusions of white supremacy, and threats to democracy that continue to tear at the fabric of our communities. It can feel as though we are being pulled apart.

But what if we leaned in closer to one another instead of retreating further? Imagine the possibilities if we each took the time to listen deeply, share our stories, learn, love, and show up for one another.

This month, we invite you to join us for <u>Beloved Community Week</u>, a time to focus on racial healing, organizing, political education, and moving toward Beloved Community.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. described **Beloved Community** as a society where every person is valued and respected. In this Community, conflicts are resolved peacefully and with accountability, empathy, justice, and equity. People recognize their shared humanity and love one another. **This is not a utopian dream. It is a tangible and achievable reality—one we can actively work towards, together.**

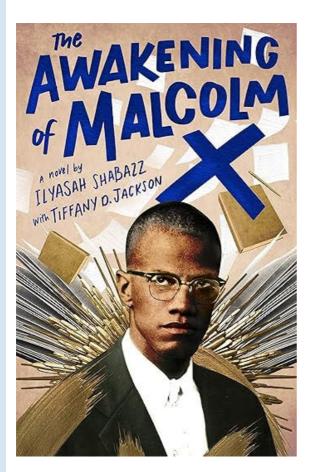
Gathering together, deepening our relationships, and actively working toward healing is beautifully transformative. We need each other—our voices, our hearts, our spirits, and our hands—to build the world we want to see. Recognizing our common humanity and interdependence enables our freedom and potential to thrive.

BELOVED COMMUNITY WEEK

...For a Time Such as This



Registration is open for Beloved Community Week 2025! Please note that the racial healing circles will take place virtually via Zoom. Join us!



Thur, January 16th - 7pm

Muslim Journeys Book Discussion on *The Awakening of Malcolm X* by Ilyasah Shabazz

East Lansing Public Library (950 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823)

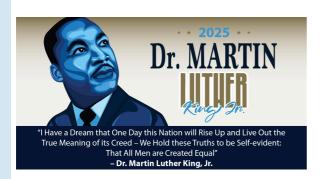
In anticipation of Ilyasah Shabazz' visit to MSU on January 21, we will discuss her latest young adult novel about her father, *The Awakening of Malcolm X*. Dr. John Aerni-Flessner will lead our discussion. Join us in person at East Lansing Public Library or join via Zoom using the link below.

Reading the book ahead of time is encouraged but not required. Free and open to the public, light refreshments served. All are welcome!

Co-sponsored by the Islamic Center of Greater Lansing, LATTICE (Linking All Types of Teachers to International Cross Cultural Education), and Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation of Metro Lansing

Learn More

Join via Zoom



Mon, January 20th - 11am (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Peace & Prosperity Youth Action Movement (PPM) attends the MLK Day of Celebration in Lansing



Tues, January 21th - 11am (National Day of Racial Healing)

Racial Healing Circle, virtually via Zoom

Register



Tues, January 21th - 7pm

MSU Erickson Kivva: The 4th Annual Malcolm X Muslim Studies Community Forum featuring Ilyasah Shabazz (author, activist, and daughter of Malcolm X), with lecture and book signing.

Free and open to all!

Attend in Person

Register for Livestream



Wed, January 22nd - 6pm

Virtual Movie Screening of <u>The 13th</u>, kicking off political education for the year



Thur, January 23rd - 5:30pm

Racial Healing Circle, virtually via Zoom

Register

Fri, January 24th

Youth Racial Healing Circle afterschool at Waverly



BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

Racial Healing Circle Training

Sunday Jan 12 1-5pm Monday Jan 13 10am-2pm

Practitioner Circle Sunday Jan 19 1-4pm

Please RSVP/Request Info connect@oneloveglobal.org

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We will shift to virtual should weather necessitate.



If you are interested in joining our <u>Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT)</u> community of practice and a national collaborative, we will begin with orientation and healing circle training in January in preparation for Beloved Community Week and beyond. Racial Healing circle trainings are Sunday, January 12th at 1-5pm and Monday, January 13th at 10am-2pm. We will hold a circle for training practitioners on Sunday, January 19th from 1-4pm. All circles are at One Love Global (3525 S MLK Jr. Blvd Suite B, Lansing, MI, 48910).

If you are an educator and/or entrepreneur, our youth need you to join the <u>My Brothers</u> <u>Keeper & Girls Equity Network (MBKGEN Michigan)</u> and help us represent Lansing in the state and Michigan in the national MBK Alliance.

Email Us to Get Involved

More Highlights

This moment calls for a *lot* of power analyses, so let's talk **power dynamics**.

Speaking of power, the **Power of the People Heals**.

Ohio Gov. DeWine signed a bill into law that <u>enables law enforcement to charge cup to</u> <u>\$750</u> for a member of the public, including the media, to obtain bodycam footage of a deadly police encounter or video of a jail death.

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