

December 2, 2015

Dear Perspective Recipient,

Mothers on a Mission is an organization of women whose aim is to enhance the quality of life within the community. Community service, spiritual development, criminal and social justice and advocacy of youth and families are the hallmarks of our organization's programs and activities. Mothers on a Mission address concerns that impact our families and community educationally, socially, and spiritually.

The Mothers On A Mission Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee is pleased to announce that you have been selected as one of our inductees into the 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Awards Honorees.

This award is given to individuals or organizations who have demonstrated sacrificial service and leadership in achieving human dignity, racial equality, scholastic achievement, social justice and racial harmony in Summit County. The 2016 theme is Beloved Community... "Brotherhood Setting The Standard... Sisterhood An Urgent Need!" The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Patricia Ann Blackmon, Eighth District Court of Appeals. Ceremony information is below.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Majors Awards Scholarship Brunch**  
**January 16, 2016, Noon-3pm**  
**Community Fellowship Chapel**  
**951 Virginia Avenue**  
**Akron, Ohio 44306 | 330-724-2454**

In His Service,  
MOM Martin Luther King Jr. Recipient's Committee

Mothers On a Mission



## 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Majors Awards Recipients

### Individuals:

Rev. Richard A. Bradford, Pastor of Ashworth Temple COGIC

Elaine Cherry, Chief Probation Officer, Summit County Adult Probation Department

Raghda Halasa, Board of Trustees, Federated Democratic Women of Summit County

Michael J. Houser, Special Assistant to Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish

Judge Amy Corrigall Jones, Summit County Court of Common Pleas

John K. Jones, Student, Kent State University

Lillian Prince, Professor, Kent State University

Tony and Lisa Smith, St. Bernard's Soup Kitchen

Marlon D. Sommerville, Special Education Teacher, Ohio Juvenile Corrections

Eddie Sipplen, Attorney At Law

Judge Ed Wade, Cleveland Municipal Court

D'Antonio Parmer Wynn, Founder of Night Lyfe Ent, LLC

### Community Organizations:

Project Ujima

BRAIN Inc.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority (Mu Rho Zeta Chapter)

*Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'*

*-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

(AKRON OH) I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life to serving others...If you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice. Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things shall not matter.

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Instinct sermon, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, February 4, 1968



**Keynote address presented by Honorable Judge Patricia Ann Blackmon  
Eighth District Court Of Appeals, Cleveland, Ohio**

Judge Patricia Ann Blackmon sits as a three-term incumbent at the Eighth District Court of Appeals in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Judge Blackmon continues to bring a record of public service and a wealth of experience to the appellate bench. Her appetite for knowledge and personal growth still unsatisfied, Judge Blackmon left her childhood home and ventured to Cleveland to attend Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University. Since graduating in 1975, Judge Blackmon has endeavored to serve the Cuyahoga County community which she now affectionately calls home. Notably, Judge Blackmon served as a Chief Prosecutor for the City of Cleveland and the city's first night prosecutor. Judge Blackmon also served as an Assistant Director of Victims/Witness Program and a Professor at Dyke College. Judge Blackmon is a member of The United Church of Christ, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, Black Women's PAC, and a Trustee on the following Boards: Woodruff Foundation and Lake Erie College.