

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission

Purpose:

The Commission works to encourage appropriate ceremonies and activities throughout the State relating to the observance of the legal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. It also works to promote among the people of NC an awareness and appreciation of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The current commissioners are:

Dr. Dumas A. Harshaw, Jr. of Raleigh, NC, is chair of the Commission. He is the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church, Wilmington St., in Raleigh. His term expires June 30, 2015.

David Prince lives in Garner, NC retired from the NC Dept of Health & Human Services as a program administrator in 2008. His term expires June 30, 2015.

Reverend Donnie R. Garris of Charlotte, NC, pastors Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte. His term expires June 30, 2015.

Jacquie Jeffers is an educator who lives in Wilson, NC. Her term expires June 30, 2012.

Larry Jones, a Warren County resident, is a Social Studies teacher at Henderson Middle School. His term expires June 30, 2012.

Bennett McCoy Taylor lives in Seaboard, NC and is active in civic and community and serves on many boards, committees and organizations in North Hampton County. His term expires June 30, 2012.

Ernestine Thrash Taylor of Greensboro, NC, is the Founder/Executive Director of A Healthy Start, Inc., a Greensboro non-profit focused on healthy physical, emotional and social development of girls from ages 8 to 16. Her term expires June 30, 2015.

Arthur A. Bullock of Elizabethtown, NC is a District Manager with the Social Security Administration. He has chaired the MLK Parade Committee in his hometown from 1991 to the present. His term expires June 30, 2015.

Gwen Wilkins lives in Rocky Mount, NC and serves on the board of several non-profits & other organizations. Her term expires June 30, 2012.

Rufus Credle, Jr. of Cary, NC, is a Certified Consulting IT Specialist at the IBM ITSO Global Content Services, Raleigh, NC. His term expires June 30, 2013.

Oralene G. Simmons of Asheville, NC, recently retired from the City of Asheville Parks and Recreation Department as a Cultural Arts supervisor. Her term expires June 30, 2013.