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BOSTON UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES 2010 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

BOSTON—January 11, 2009—The Dean of Students Office has announced the agenda for Boston University's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration, taking place Monday, January 18, 2010. This event is one of Boston's longest running and largest commemorations of King, a Boston University alumnus.

This year's event has the theme of love, and will interpret several of King's words involving universal love, acceptance and forgiveness. The event's featured speaker will be Joseph Sebarenzi, the former president of the Parliament of Rwanda, and author of *God Sleeps in Rwanda: A Journey of Transformation*. Sebarenzi has been featured guest on National Public Radio and the BBC, and gives lectures internationally on topics of peace and reconciliation.

The event will also feature the Inner Strength Gospel Choir, under the direction of Herbert Jones, and members of the REACH! Dance Ensemble, a community dance group based out of Boston University. Kenneth Elmore, the University's Dean of Students, will also speak. The MLK Scholars, a group of students committed to keeping the legacy of King alive at his alma mater, will also contribute to the program.

Boston University has held an institution-wide celebration of the life of King since 1971, along with the cancellation of classes and closure of administrative offices for a day of reflection in his honor. The University's observances of King predate the first observance of the national holiday by fifteen years. The annual event has drawn over 1,000 attendees per year for the past two years, making the event one of the largest celebrations of the holiday in the Greater Boston area.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will begin at 1pm on January 18, 2010, and will be held in Metcalf Hall in the George Sherman Union. The event is free of charge and open to the Boston community. For additional information, please contact the Boston University Dean of Students Office at 617-353-4126 or dos@bu.edu.