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# Sunday services to honor King

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There is little left unsaid about the deeds, strength and legacy of slain Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

So, on the tenth anniversary of the date (April 4, 1968) on which the southern black Baptist minister was shot during a garbage strike in Memphis, Tenn., all words seem to fail.

Time and again, year after year, local and national black leaders have bemoaned the unfinished goals of Dr. King and insist the noted social advances of minorities in the last decade does not preclude the need to "keep on keepin' on."

On the other hand, some of the same black leaders, such as Frederick NAACP President Lord D. Nickens, point to advances in economics, jobs and equal education opportunities for minorities and the poor as part of the rich legacy of Dr. King.

"All we really try to do each year is increase the public awareness about the willingness of this great man to give his life for the important cause of justice

and equality," commented Mrs. Jessie Johnson of the NAACP.

Special memorial services at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Quinn AME Church on East Third Street in Frederick are being sponsored by the local NAACP in further honor of Dr. King and "his dream."

"We would hope that many people would come and help us honor Dr. King," said Mrs. Johnson, who is serving as program chairwoman.

"I feel we betray his memory and the things he fought for while he was alive each time we fail to recognize or honor him. I also feel we betray his memory each time we go against the principles he tried to teach us," said the NAACP official.

Quinn AME pastor the Rev. James R. Gibson will deliver a brief sermon in eulogy to Dr. King and the senior Quinn AME choir will render musical selections, including several favorite hymns of Dr. King.

Nickens, NAACP Vice President Seaven Gordon and other local NAACP officials also will attend and possibly address the gathering.

"We hope to make the ceremony a brief one," said Mrs. Johnson, "but we hope other churches and people will lend us a good turnout."

Nickens and Mrs. Johnson also ex-

pressed hope that new members would join the local branch of the NAACP, now over 50 years old.

"We will have a fellowship in the church social room following the Sunday memorial service. We hope people will join us there. After all, there is much left to do to reach Dr. King's dream. We need a NAACP," said Mrs. Johnson.

Almost 2,000 people marched through downtown Memphis Tuesday on the tenth anniversary of Dr. King's assassination. Speakers at the large rally and parade demanded a trial for James Earl Ray, King's accused slayer who first pled guilty and now maintains his innocence.

"A trial for Ray will be a trial for Martin Luther, a trial for us, and a trial for the truth," the leader of the garbage men's union who invited King to Memphis 10 years ago said Tuesday.

Many of Dr. King's followers today still doubt that justice has been served in finding the Civil Rights leader's true killer.

"We need to remember this great man," Mrs. Johnson said further. "In many ways the way he lived and the fashion in which he died are very reminiscent of the Resurrection.

"We need to keep his spirit alive, just as it lives on today."