

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center is a combination of scholarly, cultural and historic endeavors in Dr. King's home city of Atlanta.

The Memorial Center is designed not only as an appropriate tribute to Dr. King, but also as a living, permanent program to help people understand his life and continue his work.

When completed, the Memorial Center will have several closely associated components in each of two locations -- the Auburn Avenue area where Dr. King was born and where he served with his father as Co-Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church; and a site near the Atlanta University community where Dr. King did his undergraduate work at Morehouse College.

Components of the Center: Atlanta University Area

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Library Documentation Project: This project, begun in 1968 and now open to the public, is collecting the papers, tapes and other documentary materials of Dr. King, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and other individuals and organizations involved in the movement.

The Institute of the Black World: This Institute, opened in the fall of 1969, brings together black scholars, artists, teachers, students and other interested persons for the study and celebration of the black experience, and for the development of black studies, art and culture.

The Institute of Nonviolent Social Change: The next step planned for the Memorial Center in the Atlanta University area is this Institute for the study and perpetuation of the philosophy and practice of nonviolent social change as represented by Dr. King.

The Museum of Black Life and Culture: The final component of the Memorial Center at the Atlanta University area is a longer-range project, a Museum of Black Life and Culture.

Components of the Center: Auburn Avenue Area

Entombment: The permanent entombment of Dr. King will be on the site adjacent to Ebenezer Baptist Church. A new crypt bearing Dr. King has been placed on this site and is being dedicated in connection with the special Commemorative Service on his 41st birthday anniversary.

Birthplace: Dr. King's place of birth at the old family home, 501 Auburn Avenue, N. E., will be restored, preserved, and open to the public at a later date.

Ecumenical Worship Center: In special recognition of Dr. King's religious life and leadership, this Center will be built on the site near the tomb.

Freedom Hall: A public exhibition hall will be built for the display of films, tapes, photographs and other documents on Dr. King and the movement.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park: All of the components of the Auburn Avenue area of the Center will be encompassed by this Park.

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