All College Crown Forum
Honoring
The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ’48

Thursday, January 16, 2014
11:00 A.M.
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
The Crown Nave
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia
Azim N. Khamisa

Azim Noordin Khamisa – an author, activist and an international inspirational speaker – was born in Kenya, Africa and had early training in mathematics, economics and international finance in the United Kingdom. A successful international investment banker with over 40 years of experience, he has conducted business in Africa, Middle East, Canada, USA, Europe and Asia. A man always on the go, taking action for societal transformation, he is the Founder of the Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF) and Co-Founder and National Director of the Constant And Never Ending Improvement program which is housed in the National Youth Advocate Program. Presently he serves as the President of the Child Safety Network (CSN).

Committing his life to halting the continuing cycle of violence among the youth, Azim became a social activist after his 20-year-old son Tariq was senselessly murdered while delivering pizzas in January 1995 by Tony Hicks, a 14-year-old gang member. Out of unspeakable grief and despair, Khamisa was inspired to transform his loss through the miraculous power of forgiveness. Believing that there were “victims at both ends of the gun,” Azim forgave Tony and founded the Tariq Khamisa Foundation to break the cycle of youth violence by saving lives, empowering positive choices and teaching the principles of nonviolence and peacemaking. A month after establishing the foundation, Azim invited Ples Felix, Tony’s grandfather and guardian, to join him. Together, since November 1995, the two have brought their story and message through TKF’s Violence Impact Assemblies. The duo has reached over a million elementary and middle school children live and over 8 million via video programs, guiding the youth to choose a peacemaker’s life of non-violence and forgiveness.

Because of his work in impacting social policy and norms, Azim is a highly regarded and respected leader and a sought after speaker nationally and internationally. Having given over 1000 presentations to grade schools and university students and over 470 keynote address speeches all over the world – including an audience of 300,000 at the “Stand for Children” rally in Washington D.C. in 1996 – Azim has received 64 regional, national and international awards. Awards that include: in April 1997 the National Crime Victims Special Community Service Award presented by President Bill Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno. In December 2002, he received the prestigious “Search for Common Ground” international award for “Building Peaceful Communities” along with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Ted Koppel. Other recent awards include 2003’s “California Peace Prize,” 2006’s “Freedom Heroes Award,” 2008’s “Death Penalty Focus Award” and “The Spirit of Crazy Horse Award,” the latter being given alongside Muhammad Ali.

In June 2004, Azim participated in the Synthesis Dialogues, with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, held at the Pope’s summer residence in Castelgandolfo, Italy. Azim also met with the Dalai Lama at the Vancouver Peace Summit in September 2009. Azim's profound work has been featured in the likes of The New York Times, Oprah Magazine, People Magazine, Parade Magazine, Washington Post and U.S.A. Today as well as on NBC’s Today Show, Nightly News, CBS’s Early Morning Show and KPBS’ Fresh Air.

With various inspirational products available on his website, he is an award-winning author of the book: Azim’s Bardo - From Murder To Forgiveness - A Father’s Journey. He followed up this book in November 2007 with From Forgiveness to Fulfillment, showing the continued evolution in an unfolding story that is his path, his passion and his life. A third in the trilogy From Fulfillment to Peace, will debut in 2013. In February 2009 Random House published The Secrets of the Bulletproof Spirit: How to Bounce Back from Life’s Hardest Hits, Azim’s latest book coauthored with Jillian Quinn.

Azim’s story is featured in an upcoming feature film, as well as documentaries such as The Power of Forgiveness, Unlikely Friends, Azim Khamisa - The Tool of Forgiveness and The Truth.

A well-traveled, multi-lingual naturalized United States citizen, Azim serves on the Board of Directors of various non-profit and for-profit boards. Azim is also a member of the Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Sponsors at Morehouse College. A resident of La Jolla, California, Azim is also the proud father of Tasreen and the proud grandfather of Khalil, Shahin and Miya.
Program

The Reverend Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter Sr.
Dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel
Presiding

PRELUDE
“Joshua Fit the Battle of Jerico”
Fela Sowande

EVOCATION
Mr. Dane Alexandrian Jones ’14
Vice President, Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel Assistants

ORATION
“Bridging Montgomery & Birmingham”
Mr. Winford Kennadean Rice Jr. ’14
President, Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel Assistants
2013-2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar

Musical Selection
“An Exhortation”
Morehouse College Glee Club
David Conte

Introduction of Speaker
Dean Carter

Address
“Developing Ambassadors of Peace for the Beloved World Community”
Mr. Azim Khamisa
Founder, Chairman & CEO
Tariq Khamisa Foundation, San Diego, CA

*College Hymn
“Dear Old Morehouse”
J.O.B. Moseley ’29

Wreath Laying
Martin Luther King Jr. Statue
Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel Assistants
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Rho Chapter

Postlude
“Improvisation on Praise to the Lord”
Arr. David F. Oliver

Dr. David Edward Morrow ’80
Professor and Director of the Morehouse Glee Club

Dr. David Francis Oliver
College Organist and Director of Music Ministries

*All who are able, please stand
* If you do not keep this program or mail, please put it in a recycle bin
The Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship was established June 9, 1991 by Mr. Amos H. Lynch Sr., Founder and Publisher of the Columbus Post newspaper, and the Reverend Dr. C. Dexter Wise, Senior Pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, both of Columbus, Ohio. These gentlemen founded the nation's largest annual sit-down meal in honor of alumnus Martin Luther King Jr., a breakfast of 6,000 Columbus citizens every January. The funds from this breakfast have made it possible for the organizers to present to the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College a scholarship that has ranged from $10,000-$15,000. The Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar is annually selected by the Dean of the Chapel using a number of criteria including maintaining a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average, service and dedication as a member of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel Assistants program, evidence of scholarly promise and commitment to social ethics, social issues, the social gospel and social justice in the tradition of Kingian nonviolence.

The breakfast organizers were the childhood mentors of Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter Sr., founding Dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel, who grew up in Columbus and attended the Shiloh Baptist Church where his mother was also a member. The annual tradition continues today under the leadership of Dr. Otha Gilyard, the current Senior Minister of Shiloh. Each King Scholar delivers one sermon and three speeches during the weekend of the breakfast. He speaks at the Shiloh Baptist Church; the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, where alumnus Dr. Keith A. Troy is Senior Pastor; at the MLK Jr. Day Breakfast in the Columbus Convention Center and before a corporate executive leadership team in downtown Columbus at Nationwide Insurance Company.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Scholars (1991-2014)**

- Renard Darnell Allen
- Gerard A. Ancrum
- Samuel Banks III
- Ernest Andrew Brooks III
- Delman Lamont Coates
- Jawanza Karriem Colvin
- Brandon Thomas Crowley
- Brian Russel Davis
- Julian Michael DeShazier
- Willie Dwayne Francois III
- Brandon Lamar Jackson
- Kevin Rae Miles Johnson
- Marvin Lou
- Lester Agyei McCorn
- Tyrone Emmanuel McGowan
- David Malcolm McGruder
- Rashad Raymond Moore
- Echol Lee Nix Jr.
- Norman Palmer
- Winford Kennadean Rice Jr.
- Joseph Carlos Robinson
- Kevin Kitrell Ross
- Samuel T. Ross-Lee
- Willie J. Seals Jr.
- Reginald Wayne Sharpe Jr.
- Michael A. Walrond Jr.
- Raphael Gamaliel Warnock
- Beryl Monroe Whipple
- Demetrius M.T. Ziegler